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ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Romiro Sanchez | Texas

Romiro Sanchez never had the chance to finish his high school diploma. With children to support, he always worked hard to keep food on the table. It never kept him from dreaming, though. Romiro always had the thought of going back to school lingering in his mind. He wanted to be an example to his children and inspire them to go to college, but he did not know where to start.

Just when he thought that life had passed him by, he learned about an adult education program in Irving ISD, in the same building his children had gone to school many years before. The comfortability of knowing the location and some of the staff helped him make the decision that, at the age of 71, he was ready to finish his diploma to prove to himself that it was never too late.

Romiro says about the program, "I can't tell you it was easy, but I can tell you that I was motivated. I studied and took tons of notes in class." When the time came for Romiro to take his first exam, he was nervous, but he passed. Soon enough, Romiro passed all four sections of his GED® exam and his confidence soared.

Today Romiro owns his own business. He states, "I feel a sense of accomplishment that I can now share with my employees and my family. I did it! I feel very empowered now and am ready to face college." He plans to attend Dallas College in his hometown this fall. Romiro's success has even pushed his son to decide to continue his education and continue on from his four-year degree to get his Ph.D. ■