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Graduates tell how Bidwell changed their lives

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like most about it was seeing me with homework, too."

Founded in 1968, Bidwell Training Center provides accredited post-secondary education through 52-week associate degree programs, including business travel counselor, chemical laboratory technicians, culinary arts, pharmacy technicians and medical claims processors, coders and transcriptionists.

The school also provides job placement services to students, and some courses required internships with some of Bidwell's corporate part-

ners. Some of these are IBM, PPG Industries, Heinz USA, Neville Chemical Co., Alcoa, Allegheny General Hospital, UPMC Health System and Bayer Corp.

This year's students included six graduates from the academic/GED program, 20 from the business travel counselor program, 17 from the clinical laboratory technician program, 36

Information Sciences graduates, seven culinary arts graduates, 14 medical claims graduates, 10 coders, 4 transcriptionists, and seven patient information coordinators.



RETURN ENGAGEMENT—Ashley Woodson, 2000 graduate and research assistant at UPMC, tells this year's class they can achieve anything if they stay committed.

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SISTER ACT—Lasha and Gloria Walker both graduated from career programs this year. Lasha studied information sciences, while Gloria studied to become a medical transcriptionist.



30-YEAR PLAN—Raymond Moon, who dropped out of high school in 1971 to take a steel mill job, now says it was great to finally graduate from Bidwell Training Center with his GED.