



## STUDENT-ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



### NEVER GIVE UP!

There is a famous saying, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Many famous people didn't succeed the first time. Bill Gates, one of the richest men in the world, failed at his first business attempt. Albert Einstein's elementary school teachers called him "lazy" and said he would never amount to anything. Jim Carey, the famous comedian, dropped out of school when he was 15 to support his family because his father was unemployed and they were homeless. Jay-Z could not get signed to any record label and actor Mark Wahlberg dropped out of high school in the 9th grade, not earning his high school diploma until just a few months ago, at 42 years of age. These examples show you that you must keep trying—it's never too late.

Many of our recent graduates show us how true this is! Mykel B. was the first person in his family to graduate high school. Jessie H. was able to enroll in the U.S. Army thanks to finally earning his diploma. Rebecca M. used her child care certificate to get a job at a preschool. And there are hundreds more success stories—you among them. I am so proud of all of you and will continue sharing your successes.

—Teresa Salafrio, Principal



### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Enrique Galindo, 32, graduated from our program this past March with his high school diploma and career certificate. That same month he started working as a fraud specialist at Chase Bank. He now has a great job that pays him well, with generous vacation/sick time and matching 401K. This is very important, since he and his wife have 7 children between them, ages 20 to 3 years old.

When Enrique attended high school as a teenager, his girlfriend got pregnant, and he felt forced to drop out to support his young family. It always bothered him that he never finished his high school education, and it also hindered his job searches and any potential promotions. In addition, Enrique wanted to be a better role model for his children.

So Enrique took the steps to change his life. He (and his wife) enrolled in our online high school program offered at his local public library.

"They treated me like a rock star," he said of the program's support staff. "They were so supportive the entire time. And I really liked the flexibility of getting my diploma online. I sacrificed a lot of family time and sleep, but I gained an entirely new perspective on achieving your goals. I am enrolling in college in the fall!"

TELL US YOUR STORY!



### COACH'S CORNER: HOW TO STAY ON TRACK THIS SUMMER

Many online students find it hard to stay motivated during the summer months. Here are 5 tips to stay on track to graduate:

1. Write down "why you are doing this" and post it where you can see it every day. Choose goals you are 100% committed to. For example, you may want to complete your high school diploma so that you can earn enough money to take care of your family. Or maybe you need this diploma to get into college or get the job you want.
2. Set academic goals for the summer. Break them down month by month, then week by week, and then day by day. I can help you make a plan!
3. Chart your progress. Begin each day by writing down what you *need to do* and end the day by writing down *what you were able to do*.
4. Talk about your progress. It helps make it real! Tell your family or another enthusiastic partner (like your Academic Coach) about your accomplishments.
5. Reward yourself. When you achieve a goal, no matter how small, be sure to reward yourself with something that makes you happy.

—Mary Corso, Academic Coach



### UPCOMING

**Wednesday, July 1, 2015 2:30–3:00 pm CT**

ONLINE WEBINAR: NOTE TAKING SKILLS  
*Learn More: Log in to the classroom. Click "Events"*

**Friday, July 3, 2015**

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY  
 Enjoy your weekend!

**Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:30–3:00 pm CT**

ONLINE SEMINAR: "A HEALTHY YOU"  
*Learn More: Log in to the classroom. Click "Events"*



### STAYING ON PACE CONTEST

Congrats to the recent winners!

**March: Jason**  
**April: Alondra**  
**May: Alicia**

Each month, students who completed 2 courses in the previous month and are on pace to graduate are automatically entered to win a gift card.

All you have to do is stay on track and you are eligible.

Are you on pace so far this month? There's still time! You can do it.

This is your life.  
 This is your time.

#### Mission

Career Online High School is committed to preparing students for the workforce and post-secondary education by delivering innovative career-based education in a supportive, engaging environment.

