



Student Success Story

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My name is Alex Lopez, and my journey hasn't been easy. For many years, I was caught up in a life on the streets – fueled by drugs and alcohol, running from responsibility, and causing pain to the people who loved me most. I was held accountable for my actions, but for a long time, I didn't believe change was possible.

Then something happened. My daughter planted a seed in me, the idea of going back to school. At first, I didn't listen. But eventually, I reached out. I found the support, the resources, and the people who believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. Thirty-seven years later, I returned to finish what I once walked away from. There were moments I wanted to quit, thinking, "This isn't for me." But my daughter Alexia, my girlfriend Meliza, my friends, and the amazing team at Selma Adult School reminded me of my worth.

Once, a diploma was just a piece of paper to me. Now, my name is written on it. I went from walking the streets to walking across the graduation stage as part of the Class of 2025. Everything in life is possible when you start believing in yourself the way others have always believed in you.

