



ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Jeremy Wilson | Louisiana



Adult education was there for Jeremy when a fellow co-worker recognized his true potential and presented him with a new career opportunity. Always a bright student, Jeremy maintained honor-roll status in elementary and middle school. Unfortunately, high school classes left him bored and distracted. At the time, he could not see the value in attending school when he could go out and make money, so he dropped out and began working in the retail industry.

Jeremy worked hard and always got along well with his fellow co-workers. While at work one day, the off-duty sheriff deputy who was working security for the store noticed Jeremy's chipper demeanor and pleasant attitude, and he remarked that Jeremy would be a great asset to the sheriff's office. The only thing standing in Jeremy's way was that he had never earned his diploma. When the massive furloughs of 2020 resulted in Jeremy losing his job, he knew it was time to finish what he had started long ago. Jeremy enrolled in Delgado Adult Education and began to thrive.

In just five months, Jeremy completed his HiSET® exam, fell in love, and made a lasting impression on his classmates and instructors. Jeremy is now employed with Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department. He loves his work, his girlfriend, and his increased earning potential. Jeremy's story showcases the incredible way that adult education can break down barriers for students who otherwise would have missed the opportunity to reach their full potential. ■

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