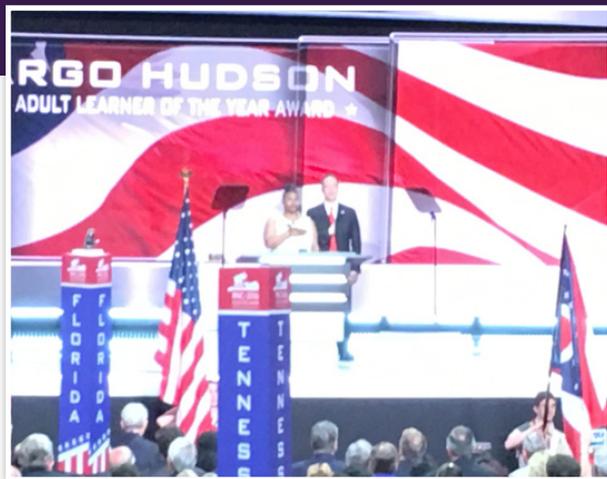


Margo Hudson leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland 2016.



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*Margo reached her goals
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5 Tips for Success

It isn't EASY. But it IS possible.

5. FINISH ONE GOAL. ...THEN REACH FOR ANOTHER!

You can learn to do **anything**.

After I got my GED®,
I didn't stop learning.

I read more. I learned to knit.
I took music lessons, and now
practice every day on my keyboard.

Your world is limitless. Keep going.



1. TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

Everyone starts somewhere.

Tell yourself that everyone who has succeeded took that first step.

You can, too.

You are never too old. Remember that what you put into it is what you'll get out of it.

You'll be surprised by what you can accomplish!

2. START BELIEVING IN YOURSELF.

You CAN do it.

Find inspirational quotes online.
Have them sent to your phone daily.
I like to read self help books and positive messages.

Read about how other people got their lives together. If they did it, you can do it, too.

There IS light at the end of the tunnel — even if you don't see it.

Have faith! It's not easy, but it is possible.

FAVORITE BOOKS INCLUDE:

- *Manifest Your Destiny*, Wayne Dyer
- *You Can Heal Your Life*, Louise Hay
- *See You at the Top*, Zig Ziglar
- *The Power of I Am*, Joel Olsteen
- *Outliers*, Malcolm Gladwell
- *The Slight Edge*, Jeff Olsteen
- *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho
- *Think Better, Live Better*, Joel Olsteen

...And fiction by Debbie Macomber.

3. STUDY ALL THE TIME.

I studied all the time.

On my lunchbreak, on my 15-minute break, while I was waiting on my ride.
On the bus, on vacation, on my day off.
Waiting in the doctor's office. Waiting for the laundry to finish.

Study every chance you get.
Get up earlier. Study 5 minutes before bed.
Make it part of your daily routine.

Every little bit helps — you'll be surprised at how far you will go.

Practice doesn't make you perfect, but it does make you better!

One success leads to another.

4. WANT IT.

Do you WANT a better life?

I did. I wanted a better life. Now I have one. I didn't give up. I wanted it too much.

You've got to want it. You've got to do it.
It's hard work. No one can do it for you.