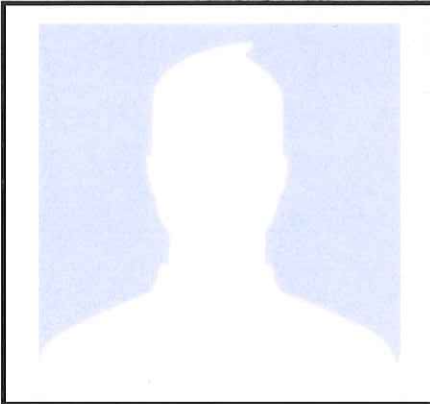


# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is Janet Skinner.

My age is 55.

My birthday is August 11,  
1962.

My address is.....21185 Inkster  
Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Children: 1 daughter  
who is 31 y/o

My country of origin is  
USA.

I am a current student.

My school and program:  
Siena Literacy Center –  
Adult Basic Education.

Three things you should know about me are:

*1. I am excited because my daughter is getting married soon.*

*2. I love being back in school and learning new things.*

*3. I am a cancer survivor.*

I chose to enroll in adult education because I came to Siena with my niece who was interested in tutoring. While there, I noticed how nice the people were, so I asked if I could sign up.

Adult education has helped me because I'm learning how to sound out words so I can read better. I am more independent now and don't have to rely on my daughter to read my mail.

There should be continued funding for adult education because people of all ages need an opportunity to learn and improve their lives.

Where are you now? I'm very happy that I'm back in school. I love to learn new things and I really appreciate my tutor, Carolyn, taking time to teach me new things.

# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is.....Katie  
Moore

My age is.....21

My birthday is....8/1/96

My address is.....69141

Florence Dr., Richmond, MI 48062

Children? Ages?Aiden

Kinney – Age 3

My country of origin is....

United States

I am a current/graduate  
student.LISD Adult Ed

My school and program  
is (ESL,GED, HSC,  
Literacy Center) HSC

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. *I am dedicated*
2. *I do not give up easily*
3. *Just because I am a young mother doesn't mean my life is over. I have just begun.*

I choose to enroll in adult education because....

Adult education has helped me because.....It has given me my self-esteem back and has given me the drive to press forward with all of my life decisions with a confidence I lacked prior to the program. Adult Education was a major stepping stone to the future I have always wanted.

There should be continued funding for adult education because.....there is no where else for adults, like myself, to turn to when they need a change in their lives. Adult Education helps better the lives of the people in our communities and helps build towards a stronger living system.

Where are you now? I am currently working at a foster home where I can help others. I have used what learned every day. Since graduating my family hasn't struggled as much, we have bought our own home and we have become stronger.



# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is Luis  
Calzada

My age is 20 years old

My birthday is  
December 15

My address is 58700  
Nine Mile Rd

Children None Ages 0

My country of origin is  
Mexico

I am a current/graduate  
student. Of Novi adult  
education

My school and program  
is a HSC.

Three things you should know about me are.....

*1 My family is very important to me.*

*2. I love working with my hands.*

*3. I have a passion in the automotive industry.*

I choose to enroll in adult education because I  
needed to finish my high school and needed  
something different that would help me.

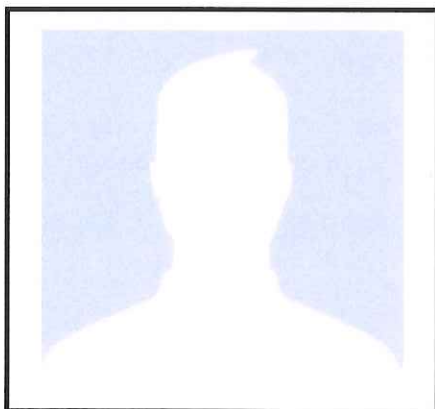
Adult education has helped me because it let me finish  
my high and open opportunities in a career and more  
education by joining with Michigan works.

