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NATIONAL GED® GRAD DAY TAKES PLACE ON MAY 18 **VIRTUAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE GED GRADS, INSPIRE ADULT LEARNERS** **AND RAISE MONEY FOR LITERACY CHARITY**

WASHINGTON, DC — GED Testing Service is encouraging everyone to take part in [#GEDGradDay](#) on May 18. This is the second year for this virtual event that celebrates GED graduates and their personal and professional accomplishments. The event also helps motivate adults to take that first step and pursue their GED credential. Donations will be made to a national literacy charity for each use of the #GEDGradDay hashtag during the event.

Current GED graduates, family members, friends, teachers, employers and aspiring graduates are being asked to join the celebration. On May 18 we ask that you post a selfie to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram “tipping” your hat to GED grads and use the hashtag #GEDGradDay in your post.

This year’s celebration will be the culmination of *Spirit Week*, a week of themed days to further acknowledge the journey of GED test-takers and graduates. During [Spirit Week](#), May 15– 17, GED Testing Service will be sharing some of the best pictures, videos, advice and stories from the GED community on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. *Spirit Week* is built around the popular hashtags #MondayMotivation, #TransformationTuesday and #WednesdayWisdom leading up to the big event #GEDGradDay—on Thursday, May 18.

“Beyond celebrating accomplishments, the event also raises visibility of the many obstacles and challenges GED grads have overcome to get where they are,” said CT Turner, spokesperson for GED Testing Service. “These stories give encouragement to others who may be thinking about taking that first—and sometimes scary—step toward earning a GED credential and opening pathways to better jobs and wages. Nothing is quite as empowering as seeing someone who looks like you, or has been in a situation like yours and has persisted to achieve something great.”

Each time #GEDGradDay is used on social media on May 18, GED Testing Service will make a \$1 donation to the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL). NCFL advances literacy and education by developing, implementing, and documenting innovative and promising two-generation practices, networks and learning tools.

Research shows that earning a GED credential gives graduates access to new jobs, better wages, more job security, and it better prepares them for college and career training programs.

Over 41 percent of GED graduates [enroll in a college program](#) within two years of earning their GED credential and 93 percent of graduates since 2014 continue to re-enroll in college programs from semester to semester.

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

Visit this [webpage](#) for more information on this year's GED Grad Day and Spirit Week celebration.

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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.