

I wanted to say thank you so very much. I went through Gulf Coast 32 years ago. Went through the horticulture program with Mrs. Bowen as the instructor and worked off campus with Mrs. Hendricks. This place really shaped who I am today. I'm a long way from where I was then. I'm not saying I was perfect upon completing this program, but it was a really good step in the right direction. I learned a great deal at your school and I am glad the course of my life took me through Gulf Coast. These people that run and work at this school go through a lot and they respect each and every student treat them very respectfully. If you ever need an old student to come speak to the ones going through it I would be more than happy to come speak. You gentleman and ladies are the best. Keep it up! My job takes me past the entrance to the trade center 6 days a week. it brings back a lot of bad memories and feelings of my life at the time, but it also brings the good memories of a time that I spent at Gulf Coast. Thank you very much for having me, and for each of the kids life you change! I wouldn't be where I am today without this experience. The teachers and instructors don't get thanked enough for what they endure. Big time thank you goes out to all who work and volunteer at Gulf Coast!

— Gabriel Virene 1991