

## **Lisa Morris, 2005 Career Skills Program; 2008 Associate of Fine Arts Degree**

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**Years Attended:** 2005, 2008

**Area of Study:** Career Skills, Associate of Fine Arts



Lisa was an Student Support Services participant who worked with Linda Evans on the Verde campus from 2006-2008.

Hi, my name is Lisa Morris, I attended the Career Skills Program at Yavapai College in 2005. I had been out of school for about seven years. It was a wonderful program that really helped me gain the skills I needed; feel confident in myself. It inspired me to go to college.

I took my first photography class in 2006, which was a free class from graduating the Career Skills Program. I had always loved photography so I decided to take a class. I loved it so much that I knew photography was what I wanted to do as my career. I decided to start classes to obtain my Associate of Fine Arts degree. From 2006-2008, I went halftime and took English and math as well as continuing my photography classes. I decided in 2008 to transfer from Yavapai College to a professional photography school. My photography teacher Ryan Belnap at Yavapai College really inspired me to believe in myself and turn my dream into a reality. Ryan is a unique caring professional. I have never met anyone quite like him. I would recommend him to anyone that is interested in photography to take his class. It changed my life.

I am now attending Antonelli Institute in Pennsylvania. I started in September of 2008. I have completed my first year, I have one year left. I will receive an Associate of Specialized Technology degree in May of 2010.

I recently won first place in the "Alternative" category at my college at the Annual Print Competition. What an incredible feeling. I am so proud of myself for following my heart. It is never too late to get an education or do something you love. I have learned so

much about myself and that anyone can accomplish anything if they set their mind to it.  
Do something you love and enjoy your life. The world awaits you.

Blessings,

Lisa