

It really hurts my feelings when I've set a goal for myself, and then I hear someone say, "How can you? You have low vision." From traveling to setting goals as a writer, I constantly hear people question my abilities. Thousands of people who are blind or have low vision travel or set and achieve goals every day, why do I have to be any different?

I set a goal to receive a standard high school diploma; I met this goal in 2008.

I set a goal to attend college and get my degree in Journalism and a minor in education. I met this goal in 2013.

I set a goal to work for a magazine, guess what, I achieved that too.

Now my goal is to work on my freelancing career; and even though it's been slow I am achieving it.

I have a dream to get a passport one day and to travel abroad; someday, that dream will be achieved.

It really hurts me when I hear my family say, "You should be getting more help." When in reality, I have tried several times to get more help, and with some programs with the level of vision I have I do not qualify for more help than what I'm already receiving. I am doing the best I can.

All I ask from society is before you judge me and my other friends who are visually impaired, see us, see us as people, the qualifications we have, our achievements. Not just our disability, not just the cane, the guide dog, the braille book we read.

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