

What Adult Education Means To Me

To Me Adult Education means the chance to better myself in life. I'm able to provide my family with a better way of life. Adult Education has given the opportunity to prove myself that I can become the person I always wanted to be. It's a chance to go from a job that I like to a job that I love. In my classes of Construction and Electrical I have pushed myself to learn new things.

In Construction class I have learned framing, roofing, cabinet making , and blueprint reading. In my Electrical class I have learned pipe bending, wiring, troubleshooting of electrical. I have learned how to wire a breaker box and the math that is involved to correctly perform this task. Before I took these classes, I did not believe myself. With the help of my instructors, I now see the potential that I have.

Adult Education has given me, the ability to put my thoughts into words. The chance to meet new people. Taking the knowledge that is given to me and making it my own. With the knowledge and skills that I have learned, I Would like to own my own business one day. My employees would be future student. Most of all is seeing pride in my wife eyes when she looks at me and her voice when she speaks of me. To me Adult Education means a better life, 2nd and maybe even 3rd chances, and the best investment in myself.

WHAT DOES EMRAS MEAN TO ME

First let me tell you who I am, my name is Angelina Mata a 33-year-old recovering drug addict teen mom high school dropout. Being a mom at 14 and married with two kids by the time I was 16 full blown addiction by 18. High school wasn't even a blip on my radar, when you're a kid raising kids you don't even think about your own future, you are literally trying to make it through the day. But then the years start to pass and you've become this stigma the high school dropout. I wasn't given a chance as a child severe abuse foster care system a dad who left for cigarettes and didn't come back for 13 years I was 12. That is my childhood in a nutshell ,when I got into recovery it gave me a new outlook on life I decided I was going to give myself the chance I never got as a kid. For me EMRAS is that chance to be what I could have been. Without EMRAS how could a high school dropout get the chance at experiencing high school and this time doing it right. Getting up at 5:30 in the morning getting me and my daughter ready for school is a blessing. I feel so privileged that I get to strap on a back pack and climb the stairs at school for my first morning Class. I go to school 8-3:30 mon-fri every day and I couldn't be happier. I get to have a chance at something I once took for granted. EMRAS gives me hope for a better future. with out a diploma you cant get any where in life. I have a goal now my biggest goal to date which is to walk with my class 2019. Holding my diploma up high as I walk across stage, knowing I was given a second chance at being something great. And on a final note id like to say that when I hear EMRAS a quote comes to mind " Its never too late to be what you might have been" - George Eliot that is what EMRAS means to me.

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Adult education provides an opportunity and services to the people above the age of 18 years old. For me, it means a lot of things. It is a ship carrying my dreams, it is a warm, peaceful, and secure home. It also means not only the opportunity for equipping with the knowledge and skills but also the first step to being successful. It will take me to the dream destination that I pursue.

I am a new immigrant for who English is not the native language. As a new immigrant, I have to go through a lot of challenges and obstacles. The first and the most urgent thing that I have to overcome is language barrier. Communicating with others fluently is the good start to realize my dream.

I heard about El Monte Rosemead Adult school for the first time was from my roommate. I was attracted by the amazing introduction of how she improved her English, how she learned some skills and made friends. Soon I became a student in ESL level 5 of El Monte Rosemead Adult School.

I left the country where I grew up. I am away from my parents and friends. I came to the strange country which has different culture and customs. These changes make me in tranquil and confused. Studying at El Monte Rosemead Adult school gives me a feeling of staying in a cozy home because our classmates are kind and happy to render help to others. No matter what problems you have, they would like to help you to solve them. We get along harmoniously. We talk about grammar after school, we discuss how to write an essay, and we share our either happy or unpleasant experiences. Adult school always has some full and varied activities for us, such as Christmas party, competition of essays, etc. I do remember there was a Christmas party that I took part in. Teachers sang songs at the party, and we had a raffle activity during the party. I find the photo which I took with my teachers and classmates together at the Christmas Party. I still cherish it. It is a symbol of a period of beautiful memories when I have stayed in El Monte Rosemead Adult school.

I have excellent ESL teachers also. In my level 5 course, there is a tall, handsome male teacher named Eugene Fedorenko. In his course, everybody is attracted by his humorous and energetic teaching. He can arise the enthusiasm of everybody's and makes three-hour class shorter than what it really is. He loves reading, and he strongly recommend us to read. Every Tuesday we have library time. We pick the book that we want to read and return the previous one. I really learned a lot from him.

I made an immense improvement in English. My education journey at El Monte Rosemead Adult school has shown me that I am on the way to achieve my goals. I will be someone that I want to be in the near future.

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I started my journey back to school at the Alhambra Adult School while working fulltime at Rite Aid. After the Alhambra district closed I was forced to find another school. I ended up at the El Monte Rosemead Adult School for a short while.

As a single parent of a child with disabilities I was forced to choose between continuing my education and going to work to support my son. I knew that having an education would lead to a better paying job but took a job at Panera out of necessity. I retired, and am back at the adult school to get my diploma. It was hard at first but I have nice teachers that help me. I love my English teacher because she encourages me to hang in there so does Carmen and Mr. Serrano. If it wasn't for my teachers I might have to quit. So thank you El Monte Adult School for being here to help us get an education. So don't ever close, we adult need our education.