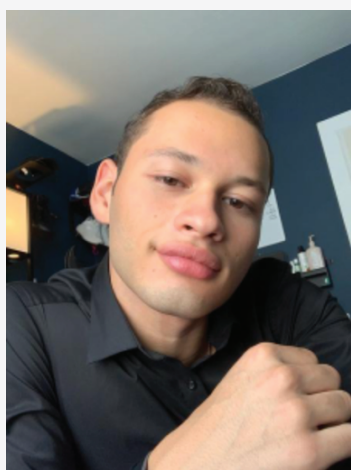


ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Cristian Morales | New Jersey



Adult education gave Cristian the path to his diploma after years of homeschooling. After fourth grade Cristian's parents decided to homeschool him so that he could support his family and help out with his younger siblings.

At 20-years-old Cristian finished 12th grade in his online schooling, but he still needed to pass his GED exam to fully graduate. Someone told him about Mercer County Community College (MCCC) and let him know that the adult education program was free. Finally, Cristian could see himself moving forward.

When he enrolled in adult education classes at MCCC, he found so much help and support. He states, "The virtual experience was flexible for me, and I appreciated that I could start on my goal while working. The science course was

a lot of fun, and the level of coursework was very interesting, demanding and rewarding."

Today, Cristian has successfully passed all sections of the GED. Since receiving his diploma, Cristian is able to focus on getting certified as a Safety Specialist so that he can be promoted at Amazon. He plans to use Amazon's Career Choice program to further his education.

For future adult education students he has this advice: "Don't over think it if you're trying to advance your education. Go for it! When you sign up, interact with your teacher as much as you can. You can sign up and go to class, but if you don't participate 100%, you won't get everything you can out of the experience."

Cristian looks forward with anticipation to see where his passion for success will take him on his academic and professional journey. ■

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