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Transcript (copy segment transcript here):

[00:07:40] Jorge - Yeah. So did you face any tough times along the way at school? Can you tell me about, like the toughest time you had at A&M?

[00:07:51] Dany - Yeah. I think one of the toughest time or yet, yeah, I think the toughest time was my freshman year, my second semester, I was taking BIO 112 and the first exam I didn't do too hot. And the second exam I knew I had to step it up so that I could maintain a good grade, you know, and or just bring up the grade that I had originally gotten from the first exam.

[00:08:24] And so I worked really hard. I went to other A-plus tutoring sessions. I studied, I read the book and everything. I really worked pretty hard so that I could get a better grade than I had gotten on the first exam.

[00:08:37] And I was in the middle of the rec (Student recreation center) waiting for a rack,

[00:08:42] And my professor e-mails us saying that the exam grades are out. And I checked it and I realized that I got the same exact grade on the second exam as I got on the first exam. And I just say I burst into tears in the middle of the wreck. I had run out because I was so it was like too much, just too much to call on, like right away. And like she was in the middle of a meeting and she stepped out because she saw the -- what's it called again where I was at then.

[00:09:19] So she knew she wanted to comfort me. Men like that class just really stressed me out and like, I just had to come up with like new studying skills because apparently what I was doing wasn't working or, you know, and that class I had never been so stressed in my life. I had never failed a class.

[00:09:37] I had never even gotten a C in a class. And so that was all brand new to me.

[00:09:43] You know, would be like realizing that, oh, like there are some really tough classes and. Oh, yeah, you're not always going to be getting those grades that you were so used to getting in high school.

[00:09:55] Jorge -- Yeah, that kind of sucks about college.