

Alumni Spotlight

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<u>Domonique Gibson</u> Class of 2025



For Domonique, her children were the biggest inspiration behind her decision to return to school and earn her high school diploma (equivalent). A simple Google search introduced her to CVCC's Adult Diploma Program, setting her on a life-changing journey. Through the program, she not only earned her adult diploma but also completed CVCC's Adult Education Phlebotomy program—an achievement that has opened doors to new career opportunities.

Since graduating, Domonique's mindset has completely shifted—"I know I can do it," she says. "I am so motivated to start my next program." This August, she plans to enroll in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Stautzenberger College. In the meantime, she has applied for an in-patient phlebotomist position at the Cleveland Clinic, eager to put her new skills to use.

Domonique attributes much of her success to her instructor, Ms. Wester, whose guidance made the journey both challenging and rewarding. "Ms. Wester was amazing—she's truly a light, and I will always remember her," she shares. Though the program was demanding, it was also life-changing. "Having my diploma feels like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

Outside of school, Domonique's world revolves around her three children. Between school and parenting, there's little time for anything else, but she wouldn't have it any other way. Her advice to future Adult Diploma students? "You can do it. Stick to it. It isn't always easy, but keep going." Congratulations, Domonique! CVCC wishes you the best in all of your future endeavors.

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