

GED[®] Graduation



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“

When you
leave here,
don't forget
why you
came.

”

- Adlai E. Stevenson

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

D. Glen Cannon, Ed.D., CPA

Dear GED® Graduates,

I want to congratulate you on this great accomplishment. I know for many of you, this achievement involved great personal and family sacrifice, but you made a commitment to reaching this milestone, and you did it! Passing your GED® exams and receiving your GED® credential will now open up new doors for you both personally and professionally.

I encourage you to open the doors of furthering your education as soon as possible. Do not lose the momentum you have now. It would be my honor if you choose to open the door to continue your education with Gwinnett Tech. We have over 50 programs that lead to great careers. We are proud to have served a part in your GED® success and would appreciate assisting you in the next level of your educational journey. I wish you all the best and look forward to hopefully seeing you in person on one of the GTC campuses soon.

Again...congratulations! Well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Glen Cannon".

D. Glen Cannon, Ed.D., CPA
President



Brian P. Kemp
Governor

Gregory C. Dozier
Commissioner

November 16, 2020

Congratulations 2020 Gwinnett Technical College GED graduates!

I am thrilled to send this letter to you as a small token to celebrate your accomplishment. The step that you have taken is significant.

Obtaining a high school equivalency will allow you to pursue post-secondary options and to obtain additional wages. In Georgia, we have had GED graduates become small business owners, move into leadership positions in local and state government, and earn doctorate degrees! The sky is truly the limit.

Although this year brings challenges, I hope that you know that your persistence in obtaining your GED will continue to serve you well in all aspects of your life. Remain committed to becoming the very best version of yourself.

I am proud of you and wish you many years of continued success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cayanna Good".

Cayanna Good, Ph.D.
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Technical College System of Georgia
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Adult Education

Dear Graduates,

I am so glad that I get to write this message to you. This is what I would have said if we were in person!

This is a momentous occasion. I use the word “momentous,” which means “of the utmost importance or outstanding significance,” because it describes the countless individual achievements, the struggles, and the challenges that are the fabric of every GED. For some, this is the end of a journey that required you to overcome many challenges. You worked full-time, supported a family financially, emotionally or both. Some raised children! Commitment also describes what you have accomplished. It recognizes weeks, months, and maybe years of difficult assignments and tests, not to mention countless nights staying up late to study. But now, your GED is behind you! I applaud your strength and your tenacity.

Your efforts will pay dividends. Today, there is a much greater correlation between education and employability than there ever has been before. The odds of living in poverty are much higher--over 20% higher---if you did not graduate from high school or receive a GED. It doesn't stop there. 60% of jobs in Georgia require some level of post-secondary education – a certificate, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree. As GED graduates, you have completed the first crucial step toward realizing your career goals, but more important, getting your GED says that you are now ready to begin achieving your life's purpose.

Good luck, good fortune, and my very best wishes for your personal success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Rooks", is written over a white background.

Stephanie L. Rooks

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December 4, 2020

To the Class of 2020 Gwinnett Tech Adult Ed Graduates:

CONGRATULATIONS on completing the requirements for graduation from the Adult Education Program at Gwinnett Technical College. For many of you, choosing to pursue this educational opportunity required not only commitment - but also level of personal sacrifice that will serve you well in your future career endeavors.

Georgia United Credit Union, whom I represent, is the largest not-for-profit educators' credit union in Georgia and we share your commitment to education. It is also my honor today to offer you congratulations on behalf of the Adult Education Division Advisory Committee. Our group of dedicated business and community leaders has been collaborating with your instructors and administrators to support the ongoing success of Adult Education students, such as yourselves.

As you celebrate, we know you realize you have not been alone in your journey, as you consider the combined support from Gwinnett Tech, the Advisory Committee, and the shared support of your families, friends, and loved ones.

As you have felt the inspiration and encouragement of others, we challenge you to do the same for those who come after you. Carry the torch of Gwinnett Technical College with you wherever you go and seek to pay it forward in whatever way you can. As you continue to pursue your professional aspirations, always remember ***"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the COURAGE to continue that counts!"***

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leigh A Gant'.

Leigh Gant

Chair, Adult Education Division Advisory Committee

Business Development Officer, Georgia United Credit Union

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2020 GED Graduates

GED® College Ready + Credit (175 – 200)

Scoring above 175 (on any test subject) means you have demonstrated skills that could qualify for up to 10 college credit hours.

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GED® College Ready (165 – 174)

Scoring above 165 (on any test subject) means you have demonstrated you are ready to take college level courses and you may qualify for waivers from placement testing or developmental education requirements if you enroll in college.

