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“Right after New Year’s come New Year’s resolutions! Lose weight, exercise more, ask for a raise, read more books. Blah blah blah. They’ll all duck back into their holes by Groundhog Day (appropriately, of course).

Fortunately, another perennial resolution – I gotta go back to college and finish my degree – has a much better chance than most, thanks to an innovative initiative in Philadelphia called, simply, Graduate! Philadelphia. The two year old program, a collaborative effort of almost 20 colleges and universities in the region, helps adult students figure out where and how to come back to college and finish what they started.

Even in two years, almost 1,000 Philadelphians have worked with Graduate! to get on the comeback trail, and it’s paying huge dividends all around. Over a lifetime of work, college graduates make \$1 million more than high school graduates.

For more information, visit the Graduate! Philadelphia website and make this one New Year’s resolution to keep.

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