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Attending Feather River College marked a turning point for me. After graduating from High School, I felt relatively aimless and my focus was on surfing. Academics were not that important. But, I knew that I had to make a significant change. I went to the Manhattan Beach public library and looked up all the Community Colleges in California. I selected Feather River mostly because it was different from the rest. It had everything I wanted. I loved the mountains, fishing, and the outdoors so I packed my bags and went to Plumas County - sight unseen!

I enrolled in classes at Feather River College in 1982. Looking back, the time I spent at FRC made a significant difference in my life. Though I enjoyed all the benefits of living in a place with abundant outdoor activities, I developed self-discipline, good study habits and focus. I lived at the Paxton Lodge, hiked and fished the middle fork, did some gold panning and even played in a band, yet this was the first time I earned straight A's. I earned admission to University of California at Santa Barbara where I graduated and I attribute much of my success to my experience at FRC.

I have been a Financial Advisor for 23 years now, enjoying my visits to Plumas County as often as I can. When a friend from the area told me Greenhorn Ranch was for sale I put a group of investors together and here we are - part of the community that has been so meaningful to me. I am looking forward to building positive relationships with Quincy and Plumas County by enhancing Greenhorn Ranch. Our goal is to make improvements over the next several years to include mountain biking, archery, gold panning, and other activities that will draw visitors to our area.

In all, I would say that my experience at FRC represented a pivotal point in time. When I look back at my life, there was a line that I could draw before and after FRC. My experience there was a turning point – it helped me to be successful in life and in my relationships and the reason I am now a member of this community.