

# #ThinkABILITY

JAYMIE VAUGHN

Jaymie Vaughn is a single mom and a senior at the University of New Orleans. She also struggles with mental health and learning disabilities. Despite this, she has excelled both academically and in her personal life. As a woman of color with disabilities, Jaymie is the definition of perseverance and a strong example of a triple minority making it; she has proven herself a force to be reckoned with.

Jaymie became pregnant with her daughter when she was a junior in high school. Unlike most, she did not dropout and continued to push forward. Having mental health problems and learning disabilities is hard enough for anyone, but she also faced pregnancy and becoming a mother so early on. This would have been enough for most to quit, but Jaymie is not like most. She beat the



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odds and actually graduated a year early. She then started college right away.

As a college student, Jaymie proved herself once again. She moved out and began to live on her own with her daughter. She met all of her course requirements plus maintained her honor's status by completing extra assignments in all her courses and received honors credit. She even studied abroad in Costa Rica, which is something most people do not have the opportunity of doing. She will be graduating from college in December of 2017 and has a lot to be proud of.

Jaymie has proven herself over and over again. She has constantly shown her bravery and perseverance. She is a source of admiration on campus and to anyone around her. Her daughter is lucky to have someone like her as a role model.



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