

# Don't doubt, you can do it

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***"It's never too late to fulfill your dreams and desires in life and to be successful. Don't doubt, you can do it, just try!" ~ Karl Francis-Williams***

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**"Education was a big part of what Mom and Dad had instilled in my brothers and sisters and myself.** Back then, I didn't want an education, I just wanted to play sports. I was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 and it changed my life. After my treatments, I made some goals that I wanted to achieve. I contacted the Bedford Sackville Learning Network and was enrolled in the program. I took classes on my days off (I'm on a rotating schedule of 4 days on and 4 days off with my work). I knew that lots of work, studying and class time was ahead of me. In February 2018, I completed my GED and I now have a high school diploma."

**To celebrate Adult Learners' Week, Literacy Nova Scotia held a celebration at the Halifax Central Library on April 5, 2018,** with media coverage and learners recognized in Province House with the reading of a proclamation. Karl Francis-Williams was one of the speakers.

**"In life, we all at some point cross each other's paths and yesterday was that example.** The example of hoping that we have made a difference in someone else's life. That person who sat there thinking, if they can do it, I can."

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***"It's Literacy Nova Scotia and all the Learning Networks that work together for people like us to be able to achieve an education. When we get our GED/High School or any level of education, it opens so many doors, so many opportunities that we can go after, and not be afraid to move forward."***

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**"I feel that Literacy Nova Scotia helps people realize that they shouldn't be afraid and no matter what their life history is, get up and go for it, make a stand.** Then they should and will be proud of their accomplishment on getting an education. I want to say thank you so much to LNS staff for giving me the opportunity to be recognized by Province House, The Chronicle Herald and Halifax Public Library. I will never forget yesterday because it made my family very proud. I know my Dad and Mom both smiled down on me yesterday and that's why the sun was shining. I have been on cloud nine since yesterday and will be for a while. Thank you so much for giving me that feeling and for all that you have done."

