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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

John Anderson | Pennsylvania

Adult education gave John the foundation he needed to build a secure future. After struggling in the Pittsburgh Public School system, John's parents tried to homeschool him instead. He felt he had been robbed of a real education and states, "I longed for a way to legitimately get some sort of academic merit that would eventually allow me to get into a college of my choice." When he heard about Literacy Pittsburgh, John was ready to try anything.

Upon enrolling, John was amazed at how kind the staff were to him and how substantial the instruction was. He states, "Attending Literacy Pittsburgh was by far one of the best things I've ever done in my life. Primarily, I got to learn about mathematical concepts required to pass the GED® test that would set the foundation for what I would eventually use during my most intense, math-heavy courses at CCAC." His writing skills had also dramatically improved, and after passing his GED® test, he went on to pursue an associate's degree in electrical engineering technology at the Community College of Allegheny County.

Today he works as a computer programmer and hopes to create his own "fully-fledged" video game someday. He also feels more confident in his writing ability and is looking into publishing his own novel. When thinking about his future, John states, "I have considered either attending Carnegie Mellon University or attending Pitt University for a bachelor's degree of my choosing. I haven't totally pieced together which place I'd like to go to, but I have absolutely no plans of stopping my pursuit of higher education at all." From here on out, John has become a lifelong learner and dreamer! ■