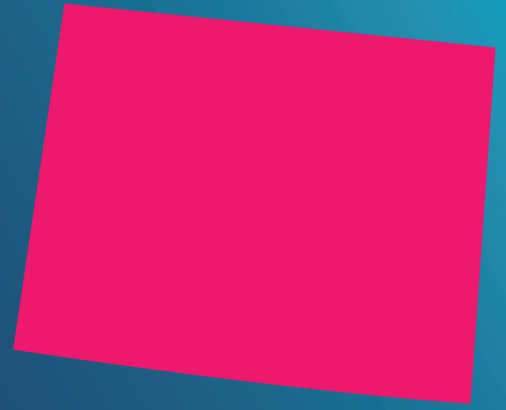


# ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS STORY

Yuriko Monelo | Wyoming



Adult education gave Yuriko a path forward. In 2021, Yuriko realized she did not know what she wanted to do with her life, but she knew she had to start working toward something. She wanted to create a better life for her daughter, and she realized that if she did not begin to cultivate a skill set for the workforce, she would have a difficult time providing the life she wanted for her daughter.

In Spring of 2021, Yuriko enrolled in ESL classes. Here she began to enjoy learning and pushed herself to join an EIT/Career Boost class where she was able to earn her CPR Certification. The next year, Yuriko became a National Adult Education Honor Society student due to her dependable attendance, cooperative attitude and her consistent work ethic. With these successes, Yuriko began to realize that she was an excellent learner, and dreams of an academic future began to form.

Directly after becoming an Honor Society student, Yuriko enrolled in an adult education program at Laramie County Community College Adult Career and Education System (LCCCACES). She began to work diligently toward her high school equivalency diploma, and in 2022 she passed all sections of her HiSET® exam.

Today Yuriko is now enrolled full-time at Laramie County Community College as a STEM student. She plans to narrow her career path further as she continues her education. She states, “I started going to college to inspire my daughter.” She hopes to receive a bachelor’s degree as well as a master’s degree before her daughter graduates high school. ■

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