There should be continued funding for adult education  
because it gives people a second opportunity at a  
better life and the people around them.

Where are you now? I just finished training and looking  
to further my self in my learning.

# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is.....

Joanna Perez

My age is.....

31

My birthday

is....07/07/1986

My address is.....

Wyoming, MI

Children? Ages?

4 Children: 11, 9, 5, 2

My country of origin is....

USA

I am a current student.

I attend GED classes at  
Wyoming Community  
Education.

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. I love my children. They are number one in my life, my family.
2. I am a hardworking, responsible, and reliable person.
3. I am not a quitter.

I choose to enroll in adult education because....

I want to have a better life for me and my family; have a better job, go to college, study and better myself. I want to prove to myself that I can do this. I can make a goal or dream a reality, with hard work and time.

Adult education has helped me because.....

I have come to learn so many things. I am finding that I have more understanding of the materials taught in class. There is a lot of support from my teachers and classmates to keep me going and not give up. It has helped me have the strength to keep going.

There should be continued funding for adult education because.....

There are many people who are like me, who want to have a good future for their family or for themselves -- people who do put in 100% effort to succeed! To prove to others and themselves, that they are capable of accomplishing a goal in life.

Where are you now? I am almost done! I have taken 3 tests and have passed. I need 1 more to finish and I will start to go to CNA classes to become a CNA. Hopefully, down the road, I can continue my education.



# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

February 15, 2018



**My name is**

Beth Feldkamp

**My age is** 37

**My birthday is**

April 20

**My address is**

Ypsilanti, MI

**Children-** 3 daughters;  
18, 17 and 11 years old

**My country of origin is**  
United States

I am a graduate of Adult  
Ed.

I attended Washtenaw  
Community College Adult  
Transitions Pathway  
Program.

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. *I LOVE education!*
2. *I have political aspirations; I want to help make change.*
3. *My daughters are my whole world!*

I choose to enroll in adult education because I was unemployed and needed to earn a GED to obtain a new job so I could provide for my family.

Adult education has changed my life!!! I have become a positive role model for my daughters and many others.

There should be continued funding for adult education because without the funding so many individuals, like myself, would be left without opportunities to better their lives.

**Where are you now?** I have gone on to earn my Master's degree in Social Work.

I currently work for the Adult Transitions Program, helping others reach their educational goals.

# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is.....  
Charlotte Willis

My age is.....  
62

My birthday is....  
11/16/1955

My address is.....  
10475 Greensboro Detroit

Children? 4 Ages?  
42, 40, 23

My country of origin is....  
United States Of America

I am a current student.

My school and program  
is Dominican Literacy  
Center GED.

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. I have my own business in Digital Media.
2. I care about people. I believe in helping people.
3. I go back to school when I want to learn something new.

I choose to enroll in adult education because....

I needed a GED to continue my education.

Adult education has helped me because.....

It is allowing me to continue with my education so I can go to Specs Howard.

There should be continued funding for adult education because...

It is important. There are a lot of adults who don't have their GED and need to finish. And it makes a person feel good when they complete the program.

Where are you now?

I have passed 3 sections of my GED and now I am studying for the Math portion of the test. I hope to be ready by the end of February or the beginning of March.



# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is..... Thomas  
Johnson

My age is..... 33

My birthday is....

1-30-1985

My address is.....  
8311 Jefferson

Children? Ages? n/a

My country of origin is....

USA

I am a current student.

My school and program  
is (ESL, GED, HSC,  
Literacy Center)  
Dominican Literacy Center (GED)

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. *Once you get to know me, I'm very out spoken.*
2. *I love change and I'm not a quitter.*
3. *My life matters to me today.*

I choose to enroll in adult education because....

At this point in my life, I want to live for myself and it starts with an education.

I thought Adult education has helped me because.....

