



# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

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Adult education gave Mia the flexibility she needed to complete her education while meeting the needs of her children. Mia always valued education and knew it was an essential part of her career aspirations. But when she had children of her own to raise, she knew a traditional high school setting would not work for her life situation. So when she heard about a local program at LaGuardia Community College that would help her receive her high school equivalency diploma while preparing her to enroll in college, she knew this was the right step for her.

Today Mia considers her time in LaGuardia Community College's high school equivalency (HSE) program instrumental in preparing her for college. The program helped her to adjust to being in school again, to learn how to take care of her children as a single parent, and to juggle taking classes while working. LaGuardia's tutoring, community, and student support made all the difference in her journey.

After earning her HSE diploma, Mia went on to study at the City University of New York at Lehman College and the Graduate Center. She graduated in January with a Baccalaureate of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies. Her field of study is sustainable design and environmental strategic marketing, and she hopes to dedicate her career to sustainability and environmental protection. Adult education has given her the ability to pursue her dreams of creating a healthier and more sustainable future for herself, for her children, and for future generations. ■

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