

Success Stories . . .

Lydia Home Association Lydia Urban Academy



Greg- Greg has come a long way since enrolling at LYDIA Urban Academy, thanks in large part to his work-study position at Komax Systems in Rockford. Greg left his public school because of conflicts and was hoping for a fresh start at LYDIA Academy. After proving to be a conscientious student and responding well to classroom rules, Greg was ready for part-time employment through the school's work-study program. Komax, which provides custom engineered turn-key assembly systems, hired Greg to do odd jobs, such as cleaning up in the shop and assisting machinists as needed. But it wasn't too long before his supervisors recognized his potential. They offered Greg a full-time position after his June 2008 graduation, assigning him more complex projects. Greg has plans to begin college at Rock Valley College and transfer to Northern Illinois University to pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

Aaron- Aaron was close to being expelled from public school due to his fighting and chronic truancy when he enrolled in LYDIA Urban Academy at his brother's urging. Aaron was able to get the individualized academic and personal attention that he needed and improved his reading/math achievement test scores as much as four years within two years. His behavior improved as well as his academics. No longer truant, Aaron was provided a unique work-study position that combined his compassion and his interest in athletics. Aaron became a personal assistant for an autistic teen during the teen's football and track practice. Aaron expresses satisfaction that he "has been able to help someone else like LYDIA Academy helped him. He will graduate with his high school diploma in June 2009 and plans to attend Rock Valley College.



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