

Castro Valley Adult School Student Beats the Odds, Heads to Columbia University

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Silin Huang was a 4.0 student at San Leandro High School with dreams of going to college. At the start of her Junior year she got sick and was forced to drop out of school. For many, the dream of a college education would have ended right there, but not for Silin. After recovering, she enrolled in the GED program at [Castro Valley Adult and Continuing Education](#) (CVACE), completed two years of coursework in just 11 months, and has been accepted as a student at Columbia University.

Watch as she tells her story in [this video from KTVU-TV](#) in San Francisco, CA.

When this story aired Silin still faced challenges. The cost of a college education being a significant one. Recently, that challenge was met when Silin was selected to receive a [Gates Millennium Scholarship](#). This full-ride scholarship will allow her to attend the college of her choice. "She is most likely off to Columbia soon with a very promising future," said CVAS Director, Susie Passeggi.

"I am extremely grateful that CVACE helped me earn my GED and high school diploma. CVACE offers quality educational programs, the staff is compassionate, and its Launch program was there to assist me with college and scholarship applications. I love CVACE because it gives students a second chance to pursue their education and achieve their career goals," - Silin Huang.

Silin is just one example of the power adult education to bring about student success. Read more of Silan's story at [KTVU.com](#), and read and watch other inspiring success stories at [Adult Education Students Succeed](#).

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