



Who is Melanie Alexander?

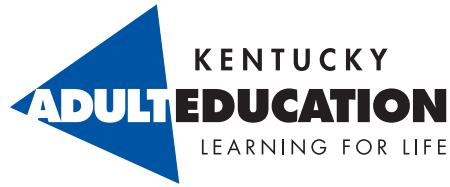
- Mother at age 15
- Licensed practical nurse
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Melanie proved herself by earning her GED and a licensed practical nurse certificate. She works at a nursing home and plans to become a registered nurse.

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Who is Mary Lue Byrum?

- 8th grade teacher
- Mother of two, grandmother of seven
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

At age 15, Mary Lue left school to get married. When her sons were young, she earned her GED as a role model for them. To fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher, she went to college and earned associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.

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Who is Dr. Leah Shannon Cobb?

- Former minimum-wage employee
- Physician specializing in child psychiatry
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Leah left high school due to social pressures. After working at several low-wage jobs, she proved herself by enrolling in community college, going to medical school and becoming a doctor.

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Who is Angel Fish?

- Laid-off steel worker
- Nursing student
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Angel worked at a steel mill for 15 years. When it closed, she couldn't find a job without a diploma. She proved herself by earning a GED and enrolling in nursing school.

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Who is James Jones?

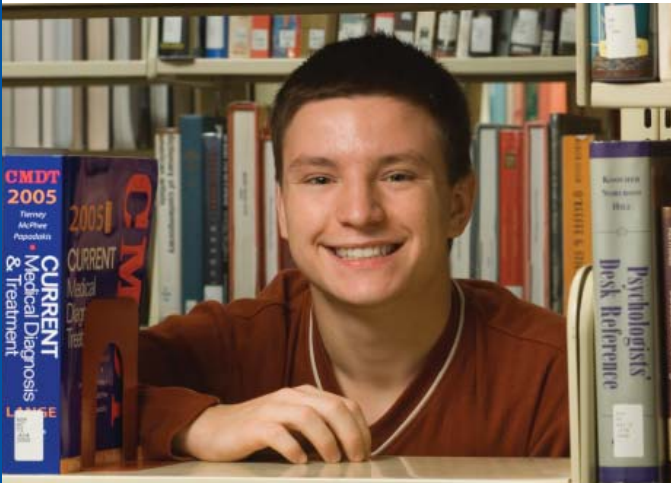
- Full-time employee
- Online student
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

At age 51, James proved himself by getting his GED. He studied through the Internet, at his own pace, on his own time, from his own home.

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Who is James Meyer?

- First in his family to attend college
- Multiple scholarship winner
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

James left high school for family reasons but proved himself by earning his GED and winning scholarships for college. He plans to become a psychiatrist.

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Who is Lonzell Miles?

- Father of two
- Little League coach
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Lonzell proved himself by earning his GED at age 35. He's enrolling in college and his young sons already have college plans themselves.

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Who is Maria Rivera?

- Mother of honor roll students
- College student
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Maria proved herself by earning a GED and studying to be a teacher. Through the adult education family literacy program, she learned how to help her children succeed in school, too.

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Who are Robert and Charlotte Torian?

Robert

- U.S. Army veteran
- Father of three
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Robert lost out on good jobs because he didn't finish high school. With his wife's encouragement, he proved himself by earning his GED 30 years after leaving school. The GED opened employment doors for him.

Charlotte

- Mother of three
- Factory worker
- Kentucky GED graduate
- All of the above

Charlotte's faith and children motivated her to take the GED test. Her graduation 28 years after high school was one of the happiest days of her life. She says, "If you want to be somebody, you must have an education. Don't give up!"

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