

#ThinkABILITY

GLENN HAWKINS, JR.

Glenn Hawkins Jr., the son of Glenn Hawkins Sr., and Veolia Hawkins has autism. From a very young age, we knew that our son had a talent for art. As a child, he was unable to communicate with his peers, so he appeared to communicate his ideas through drawing. He continues to express his talent through his style of drawings and collages.

Glenn's natural ability and love of art inspired him to take as many art classes as possible while in school and while attending Cuillier Career Center. He was an honor roll student and obtained his diploma from John Ehret High School. At Cuillier, Glenn participated in competitions and earned a Skills USA Louisiana Advertising Design Certificate of Completion and a Jefferson Parish School Cuillier Career Center Certificate for Graphic Arts. He also



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attended the LSU Human Development Center's Post-Secondary Education for All Collaborative (PEAC) program at Delgado Community College. We know it was not easy for him to make the transition from high school to college; however, he accepted the challenge, attended graphic arts classes, and completed the PEAC program with a GPA of 3.87.

His accomplishments have influenced his confidence and self-esteem. He definitely has the drive and determination to keep going. As parents, we see Glenn as an amazing young man.

He is currently working with Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) to become gainfully employed because he wants to make his contribution to society.



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