

Hello, My Name is Hieu Lo and I am a student at GAP School in Saint Paul. I am from Vietnam and I moved to United States in 2023. I originally lived in Alabama, since I was over 21 there was not an opportunity for me to go to school there and continue my education. I really wanted to finish high school and get my diploma.

I had a friend from Vietnam who settled in Minnesota and he told me about the great opportunities at GAP School. So I packed my things and moved to Minnesota. I immediately enrolled in GAP School and joined the construction program. Since I wanted to get my diploma and I was interested in construction it was a perfect fit!

This program has really changed my life. I will soon have my high school diploma, this will enable me to join a union or go to college if I choose that path. I have learned about nearly every area of construction while building a house from the ground up over the past 2 years in GAP School. I am really proud that I was able work on such an amazing project and make the community a better place.

A program like GAP is a really great thing for the state of Minnesota. The program is able to build beautiful homes in the community, where there was empty lots. Students are able to earn their high school diploma and learn construction skills. Many of the students go on to have great careers and high paying jobs. Hopefully after my graduation this spring I can join them and have a great career in the construction industry.