

For Miranda (Mandy) Childs, success hasn't come easy or without a lot of hard work and dedication. In the end, that just makes success even sweeter. Mandy has been a guest speaker at several community events sharing her personal story about overcoming a Traumatic Brain Injury she received as a little girl. As a speaker, she shares some of her favorite activities and inspires crowds of strangers with her positive attitude and how much she has accomplished since that accident many years ago.

Mandy attended JCC Community College as a participant of the College Mentor Program after graduating from Scio Central School. Mandy attended classes as a part-time student; she majored in Office Technology. Mandy received the Benjamin Lockwood Persevering Student Award from JCC in May of 2011; the award is earned annually by a student who has demonstrated tremendous perseverance under extraordinary circumstances.

After realizing her dream of graduating from college, Mandy moved on to pursue other goals. Mandy decided that she was ready to utilize her hard-earned education by seeking community employment. After a few months of job searching, Mandy was hired by the Michael Cook State Farm Insurance Agency in Wellsville where she has been happily employed as a Support Staff for a couple of years. Mandy enjoys being a part of the State Farm team, and loves her job; her smiling face illustrates her feelings as she brightens up the office.

Mandy enjoys friendly relationships at work. She says she has a really nice boss; her coworkers are very nice as well. Mandy said her boss often says, "It's not about what happens to you; it's about what you do about it." Mandy said the more she thinks about it, the more she realizes he is right.

In 2013 at the ACHIEVE Business Recognition Luncheon, Melissa Spinelli, College Mentor Team Leader, presented a Special Recognition Award to Mandy Childs. Melissa had this to say about Mandy, "With her unyielding courage and tenacity, the story of Mandy Childs' journey from childhood to womanhood is almost as amazing as she is. Mandy has never allowed for the odds to stay stacked against her in life, school, or work, and she has proven through her ambition and actions that she is a force with which to be reckoned."

Mandy's future is undoubtedly a bright one and everyone at ACHIEVE wishes her continued success!