



My name is Diana Luong. I am a Management and Program Analyst Intern and Volunteer for Get in the Game program. I am thankful to be given this opportunity to intern with Learning Life Company because I want to demonstrate and to improve my computer and analytical skills. Most importantly,

I want to help children and young adults to believe in themselves - more that they can on their own and to help them accomplish their dreams.

Looking back, I never thought I would make it to where I am now and I no longer have any of those regrets I held for a long time. My parents didn't have a formal education nor did they have an educational degree. Because of my parents' determination to keep working long hours to keep food on the table so my brother and I could receive an education, I made sure I learned everything that I can in school and I made good grades.

I've been told I wouldn't get into a preparatory school because where I come from. During my high school years, I've been told I wouldn't get into a college because of my record of transferring to three different high schools. When I heard that, it made me feel sad, insecure, and stupid for making the wrong decisions.

It made me think, what if they were right? What if I wouldn't get into a college because of being a transferred student three times? Even during my college years, people in my life didn't think I could graduate from a college, get a degree, nor have a job right after college due to me struggling with few of my classes, not choosing the right major, and going to work to pay off my books, loans, and tuition.

Despite the negativity and the obstacles I faced during that time, I kept faith telling myself I will accomplish my goals and dream.

I wish Get in the Game program was available when I was in 8th grade, high school and even college as well.

If I had Get in the Program program available to me during those difficult times in my life, someone would have assured me that everything is going to be okay and that those statements were not true.

But also to remind me *that I do have a purpose in my life and I can and will accomplish my goals and dream despite all odds.*