

I-BEST Success Story

Mike Tackett, a QINTANF recipient was enrolled in Adult Basic Education classes at Grays Harbor College's Whiteside Education Center. After his class visited vocational programs on campus, Mike decided to pursue a welding career. He promptly talked with the welding instructor, Rod McDonald, took the College Placement Test and got on the waitlist.

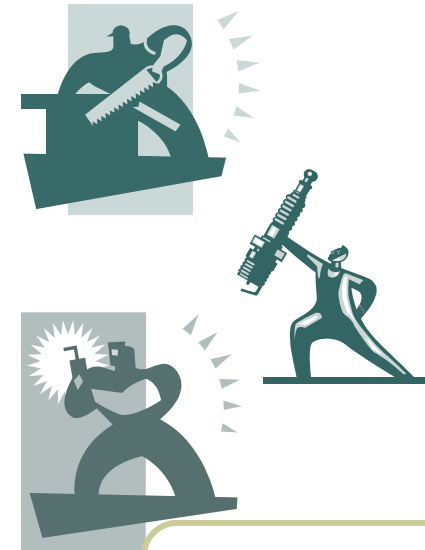
Mike was able to enroll in the welding program before completing his GED. Not wanting to miss an opportunity, Mike jumped on board and participated in I-BEST to help him master the math and writing needed in welding, as well as complete his GED tests. In June of 2010, Mike proudly walked in Grays Harbor College's GED graduation ceremony.

Mike is now in his second year of the welding program and a member of the "A Team," a valued club for students who have earned three consecutive A's in welding classes. Mike has two more quarters of welding and a few general education classes to complete before he is ready to graduate with an Associate in Technology welding degree.



I-BEST Programs

*Integrated Basic Education
and Skills Training*



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Gaining Momentum

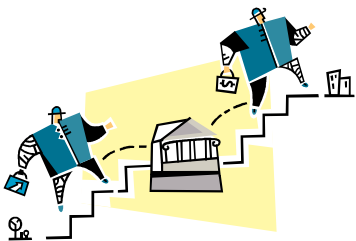


Achievement points are the quantifiers used to gauge student success under the Student Achievement Initiative. For I-BEST these points are calculated by the level gains made in the Basic Skills component, determined by CASAS post-testing.

Automotive, carpentry, and welding I-BEST programs for 2008-2009 school year **earned 133 Achievement points**.

Carpentry, Human Services and welding I-BEST programs for the 2009-2010 school year **earned 176 Achievement points**.

Additional Achievement Points are earned for the first 15 and 30 college level credits earned.



I-BEST Works



Evidence of success in college related programming:

Spring quarter 2009

Students who attended the Basic Skills support class at least 69% of the time, received a grade of "B" or higher in the welding class. Students who attended less than 21% of the time received a "C" or lower in the class.

College Placement Testing

Does a student's participation in I-BEST programs help them to be successful in other areas in college?

Data gathered suggests it does.

Students who retook their CPT after attending I-BEST classes improved their scores as shown in the chart below.

Subject	Avg. Pt. Increase
Arithmetic	27.4
El. Algebra	25.42
College Level Math	21.86

