Michael’s Story

Over the last 4 years we have had several students that do not have parents or adult support in their lives. These students are either living with friends or couch surfing with relatives. These students have no one to help them course a direction for life after high school. Most of these students are just trying to make it to graduation and hopefully to a self supporting job.

A student this year we are working with is also discovering his pathway to success. He is an emancipated student who lives on his own. Michael came to us in 11th grade and took the Accuplacer test. His goal was to be an electrical lineman. We knew that Michael had limited financial resources so dual enrollment with free tuition was what he needed. He was living with his brother at the time. His parents had been out of the picture for several years.

This year Michael, who has moved out and into his own apartment was ready for the courses at CPTC that would help him be an Electrical Lineman. Unfortunately, Michael who needs 2 more high school classes to graduate could not take the all day classes required for electrical lineman. I went with Michael to the college and met with the high school counselor for dual enrollment.

Together, we came up with a plan for Michael to attend CPTC for dual enrollment classes in automotive repair, work at the high school through GVRA and take the 2 required classes for graduation. Michael and I will meet with the financial aid counselor next week to complete his FAFSA for future college classes this summer.

Michael will graduate with his high school diploma and a certificate in automotive repair in May. Find Your Path is so much more than a tutoring support for students. It includes stepping in to ensure that our students have support for life after high school. Michael’s case manager, SPED coordinator, counselor, teachers and so many others have helped this student be successful and it started with Find Your Path.

For more information contact Kim Gibson Ware County Parent Mentor