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NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF GED GRADUATES ON MAY 16 VIRTUAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE GRADUATES, THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS

WASHINGTON, DC — GED preparation and test programs across the country will participate in a national celebration of GED graduates on May 16. This virtual event celebrates GED graduates and all of their personal and professional accomplishments, while motivating others to pursue a GED credential.

Current GED graduates, family members, friends, teachers, employers, policymakers and aspiring graduates are encouraged to join the celebration by using the hashtag #GEDGradDay. GED Testing Service will be sharing some of the best pictures, advice and stories from the GED community on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram on May 16.

This year participants are asked to share a picture with the [“Time to Start” poster](#) using the hashtag #GEDGradDay. What is filled in the blank should be meaningful to each participant. This can include personal, academic and career goals that are possible as a GED graduate or a message encouraging graduates to take the next step in their journey. Participants are asked to tag the GED Facebook page in the post by typing the “@” symbol within your Facebook post and then type: [GED Testing Service – Home of the GED Program](#).

“GED Grad Day is a day to celebrate the hard-fought accomplishments of adult learners who have earned a GED diploma recently, but also the accomplishments of 21 million GED graduates who have come before them,” said CT Turner, spokesperson for GED Testing Service. “It is also an opportunity to showcase how much GED grads contribute to our country, and encourage adults without a diploma to take that first step towards a better future. GED graduates have been presidential candidates, governors, space pioneers, lawmakers, doctors, lawyers, teachers and contribute in most every sector of our economy and lives.”

GED graduates are in a strong position to compete with traditional high school graduates, especially after earning a certificate or degree in addition to a GED credential. Recent research shows that 45% of GED grads enrolled in a college certificate or degree program within three years and 35% do so within one year of earning a GED credential. 90% of these GED graduates are also re-enrolling in these programs from one semester to the next.

Famous GED graduates include Wendy's founder Dave Thomas, former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, astronaut and pilot Story Musgrave, rapper Eminem, NASCAR driver Danica Patrick and comedian Chris Rock. GED graduate success stories are available [here](#) and profiles on some of our GEDWorks program graduates are available [here](#).

Visit this [webpage](#) for more details about this year's GED Grad Day celebration including links to the downloadable poster and sample social media posts.

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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.