Adult education is helping Jose take his first steps toward his professional and personal goals. Jose first learned about adult education through his employer. While he is happy at his workplace, he has found himself unable to rise in the company because he is limited by his low English proficiency. He realized that if he wants to obtain a better position at his job, he would need better English skills to do it. This drive for success at work motivated Jose to enroll in adult ESL classes at Northeast Community College.

Jose’s job is not the only reason he wants to improve his English skills. His children have mostly lived and grown up in America, and their English abilities are like their native-speaking peers at school. He knows he needs to learn more English so that he will not lose the ability to communicate well with his own children, and he wants to be able to become a parent who can help his children with their homework when they come home from school.

Jose’s ESL teachers have noticed his faithful attendance, as well as his dedication and perseverance even when the material is difficult for him. He loves learning how to form phrases that serve him in everyday conversations in his life. A recent post-test revealed significant improvement in his English skills, and he and his teachers are very proud.

Jose continues to dream of a better job opportunity and hopes for a better position with his employer to improve his salary and benefits. He plans to continue his work in ESL classes until he can reach his goal of reading, writing, listening and speaking very well.