

ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Adult education filled Jacques with more hope and goals than even he had dreamed of when he first came to the United States. Jacques fled to the United States from the war torn country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2018. He had spent 20 years as a refugee in Tanzania, and life in America was always his family's dream.

When he arrived in the United States, Jacques knew no English at all. Determined to support his family, he worked a full time job while he faithfully attended adult education classes, taking the maximum number of credits allowed. At one point, his job hours assigned to him made it impossible for him to continue his adult education. He did not give up. Instead, he went out and found a new job that would allow him to continue with both full time.

Today, he has made excellent progress with an overall GPA of 3.5. He is a model father who hopes to begin a certification course in Early Childhood Education, while he tirelessly works with the African refugee community so that others can also find their way to their dreams. Jacques motto is, " No one comes this far to be unsuccessful," and he continues to live it out each and every day for himself as well as for the others in his community. ■

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