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Jade, Durham College Upgrading



"Being a middle-aged woman who has to take care of five children and still needs to go to school every day, hoping for a brighter future, is not easy.

I signed up for the open summer camp program. Fortunately the lecturers shared with me a program that helped me study and regain my forgotten knowledge... that is the Academic Upgrading program at Durham College.

My upgrading experience was exciting. I learned very important skills. The dedicated teachers helped me understand the different skills to apply when entering college. School also helped me develop better social skills. The experiences and challenges I faced have helped me grow.

Upgrading has helped me improve my life in many aspects, physically and mentally. I have graduated from the basic computer class and I have applied it to my daily life. I have completed my 12 grade equivalency. My advisors are enthusiastic and friendly and are always ready to help me do well. A lot of support around has helped. I have reduced the pressure and stress in my life.

Every time I go to class, I feel warm and happy like I am sitting in a happy home. Upgrading not only provides me with knowledge about studying and practicing life skills to access resources — now I can easily transfer to college.

I would like to thank the school for creating a program that helps all students fulfill their great mission in the present and the future. Once again, I sincerely thank the school and the advisors who helped me complete my studies." —Jade