Duke Apaw Afranie
Khalil D-L Barnett
Kaylee Chen
Vanessa Fuentes-Cisneros
Autumn Elise Dixon
Robert Campbell Flake
Sarah Lee
Jasmine C Melton

Bailey Schaub
Izaak Solomon Shultz
Lisabette Smith
Maria Clarish Nala Tatum
Kitzia Trejo
Lakedra Usher
Deirdra Toni Elizabeth Wardlow
Nicole Edith Yanez-Salazar

GED® Passing Score (145-164)

The GED® test has a passing score of 145 for each test subject. To earn your high school equivalency, you'll need to score 145 or higher on all four subjects.

Ted Adams
Olufunsho Adewoye
Atsu Emmanuel Akligo
Oluwabusayomi Victoria Alayo
Monaya Albdour
Maria F. Alejo
Keiko Estefania Andrade
Sarah Angi
Efrain Ezequiel Ayala
Natosha Lynette Banks-Nolley
Christian Beasley
Karrylle Biong Black
Bilal Rashaad Boyd
Cheyenne Buehl
Kayden Colleen Burney
Dalila M. Cabrera-Gamez
Maria Lourdes Camacho
Fernando Carrera-Fernandez
Leatrice Antwanette Chambers
Claudia Nayely Chavez Acosta
Yung Fuar Chin
Drake Anthony Chumbley
Connie Jean Claytor
Nicole Yvonne Coody
Angela Letrevious Cooper
Claudia Crawford
Caitlin Olivia Crews
Bradly Thomas Crowe
Dennis Cruz
Erik Cruz
Chenel Rene Cummings
Grant Alexander Cunningham
Tonya R. Davids
Terrone Lamar Davis
Mario Alexis Galvan Delgado
Evelin Ymelda Andrade Vda De Rivera
Beatrice Dixon
Irene Olufunke Disu
Victoria O. Djan
Virginia Leal Dobbs
Marcela Juliana Echeverry

Valeria Sofia Echeverry
Christopher Allen Fee
Jack Ficco
Lidia Flores
Ayanna Foreman
Brandon Wesley Fox
Harry Blake Fryman
Chelsea Michelle Garcia
Bietiel Eyob Geday
Camille Olivia Grant Drake
Carson James Greene
Desean Gregory - Reece
Jordan O'Shana Griffith
Derrick Griffin
Holly Marie Grissett
Donte Elijah Guilloux
Micha Ha
Shelby Ryan Hagins
Beck Palmer Hall
Robert Joel Hammond
Luis Enrique Hernandez
Erick Joshua Hernandez Pineda
Jarrod De'vante Hicks
Theonesia Hill
Breanne Kerrysah Blessing Holder
Franklin Rhett Hudson
Juana Alicia Huerta-Saldivar
Norris Hulsey
Torrance Oliver Hurtault
Hiba Iqbal
Paola Jaramillo-Alvarado
Antonio Jarrett
Maria Guadalupe Jasso
Blanca Estela Jimenez-Feliciano
Patricia Helen Jimenez Villela
Morgan Skyler Johnson
William Jones
Derek Edvin Jorgensen
Amer Jusufbasic
Chase Keener
Aasiya Khan

Hazira Xhaibriely Kirkhart
Erika Beth Kizito
Elif Ezgi Kocak
Hyerin Lee
Keshawn Lee
Ryan Locke
Angel Luis Lopez
Matthew Alexander Loreda
Crisdeion Lozon
Hunter Mallard
Rahim Manjiyani
Liliana Ramona Martinez
Roraima Sherezade Martinez
Alexia Lauren Mcgee
Tameka Renee Mckinnon
Rukaiya Memon
Ana Maria Mendoza-Limatuj
Valeria Reina Miki
Peter Milner
Kevin Leeroy Morales
Lisett Morales
Arturo Enrique Moreno
Calvin Tanner Murphy
Zja-Quasia Dovianna Murray
Vanessa Navarro
Bryan Carl Nichols
Eddie Nixon Jr.
Luis Nunez
Nusi Dorcas Nyarko
Nkiru Tochi Odocha
Madeleine Ohlandt
Shendel Alejandra Olivo-Garcia
Adeola Olukoya
Alexis Terrell Orange
Oscar Eduardo Orozco
Paula V. Orta Reyna
Jacob Louis Overman
Kaylean Michele Peppers
Ericka Brooke Perez
Jean-Pierre Putu
Angel Noe Quezada
Robert Joseph Ramzanali
Shanice Marie Ransby
Jonathan E Reyes
Jakylan Dewan Richmond

