George Washington Carver once said, “Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” For many, the key to unlocking the golden door of freedom begins at Dalton State College. According to an encyclopedia article, “Dalton State College is one of two units of the University System of Georgia offering a range of academic programs from the career certificate to the four-year baccalaureate degree” (Hutcheson). Dalton State College is a phenomenal school. However, implementing changes can improve the campus in areas such as providing a day care service, offering more flexible class schedules and adding more parking spaces. These changes will insure the future success of Dalton State College for many years to come.

According to the website, *Quick Facts*, “Dalton State College currently has enrolled 5,015 students, 61% of which are females” (Office). As a current student of DSC, it can be clearly witnessed that many female students drop out school. Furthermore, the majority of these females are mothers. These female students are capable of exceeding in the classroom. If DSC were to offer a day care service, many female students would not feel obligated to drop out of school. If Dalton State College wishes to remain successful, they must cater to the needs of their female students.

According to a fellow Dalton State student motherhood, “is stressful especially while in college. Although I am a student, being a mother is my first priority. If I cannot find someone who is both trustworthy and dependable, I will not attend class” (Carrillo). If, in fact, the
majority of student are females, why does DSC not cater to their needs? If the answer to this question is funding, how then does DSC explain the massive funding from outside sources, to their athletic department? According to the Dalton State website, “About half the student athletes receive at least partial scholarships from the Mashburn Charitable Trust, which has pledged $3 million over 10 years for athletic scholarships for Dalton State” (Roadrunners).

Dalton State College is a learning institution; athletics should not be a priority. Improving the current state of Dalton State begins with adding a day care service. If a day care service were added to Dalton State, many female students would not feel obligated to drop out of school. And, they would remain in Dalton State College. Adding a day care will insure the future success of DSC.

In a 2005 case study conducted by the DSC facility, “Faculty were given copies of a survey and were asked to devote the beginning of their subsequent class time to discussing retention issues and gathering student survey feedback and general comments. One of the questions asked was: what could DSC do to make it easier for you to stay and remain in school? Of the 926 responses to this question, 43 percent mentioned conflicting schedules and responsibilities” (Codjoe). When work and/or family responsibilities do allow for academic pursuits during the day, night classes often are the only option. However, the night classes offered at DSC are largely classes not needed for particular courses of study. Class scheduling is always an issue, but particularly for the often older or otherwise employed DSC student. If DSC were open on the weekends, or if DSC were to offer more night classes, students would not have to choose between missing work or missing school. Unfortunately, until DSC resolves this matter, more students are bound to drop out.
When arriving at DSC early in the morning, one must always be on the lookout for a parking spot. This is because parking spots are limited. A DSC student says, “I spent almost half an hour trying to find a parking spot this morning; something should be done in order to fix this problem. I paid my tuition out of pocket. I do everything in my power to be a good student. It’s a shame I have to sacrifice my education for a parking spot” (Gain). It is no secret that DSC has limited parking. Although Dalton State does have a parking deck, it does not accommodate all 5,015 students. DSC should add another parking deck, or expand their current parking lot. In doing so, DSC students will feel more cheerful and less lugubrious about their day. College tuition is paid by every DSC student. Tuition covers the cost of parking. However, many students are not receiving adequate parking spaces. If DSC has the power to fix this problem and make the campus more inviting, why not now? Adding parking spaces will ensure the future success of DSC. If every student has the ability to park on school campus, there is no reason for a student not succeed.

Ultimately, Dalton State College is an exceptional learning institution. By implementing simple changes such as providing a day care service, offering more flexible class schedules and adding more parking spaces, the future of Dalton State College will continue to be a success. George Carver words of wisdom clearly state how to achieve freedom. All DSC students can achieve freedom. However, great achievements are largely dependent upon DSC’s improvement and concentrated focus on offering students the necessary options to help them succeed.
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