

Pursuing success



In 2007, after coming out of a three-day coma and discovering my prognosis was T10 incomplete spinal cord injury, depression washed over me. I began to think about what my life would look like going forward, how I would survive, and questioned whether I would ever walk again. I had lost half of my mobility and the negative thoughts kept swirling around my head.

I travelled to New York for medical treatment, and although I had the support of family and friends, I felt as though I didn't have the strength to push forward, as I was constantly fighting infection and found myself sick.

I woke up one day feeling better and decided to attend physical therapy. I met a lady, who, despite the circumstances of her being in hospital, was so bubbly, and told me that

she was grateful to be alive. This made me realise that despite her anguish, she was still positive; something which I needed to take forward.

I travelled back to Trinidad, undertook further surgery and began further therapy sessions, including swimming, which I absolutely loved. This experience had driven me to be the best that I could be while alive and it was this motivation that gave me the push to go back to school.

I attended the School of Accounting and Management in Trinidad, where I was given the best support I could have asked for, particularly from Dr Nigel Fulchan, who mentored me throughout the course and brought me back to the positives when I felt otherwise.

I obtained a first-class honours degree and was privileged to be made Valedictorian for

my cohort, where I had the opportunity to tell my story and inspire others. I decided not to stop there, pushed further, and pursued an MBA. Again, I was successful and achieved a Distinction.

Today, I run a small business, Allscorp Medical Company Limited, that sells medical products. Encountering various challenges and having used many of the products during my rehabilitation inspired me to launch the company that I hope will inspire others to do the same.

My experience has truly taught me a lot. It gave me the courage to pursue success in every form and I am happy with all that I have learned. Facing the challenges I've experienced: I have learnt that having a disability does not imply that you lack the ability to perform a specific activity or that you lack the necessary skills or knowledge to achieve. It's a matter of perception and if you can do just one thing well, you will always be needed by someone.

I plan to use the skills I acquired through Anglia Ruskin to expand my horizons. My life has definitely changed. However, when God closes one door, he opens a window, and I am forever grateful for being given a second chance at life.

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