



ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Miasha Melvin | New Jersey

After losing her father at fifteen years old in high school, Miasha silently suffered from depression. Unable to focus and not knowing where to turn, Miasha gave up on high school and dropped out during her junior year. She decided to get her GED® credential on her own.

After enrolling in a program, Miasha loved the change of pace the adult education scene provided. She excelled and in no time was able to achieve her high school equivalency diploma, but she knew she would not stop there. She continued on and finished her associate's degree and then a bachelor's. She did not want to just go out and make money for herself though, she knew her success had to mean something for others, and Miasha began to form a plan for how to use her skills to help others find their path to success also.

Today, Miasha is one year away from finishing her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, also known as a Doctor of Law, at Vanderbilt University Law School. She is also the founder and CEO of the nonprofit called Dropped Along the Way whose mission is to help high school dropouts find their path into higher education.

Miasha plans to use her lawyering skills to promote and advocate for adult education. Her goal is to bring her 503c nonprofit, Dropped Along the Way, up to a national level and provide adult education services for people nationwide. When thinking about advice to give to other adult learners she states, "Please don't get discouraged. I know it may seem like a long road ahead, but trust me when I say the time will go by quickly. Always remember, delay is not denial." ■