

Abby Thompson



Abby is a wife and mom of three boys. After completing her Associate degree in Church Ministries last year, she transferred to Purdue and is now studying Communications. She currently works at River City church in Lafayette as the music director. Her passions in life include: music, coffee, and any time spent with the people she loves.

What do you value most about your Purdue student experience?

First, I value the quality education I am receiving from this great school. I feel so honored and proud to say that I am a Boilermaker. Second, I value the investment and support I have received from Span Plan. They have been a great resource and encouragement to me.

What has been the most challenging part of your student journey?

Well, I'll be honest. The most challenging thing besides the obvious work/school/life balance has been PARKING. It is my nemesis.

What advice would you provide to your peers on how to succeed and reach their goals?

My best advice to fellow students is to:

- 1) Buy a parking pass and read parking signs very carefully.
- 2) Try to take all online courses in your spring semester to avoid freezing to death while walking to class.
- 3) If you are an older student like me and live in town, take summer classes. They are the best! Campus is less crowded, class sizes are smaller so you get more one on one attention, and parking is sooooo much easier.
- 4) Breathe. It's all going to be ok.
- 5) Take time for yourself, you deserve it.