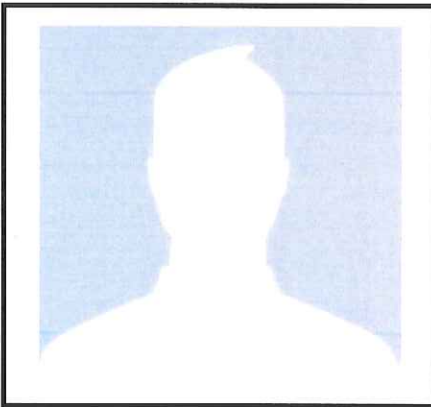
As hard as I thought it was going to be start over, it wasn't. Thanks to this place, and the teachers that are awesome I am on my way. The tutors have patience and the atmosphere feels like success.

There should be continued funding for adult education because..... Life happens to us all. We make decisions that lead us to miss out on our first chance at being successful. I believe everybody deserves a second chance to have a life that matters.

Where are you now? I'm getting ready for my first GED test.

# MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

## February 15, 2018



My name is Rosy Reyes.

My age is 43.

My birthday is March 1974.

My address is New Hudson, Michigan

Children? Ages? 5 kids, ages 12, 15, 17, 20 and 23

My country of origin is Mexico.

I am a current/graduate student. Graduate

My school and program is (ESL, GED, HSC, Literacy Center) HCS

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. I love to continue learning.
2. My family is most important to me.
3. My oldest son is a United States Marine.

I choose to enroll in adult education because for the past 20 years, it has been my goal and my dream to complete high school and receive my diploma. Also, I wanted to position myself to do more for me and my family and this is an important first step.

Adult education has helped me because it provided an opportunity that I would not have had otherwise. I work, I have 5 kids and all of the responsibilities that go along with being a mom, a wife and a very active person. I could not simply go back and attend high school classes. Adult Ed. has allowed me to achieve my goal while respecting my busy schedule.

There should be continued funding for adult education because there are many, many people just like me whose lives can and will be changed for the better through adult education. Like me, many people would have no other opportunity to improve their lives if not for adult education. Adult education provides a benefit not only to these individuals and their families but to all of society.

Where are you now?

By building on my high school diploma, I am now training to become a certified medical interpreter through a program at the University of Michigan.



## MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

February 15, 2018



My name is Maria  
Hoebeke

My age is 56

My birthday is 5/8/61

My address is 4613  
Jones Rd. North Branch,  
MI 48461

Children? 4 Ages?  
39,38,29,22

My country of origin is  
US

I am a current/graduate  
student. Not a student

My school and program  
is N/A

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. I graduated from High School at age 45 with my H.S. Diploma.
2. I graduated with a BA Degree at 49.
3. I started law school when I was 50.

I chose to enroll in adult education because I wanted to take a graphics editing class and I didn't want to pay \$400 for it. (True Story...Lol)

Adult education has helped me because I am now independent and can take care myself financially.

There should be continued funding for adult education because there would be less financial dependency on the state.

Where are you now?

I am an attorney at Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill & Garner, PC in Lapeer, Michigan. Where I've been employed for almost 3 years.

## MACAE Student Ambassador Profile

February 15, 2018



My name is.....

Juan Baron

My age is.....

29

My birthday is....

May, 31

My address is.....

Battle Creek, MI

Children? Ages?

No children

My country of origin is....

Colombia

I am a current graduate student.

My school and program

ESL

Three things you should know about me are.....

1. I love reading
2. I'm not good at talking, in general.
3. I like to learn about everything.

I choose to enroll in adult education because....

I didn't know the city and it was recommended.

I have the possibility to use the program because it's flexible.

Adult education has helped me because.....

I needed to communicate with others.

Learning another language gives you more wayt to be a better citizen or to be able to help others on a job. An example, a doctor can help more people when he can speak more than one language.

There should be continued funding for adult education because.....

it makes great possibities for understanding the things around you, like culture and langauge. It offers so mnay possibilities to help you become part of the community.

Where are you now?

I'm in my second month of class, I can go more places because I have confidence in my English.