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## **FLORIDA EDUCATION LEADER HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

**DIANE VACCARI PRESENTED WITH 2022 GED ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
YEAR AWARD**



ATLANTA — GED Testing Service presented Diane Vaccari with the 2022 GED Administrator of the Year award during the GED Testing Service Annual Conference, held July 13 through July 15 in Atlanta. This award recognizes GED administrators that have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the advancement of the GED test program in their jurisdiction.

Diane Vaccari is the GED Administrator for Florida through the Florida Department of Education. Vaccari is a passionate advocate for Florida’s learners and has been an integral part of the success of the state’s GED test program since 2010. Florida faced many challenges when Vaccari came to the high school equivalency office twelve years ago. Scoring and production of all original and duplicate transcripts and diplomas took place in-house, and there

was a backlog of 8-10 weeks for test results for learners. Through staff management and process improvements, Vaccari significantly reduced the timeline for paper-based testing.

During the launch and implementation of computer-based testing in 2014, Vaccari used her technical and project management skills and her teaching background to transition to the new testing format across the state successfully. Vaccari will be retiring next year after 35 years of service to education in Florida.

“Diane has been a constant and steady voice, an invaluable partner for the GED test program, and a resource for her peers,” said CT Turner, Vice President of GED Testing Service. “She has been a champion for many enhancements to the GED program nationally and has worked with our team side by side to untangle and resolve several complex issues within the state across the system—even through a pandemic.”

“Diane advocated for changes during her service as part of the Administrator’s work group and contributed to many improvements in the testing program over the years,” said Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor for the Florida Department of Education’s Division of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. “I am so happy that the overall GED testing community recognizes her contributions and is celebrating them with this award.”

Each year GED Testing Service recognizes GED graduates and state GED Administrators for outstanding achievement at its annual conference. The GED Administrator of the Year award recognizes administrators that have helped support GED test-takers through contributions related to expanded testing opportunities, increased testing volume, innovative outreach and marketing initiatives, and innovative training and monitoring practices.

More information about the GED test program is [available here](#).

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### **About GED Testing Service**

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.