

National Disability Employment Month Success Stories

Clifton Wheeley

Clifton Wheeley, a Nettleton High School graduate, was referred to ARS in 2013. He was diagnosed with a Learning Disability/ADHD. Upon graduation, Clifton decided to enroll at ASU-Newport to train as a Diesel Mechanic. Clifton indicated to his counselor that he was very determined to overcome the stigma of his learning disability and its being a hindrance of meeting one of his future goals.

In May 2015, Clifton graduated from ASU-Newport as a Diesel Mechanic with a CDL license as well. Counselor Sharon Rowe referred Clifton to job placement. Shortly thereafter, he secured employment. Clifton was hired as a Diesel Mechanic at MHC Ken Worth. The job required him to purchase his own

tools as a Diesel Mechanic, so ARS assisted him in that effort. Clifton was then offered an opportunity at UPS as a Diesel Mechanic with better benefits and higher pay. Clifton is still successfully employed at UPS today.



Wheley (center) is now employed at UPS.