

"I was attending college in Africa, when I got the chance to reunite with my family in the US. I took a factory job, but the grueling schedule made it hard to go back to school.

While I pursue a twoyear degree, I am able to work in my field.

Getting laid off was a mixed blessing. I'm empowered by my free training and teaching my son to never give up on his dreams."

> -Marvin Seton Iowa City, Iowa