

# High School diploma a click away for Hammond teen

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On June 1, Hammond teen Linnea Ramberg proudly donned her cap and gown to accept her high school diploma during Insight School of Wisconsin's commencement ceremony at UW-Stevens Point.

Ramberg's achievement was from a road far less traveled. She is one of 3,000 students from around the state who attend an online school, preferring to take classes from home with a computer, versus sitting in a brick and mortar school.

According to Ramberg, the best part of going to an online school is the fact that you can stay home and still receive a great education.

"If I had attended a traditional public school, I would have missed a lot of classes because I was sick for a good portion of my high school years."

"I know I'm on par academically with the rest of my peers," said Ramberg, who was previously homeschooled before coming to Insight. "I felt like I was learning more because I had to take tests, turn in papers and talk with teachers."

The concept is fairly simple, according to Insight, "online learning is student-driven, not teacher-driven."

"Some kids just don't fit into a traditional school setting," said Jeff Bush, Executive Director of Insight School of Wisconsin. "Giving kids an opportunity to work at their own time, place and pace greatly increases their ability to succeed academically."

Nationwide, 30 percent of kids drop out of high school. Many leave high school to earn money for the family, care for a family member or become a parent. Sometimes those challenges can be tough to overcome, but personal relationships can push a student toward success.

Ramberg credits Bill Beesley, Insight School principal, for pushing her and motivating her to do her best.

"He'd call to check in with me. I was stressed over school and so I forgot about joining the National Honor Society. He encouraged me to fill out the application, reminding me it's an honor."

Next fall, Ramberg plans to attend UW Green Bay and wants to major in Psychology, then possibly go into alternative medicine. She credits Insight Schools for preparing her for the adult world.

"I learned discipline," said Ramberg. "And I also know a lot about technology, which I'll be able to use wherever I go."

Bush couldn't agree more.

"Linnea's developed great life skills through online learning—technical-savvy, time management, communication and personal responsibility," said Bush. "We wish her the best as she sets off on a new path."

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