

Holly Batson Setting an Example

Holly knew that earning her high school diploma was the first step in having her child look up to her as an example and for her daughter to be proud of her. Holly worked part-time in the food service industry and often had to ask her employer for additional hours to make ends meet. To make a better life for her family, Holly visited the Poplar Bluff Job Center and enrolled in SkillUP. She then began school at the Poplar Bluff Excel Center

This journey wasn't easy and Holly felt like quitting many times as it was difficult to juggle the responsibilities of being a single parent, going to school, and working a part-time job with no set schedule. During this process, Holly's Excel Center Service Specialist helped her with mock interviews and job searches. Holly earned her diploma on December 12, 2019.

The SkillUp Service specialist Carin Young reports, "Holly has come so far in the time I have gotten to know her, she has not only accomplished her goals but exceeded them. She is planning on attending college and wants to pursue a career in the healthcare field. She is a dependable hard worker with amazing customer service skills and a positive attitude and I could not be more proud of her." Holly says that she would have given up if it weren't for the encouragement and support she received through the SkillUp program and the team at The Excel Center.

Holly is extremely grateful to have participated in the SkillUp program at the Excel Center which helped her pursue her dream of a better life while making some lifelong friends along the way.



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