

Anonymous Student

After spending almost 3 months in County Jail after a 6 month binge with heavy intravenous cocaine use, I had almost two months sober upon arriving back at the University of Texas. I felt old, out of place, and very anxious regarding my ability to perform in the classroom. I was insecure of my ability to do the calculus required as a prerequisite for most of my upper division Economics courses and did not have the money for a \$150.00 calculus book.

Fortunately, I had heard about the Center for Students in Recovery (CSR), and called Laura (the program's coordinator) to set up an appointment to come in. We hit it off from the start and I quickly began attending meetings. A calculus book was given to me by one of the CSR students at the beginning of the semester, which helped me to feel like others truly care. At the time, the scholarship the Center offers for students who remain in recovery and are active in CSR seemed intriguing, but I was hesitant to trust the people within the rooms. Weeks turned into months, and the meetings became the highlight of my week. I felt euphoric upon leaving, a true sense that I was in this with others who were going through similar feelings and situations. Not only was I able to build great recovery through the fellowship, but I was also able to build true lasting friendships. God is the keystone of my recovery today, and I thank Him for allowing me to be a part of CSR. Although I have since graduated from the University of Texas, I still remain a part of CSR and continue to welcome the new student who feels much like I did upon arrival.