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When I was told suddenly that I could not return to Everest College (and that I could not even pick up my things that I had left in my class) I was devastated.

All of my life I had been encouraged to get an education and be the very best that I could be. I was never told before that I could not do something or take a class because of my disability.

In fact, I have always tried to do more and didn't think of myself of having limitations because of my height. The word "disability" has not been part of my vocabulary.

I have never before been told what I can't do - only what I can do, which is a lot. I have cried many tears over this, and I have decided I want to do something about it so that no other person will have to suffer what I have experienced at Everest College.

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