



# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Adult education gave James the chance to take hold of his career. After a decade of hard work, James was offered an incredible promotion by the CEO. However, James would have to come clean and reveal that he had lied on his original resume. He had never received his high school diploma, and his lie was finally catching up to him.

He states, “For a week, I had the heaviest burden of shame on my shoulders. How do I tell someone who has given me the opportunity of a lifetime, and created a position for me, that I haven't graduated from high school? It was a sickening feeling. I thought to myself on what I would want my kids to do. I would want them to tell the truth.”

Reluctantly, James scheduled a call to inform the CEO of the omission on his resume. Instead of passing him over for the promotion, the CEO offered him another chance and connected him with Livingston Parish Adult Education (LPAE).

Today James has passed all sections of the HiSET® exam. He states, “I have since gotten a huge promotion at work and have almost doubled my income. My successes may not seem huge on the outside looking in, but they are gigantic for me and my family. I am highly respected at my company, and that means so much to me.” His current goals are to inspire others in adult education to pursue their dreams. He knows that not everyone learns in the same exact way. He is thankful that adult education provided the path he needed to succeed, and he hopes to help others find their own path to success as well. ■

*Inspiring educators so adults succeed and communities thrive*