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‘Every great journey begins with a single step’ played in a loop in Brice’s mind as he contemplated one of the biggest challenges of his life – going back to school.

“It was overwhelming to me since the last class I attended was 17 years earlier in high school,” he says.

Once a gainfully-employed family man with two brilliant boys, a serious work incident turned Stewart’s life upside down.

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Numerous surgeries and nearly two years of physiotherapy helped Stewart walk again, but the uncertainty of job security still left him feeling stressed.

When he was physically able, he made one of the most important decisions of his life. He contacted Academic and Career Preparation (ACP) at Georgian College’s Owen Sound campus to begin his journey to being accepted into the Power Engineering Technology program at the college.

“I walked into the college with my Grade 12 diploma, but needed the extra credits to get the math and English level I needed to get into the program I wanted,” he explains.

“The instructor was patient with me since the skills I had at that time were rusty and tired. After completing the upgrading and college placement testing, I was ready to take on the Power Engineering Technology program.”

Stewart joined the program and his commitment paid off. He made the Dean’s list in his second and fifth semesters and is well on his way to graduating and a new career.



“I strongly recommend pursuing any goals or dreams people have, no matter how long they have been out of school.

I can't thank Georgian enough.”

