

DAVID — WIOA Adult

David's story is a powerful example of perseverance, determination and the pursuit of excellence. Born in the United States, but raised in Mexico, David returned to the U.S. as a teenager, facing the significant challenge of learning English while adjusting to a new culture and environment.

Undeterred, David immersed himself in his education and quickly developed fluency in English — a testament to his dedication and resilience. With a growing passion for business and numbers, he enrolled at Ferris State University, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting.

Throughout college, David demonstrated an exceptional work ethic and a strong commitment to academic success. His hard work paid off when he graduated with high honors, earning the respect of both his peers and professors.

He came to Michigan Works! West Central in April 2024, seeking assistance completing his final year at Ferris. Enrolled in the WIOA Adult and Jobs for Michigan's Graduates programs, the organization was able to help him with tuition assistance and stipends through Pathful Ex-



plores and NRF.

David was able to graduate Ferris in December 2024, and find employment in his field in January 2025. Today, David is thriving in his professional career as a valued team member at Plante Moran in Grand Rapids,

one of the nation's leading accounting and consulting firms. His journey from learning a new language to excelling in a competitive academic program and launching a successful career is nothing short of inspiring.