

Mikyla

Hello everyone my name is Mikyla Mobley. I was diagnosed with BBS when I was about 15. I had already been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) when I was 13. Ever since I was a little girl, I knew that my vision was impaired. I never liked talking about my health problems, but in eighth grade I had to do a science project and I decided to do my presentation on my vision, to learn more about what was actually going on and to help my classmates understand. As part of my presentation, I brought some folding canes to class and let people try them. That helped people understand my situation.



Once I found out that I had RP, I was devastated because I thought that I was going to go blind the next day. I had no idea what to expect or how to handle the situation. I didn't understand that my condition was degenerative and that no one knew for sure when I'd officially go blind. Once I understood that, I knew that I had to take one day at a time and that things would figure themselves out in the end.

The people that surround me have always told me that I was a happy person that didn't seem like she had all these issues - that I didn't show it. So, everyday I figured out a way to try to look at everything on the positive side and have more empathy for other people.

I've been participating in the BBS study since June of 2017. The study team has helped tremendously with reducing the risk of obesity-related diseases. Being part of the study gives me a sense of community, and helps me be positive about my future.

In the fall of 2018 I will be starting college at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. I hope to major in psychology and minor in criminal justice to pursue my dream of becoming a therapist and helping those in need in the community as well.

-Mikyla Mobley

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Mikyla is a delightful young woman who loves to hang out with her friends, watch Netflix and sing, sing, sing.”

- Colleen Dunahee