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### 2016 Nova Learning Inc Nova Scotia Learner Award Winner



**I dropped out of school early and like many at the time, jumped head first into the workforce.** I eventually ended up with a steady career as a bus driver for the schoolboard, which I kept for many years. After transporting generations of kids back and forth from school, I decided that maybe it was me that needed to restart my academic journey. In today's age, a high school education is a requirement for most jobs, and many require post-secondary education.

**Talking about going back to school was easy enough, but applying and going back was a very intimidating process.** When I left school, there were blackboards. Now there are computers and projection screens. Being older than my fellow classmates (and some teachers), and being out of school for so long has added weight on my shoulders in the process of finishing high school.

**Since obtaining my grade 12, I've now set my sights on furthering my education and obtaining a trade.** With the years of experience driving that I already have, I thought I could direct that towards the Heavy Machine Operator's course.

**The sense of pride I have from accomplishing my goal has been a huge confidence boost.** I've noticed that it has carried over to other parts of my life and that I'm much more social and engaged in everyday activities.