

Samantha Jungen

Receives the A&B Business Academic Excellence Scholarship



Samantha Jungen has received the National American University (NAU) Foundation's A&B Business Academic Excellence Scholarship. Samantha is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Management degree from NAU in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

"When you enjoy life you live it to the fullest, not wasting precious minutes, hours, days, weeks, and years," wrote Samantha in her essay accompanying her winning scholarship application. "I strongly believe that through hardships, strength and leadership is grown."

Samantha has endured many hardships over her life. From a very young age, she took on household duties due to family circumstances, she has endured multiple surgeries, and was a divorced single mother at age 22.

Yet, she has persevered with a smile and determination. Spurred by a love for manufacturing and facing another surgery, in 2006, Samantha went back to school as a single mother to get her Associates in Engineering/Architectural Drafting and graduated with honors. Eight years later, she enrolled at NAU to build on her Associates to earn a Bachelor's degree in Management.

Through both challenges and opportunities, Samantha says she has chose faith and hope which allows her to be a leader for coworkers, her friends, and her family. She is an active volunteer, giving her time to her church and the Humane Society. In addition to her studies, Samantha works as a part-time realtor for Century 21 and full time as an Associate Manufacturing Engineer. She is happily remarried and together they raise her 12 year old son and their 2 year old son.

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