**Write about one of your failures within your academic career and what you learned from it**

Throughout my academic career I have had a couple failures that have helped me become the person I am today. I started my higher education at Butte College and did not take my education seriously. My last year at Butte I failed two classes which I had to also retake and it made me feel very disappointed in myself. I had never failed a class in my entire life and then within a year I had failed two.

The classes I failed were both general education classes which I could have done much better than I did in but I lacked the motivation and self-discipline to do so. I wasn’t interested in learning about the subjects and I was a very poor student. I didn’t fail the classes because I couldn’t do the coursework successfully; I failed because I didn’t try. I missed a lot of classes which prevented me from learning all the material and doing the coursework assignments.

The grades I received are very good indicators of the effort I put into the classes and what I got out of the classes. I don’t remember much of the information from the course and I don’t feel proud of the grades I earned.

From this I learned that it is a waste of time and money to take classes in college and not put the effort in to receive a good grade. I had to pay money for those classes the first time and I also had to pay for them the second time around. I did much better when I retook the classes because I focused harder and made the extra efforts to do well in the courses. I definitely did not want to pay for them for a third time and I had to pass the classes for my general education requirements.