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Students graduate from Adult Education Program

Charles County Public Schools held its 30th annual Adult Education Program graduation on Thursday, Oct. 22, at Westlake High School. There were 246 student graduates and the following students attended the ceremony:

Diplomas were presented to the following General Educational Development (GED) program students: John F. Biscoe, Sr., Edward Daily, III, Gregory Dyess, Elmarie N. Ford, Jennifer Fox, Brian A. Gantt, Elisabeth Gilt, Kristina Gozzi, Candice Grinder, Kevin Hairston, Kali M. Haney, Joseph N. Hobbs, Kelly Hutchinson, Erica Kitt, Darlla Lakner, Hollie Matthews, Kimberly Pitts, Malcolm Redmond, Thomas Ripley, Robert Simms, Lucinda I. Smith, Valerie Tolson, Stephen Trotter-White and Orland A. VanBavel, Jr.

Diplomas were presented to the following External Diploma Program students: Melanie F. Anderson, George M. Bowie, Jr., Michelle Renee Bowles, Patricia Ann Briscoe, Damien Irvin Brown, Stanley Clarke, Yoko Corbin, Demetria Marie Dee, John Donnell Dee, Anna Marie DeGennaro, Aisha Nicole Dias, Myrtle A. Dorais, Shauquetta Renee Dotson, Tarsha Monique Douglas, Tonya Lynn Drinks, Derrick Wade Fleet, Matthew Reginald Fowler, Jr., Jaron A. Gray, Larry Darnell Hastings, Anthony Jerome Jackson, Darnette A. Jarrett, Todd L. Johnson, Samuel S. Jones III, Gail Nora Koznowsky, Shaneeka Marshall, Pamela L. Mims, Aziza A. Mitchell, Bryanna Maribel Moreno, Angela Dawn Morgan, James Thomas Pankake, Towanda Y. Perry, Hazel M. Petticoles, Kenneth W. Presgrave, Hillary Jean Quade, Teresa Ann Randolph, Frances Margaret Redman, William Matthew Ridgell, James Allen Russell, Lacey Santora, Kelly Leigh Sebrell, Billy Lee Shamburg, Alice B. Thomas, Justin Ray Totten, Tresa Dorlena Walker-Santos, Hilda Mae Whalen, Frances Elizibith Wong, James Francis Wood, Jr., Joyce Elaine Young and James Andrew Zalovick.

Kristina Gozzi, GED graduate, and Stanley Clarke, External Diploma graduate, were the graduate speakers for the ceremony. Deputy Superintendent of Schools Ronald G. Cunningham, members of the Board of Education, as well as other CCPS administrators and members of the Charles County Commissioners, presented diplomas to students.

The General Educational Development (GED) program offers adult basic education classes, English as a second language classes, GED preparation classes and a Maryland high school diploma through GED testing.

The External Diploma Program (EDP) is for adults 18 and older who have acquired high school level skills through life experiences. These adults can earn a Maryland high school diploma through work done at home and through evaluation appointments.

During the 2008-09 school year, 1,458 students participated in the adult education program by taking GED, English as a second language, English Language Civics, U.S. Citizenship and family literacy classes, or by participating in the External Diploma Program classes. The program is supported by local funding, grant funds from Maryland Literacy Works and the U.S. Department of Education.

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