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"My name is Erin Bast; I am a wife and a mother of 3, all under ten years old. I was born in Red Deer and raised in a small town called Elnora. I graduated from Delburne Centralized High School in 1999, which officially makes me old.

I have been a stay-at-home mom for over ten years, so the thought of going to college for the first time in my 40s seemed very overwhelming. However, once I found myself engaging with class material, everything seemed to click. I am enrolled in the 2-year Legal Assistant Diploma Program. To make up for time spent out of the workforce, I am immersing myself in as many extracurricular societies, organizations, fitness programs, mentorship programs, and volunteering opportunities as I can during my two years at RDP. I hope to set a good example for my children while making my family, friends, and classmates proud. I am finding that the busier I am, the happier I am, and the easier life seems to be. I hope to set a good example for my

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Most of my spare time is spent with my little ones and husband; we make a great team and have loads of fun together. Our favourite thing to do is to go camping. Although nothing beats being outside in the fresh air, surrounded by nature, and sitting by the fire with family and friends, I prefer to experience these things while glamping. I mean, this momma needs running water, power, and sewer hookups!

My husband received a fantastic job offer in BC at the end of January, which left me here to pursue academic greatness while raising our three kids and our fur baby, Chip. This change in our family meant that I had to adjust to accommodate both my school and personal life. It was a big decision to stay behind and finish school, but I have covered so much ground at RDP since the beginning of the fall semester. Although things may be challenging at times, I am digging deep, pushing through, and having my true college experience.

Even though my biography has not changed from 2021 to now, in this short time, I have gained a more positive outlook, which has allowed me to become more outgoing. I have become more eager to "take on active roles by running for executive positions throughout the school. I am becoming more comfortable when speaking or asking questions on the committees and associations that I am a part of, which will make me a better representative for each committee I am a part of. I want to devote more of my time to being an active and present member within Red Deer Polytechnic, so being a member of the RDP Students Association Council is right where I belong.



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