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2017 High School Diploma Graduate Cesar Rubio Talks About His Educational Journey and Challenges.



When I first came here when I was nineteen, language was a challenge. I took ESL classes for almost two years at Salinas Adult School. After that, I wanted to take GED classes but the Migrant Program sent me to take classes at Plaza Comunitaria because I had not had much education. I had to start at the bottom, at elementary school level. It took me five months to complete my elementary.

After that I took GED classes with Ms. Cabrera, which took me four months to finish. Once I finished my GED I transferred to Hartnell and took more ESL classes for another two years, then I began taking General Education classes that were transferable to the university - total time was six years. I returned to Salinas Adult School to finish my high school diploma as I thought I needed it to go to the university.

It was difficult to work and go to school at the same time. My family encouraged me to continue with my education, and this was my goal. My teachers - Mr. Peters, Mr. Lawson, Ms. Cabrera, Ms. Haas, Mr. Roy and Ms. Perez - all encouraged and supported me.

I have a newborn daughter, and I am going to attend CSUMB in August to study to become a math teacher. I would like to teach high school math and then move on to teaching college.