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I thought I was too old to go back to school at 27 years old, but I knew I had little eyes looking at me. My son did not ask to be here and so I realized I needed to provide for him in the best way I possibly can financially, mentally, and physically. I want to show him that no matter what you are facing in life, you can overcome the challenges.

I decided to pursue an Associates Degree in Respiratory Therapy and I have 9 months left. It has been hard. I work full-time, go to school in person full-time, and have tried to be the best mom I can possibly be for my 5-year-old.

When I walk across the graduation stage, I will be in tears because I never thought this would be something I could make it through. I cannot wait for my son to watch me because he knows how hard I worked. He knows that no matter what age you are, what you're going through, or what your situation is, you can complete and succeed at anything you give your best to.”



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