In a recent conversation with a student named Kelly Davison, who was the recipient of a Complete Florida scholarship, she shared her story of second-chance college. Davison, who is 50 years old, graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. She left school in 1985 and received her AA degree but never completed her bachelor's degree. Now, after 34 years later, she is back in college, working full time and raising two other children. Davison said, "I've done it! I have finished six semesters at the University of West Florida, and I will graduate May 3 from the College of Hospitality and Tourism."

"It does take some time to develop," said Kendall St. Hilaire, the assistant dean of the Virtual Campus Office at IRSC. "However, it is feedback from students who use these resources instead of traditional textbooks that shows the success of OER. The Virtual Campus Office is currently conducting a survey to collect feedback from students through Blackboard. Departments ranging from philosophy and theater to public administration use it. The criminal justice department offers an online A.S. degree in which all courses utilize OER. St. Hilaire said the project started about a year and a half ago, and she has been working with people from various departments to increase the use of Open Educational Resources (OER)."