



In June 2013, Calvin Wood attended an SC Works Orientation at the Oconee QuickJobs Center in hopes of possibly obtaining a Commercial Drivers License. This had been a long time dream. At the time, it was discovered that he did not have his High School or GED diploma. After encouragement, Calvin was enrolled in the WIA program on July 30, 2014. He started classes for his GED on August 20, 2013. He took the Official Practice Test on October 20, 2013 which stated that he was ready to take the GED exam. He passed the exam on October 26, 2013 after only nine weeks of class.

He was still interested in obtaining his CDL license of course. Calvin obtained his 10 year drivers record and was sent for a physical. At the physical, it was discovered that he had a medical issue and training had to be postponed for at least two months. After providing an updated physical to Career Coach, which stated that he was in good standing, he started his CDL class on 6/2/2014 at Tri-County Technical College. He completed the training on 6/30/2014 and provided all documentation including his certificate.

In August 2014 he went through a two week training with a trucking company in Arizona which did not work out. He accepted a job with Stegall Transmissions in Greenville, SC as a Transmission Specialist where he earned \$13.50 per hour. While working he continued to search and interview for new opportunities in truck driving.

On November 9, 2014 he started a new job with Atlas Van Lines as a Team Driver. He is earning on the average \$800 per week at this time. He stated that he has been out west and to the Canadian border already in his short time of employment. He is grateful for the opportunity and the assistance he received from WIA. As a Transmission Specialist and Mechanic for twenty two years he stated that it was wonderful to have clean hands and use them for his employment goal of truck driving.

Christopher has always wanted to pursue a career as a Truck Driver. He has several family members that have their CDL license, he grew up around truck drivers. He said being able to go to school through the WIA program was a life changing experience for him.

Christopher completed his training with Tri-County Technical College on November 14, 2014. He was previously unemployed since August of 2013. He started working for Great Wide on 11/17/2014 with a starting wage of \$10 per hour while in training with the company.



My name is Dora Norris. I was enrolled into the WIA program on March 21, 2013 for assistance with obtaining full time sustainable employment. I had been without employment since December 5, 2012. I worked previously at Glen Raven as a Process Tech.

I came to Anderson SCWorks and found out about the WIA program. This program allowed me to better myself with manufacturing training. I entered the SMC training on July 22, 2013 and completed the training on September 13, 2013. This training gave me approximately eleven different certifications in



manufacturing. It was approximately six months after the training completion when I found employment with First Quality Tissue.

I obtained full time employment with First Quality in April 2014. My job title is converting specialist. I have worked my way up to a salary of \$14.10 per hour. I would like to thank WIA and my Career Coach, Jeff Snider for their guidance in helping me to obtain my goals.

I would recommend this training to other individuals seeking full time manufacturing positions. Dora has met the nine-month employment retention common measure for the WIA program.

My name is Latisha Harris and I was enrolled into the WIA program on February 12, 2013 for assistance with obtaining my GED and gaining full time employment. Without a GED I knew that the opportunity to gain full time employment was minimal, so I enrolled into Anderson Adult Ed and the WIA program. The WIA program allowed me to stay focused on my school work and getting ready for the GED exam

without having to worry about how I was going to pay for it.

My Career Coach JT Parnell and I created an IEP to map out a plan for me to obtain my goal of full time employment and obtaining my GED. My career coach advised me about the importance of the Workkeys assessment as it relates to employment so I was able to complete this at Anderson Adult Ed. I scored a Platinum in Reading for Information, Silver in Locating Information and Silver in Applied Math. I achieved my goal of obtaining my GED on April 18, 2013 from Anderson Adult Ed.

After I obtained my GED, my goal was to further my education in a field that was in demand. My CC and I discussed the MSSC training that was offered at TCTC. I entered that program on July 23,

2013 and completed the program on September 17, 2013. After completing the MSSC training I was hired on at South Carolina Plastic as a quality inspector starting January 31, 2014 working 40 hours a week making \$12.25 an hour. After completing 90 days my pay increased to \$13.60 an hour and I am expecting it to increase again in January 2015. The WIA program played a vital role in helping me obtain my GED and MSSC credentials which have led to full time sustainable employment in a field that I love. Thank you WIA and my CC JT Parnell.



Latisha has met the nine month employment retention common measure for the WIA program.



Roderick Horton came to WIA program on October 14, 2014. Roderick stated a friend had told him about the WIA program.

Roderick is a family man and getting back to work to provide for his family was his top priority. Roderick stated specifically "That he needed a job that paid good money in order to take care of his family." Roderick was willing to do whatever needed to be a part of the WIA program. Roderick was determined to identify a career choice that would work for him.

Roderick knew from the first day he wanted to pursue his training in Truck Driving. Roderick wants to own his own truck.

Roderick started Truck Driving training on November 26, 2014 and successfully completed his training on December 27, 2014. He starts employment with Schnedier Trucking on Monday, January 5, 2015. Roderick will be training for 2 week on the road. Roderick will be compensated .029 cent a mile and later he can average up to .032 a mile. Roderick advised he will travel 2500 to 3000 miles. Roderick is very excited about this future in the trucking industry.

Roderick stated when he gets his assigned truck he will send us a photo and keep us updated on his success.

Samuel has thirteen years of experience as a cook in the food preparation industry, but he wanted to accomplish something more. So, once his children got older he decided to pursue his dream of being a truck driver. He stated that it was a life-long dream of his to be in this field. There were plenty of opportunities out there for him if he could get the training he needed.

Samuel had heard about the WIA program and how they could possibly help him with a scholarship to pay for training. He decided to pursue it. He was enrolled into the WIA in October of 2013, and he was approved for training. He began Tri-County Technical College's CDL training program and completed it March 12, 2014. Upon getting his certificate and CDL license, Samuel began work immediately as a truck driver for Deboer Transportation on March 17, 2014 earning \$10.89 per hour.



Now Samuel drives all over the country, and he loves it. He is doing so well now that Deboer has decided to make Samuel a trainer for the incoming trainees at the company. Samuel's great attitude and work ethic has served him well and will continue to do so.

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