Keila Ross
Josephine Lea Ruiz
Jack Oliver Rusnak
Tiara Sadler
Madelyne Sandoval
Josue Tavira Segundo
Joshua Scott
Liam Rutger Sharp
Ivan Shcherbin
Tyler Moss Sherman
Lavern Sherwood
Marqulus Marqwuan Shumpert
David Samuel Simanovsky
Bayleigh Elizabeth Skaggs
Jennifer Smith
Jvon Raequn Lee Smith
Mariah Smith
Dominique Sobers-Didier
Elizabeth Solis Munoz
Kendrick Solorio
Zachary Owen Spence
Sean Xinmin Statton
Eric Mark Sweet
Sulem Sarai Taboada
Mya J. Taylor
Jorge Enrique Tequia
William Noah Tovey
Dylan Tucker
Michael Lashawn Turnage
Bridjette Staci Turner
Karena Vang
Philip J. Walker
Huanhuan Wang
Anthony Peter Watkinson
Alejandra Wernecke
Phoebe Hope Wexel
Gloria Jean Whitehead
Trey Williams
Richard Tanner Wills
Alexis Celestine Wilson
Samuel A. Workeneh
Kelzey Francis Wright
Cynthia Katie Zavala

To all of our graduates,

Congratulations on your accomplishment of earning your high school credential! Your path to your educational goal is unique to you, but as a group you have all reached a significant milestone. Your future is brighter with unlimited possibilities and we hope that you take the time while our lives have slowed down to explore your options going forward.

Along with all of the other graduates across the county, you are unfortunately still unable to participate in a traditional graduation ceremony. While this is unfortunate, it is not a reason to pass on a celebration. Please find a way to acknowledge all of the hard work that has brought you to this day. **It's a big day and you deserve a big moment!**

The entire GED® testing staff wishes you all of the best as you move on to your next adventure.

- *Cathy Ensing, Director of Adult Education*

Congratulations! All your hard work and accomplishments have brought you to this day of celebration.

Happy Graduation Day!

- *Glenda Brown
Administrative Assistant*

*Congratulations to the
Class of 2020! You've earned
your diploma.*

The sky is the limit!

- *Angela Giles, Instructor*

Your hard work pays.
Keep going.
Be patient
and pursue a higher
education.

Congratulations!

- *Man Yeung, Instructor*

Congratulations to all the wonderful graduates! This is not the end of the road... it is a new beginning. Good luck in your future endeavors.

- Erika Lele, Instructor

Congratulations on this accomplishment and glide with confidence towards your life's goals. It took hard work, dedication and focus to secure this achievement. Relish in every minute of this celebration! Job well done and best wishes to ALL in your future endeavors!

- Andrea Fairclough
Administrative Assistant

Congratulations graduates on your awesome achievement! Your hard work and perseverance have paid off! I'm so proud and happy for you all.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Kathy Martin, Instructor

Congratulations graduates!

There may have been many reasons and roads that led to you obtaining your GED®. You should be very proud of yourself for passing your GED®. Education is something that no one can ever take away from you. Now that you have this goal behind you, please think about furthering your education. It doesn't matter if it is a trade school, a certificate, a diploma, a 2-year degree, a 4-year degree or more. Best wishes in whatever your future plans might be.

- Joyce Durdin, Program Assistant

Congratulations Class of 2020!

You completed what you set out to do. You did it!!! It took a lot of hard work to accomplish this goal. So, feel proud of yourself for what you've accomplished.

As you consider what's next after the GED®, just remember that you have an active and constant role in your learning. It may not always seem like it, but you're in control!

Best wishes as you move another step towards your goals!

- *Ayesha Jenkins, Instructor*

Bailey,

Go confidently in
the direction of
your dreams.
Live the life you
have imagined.

~*Henry David Thoreau*

Congratulations!

*Mrs. Lisa Gilpin
& Mr. Freeman Davis*

Congratulations on
your graduation and
best wishes for your
next adventure!

- *Rena Thompson,
Coordinator of
Curriculum & Instruction*

"Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try." ~ John F. Kennedy

Your decision and hard work has led you to this amazing accomplishment of obtaining your GED®. Continue forward and try, you'll be amazed at what opportunities lie ahead for you.

Congratulations!!!

- Sangita Patel, Lead Instructor



"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

I am very proud of you. Keep going! Whatever you do don't ever give up. I know you can do it. And if there's anything else I can do for you or you need my help in anyway please come back and I will do whatever I can.

- Jen DiPronio, GED Test Administrator

As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. Today and always...
Congratulations and Happy Graduation.

Ana Kleyner, Administrative Assistant

Students,

Congratulations! It has been an honor to work with you. You have been strong, kept at it, and accomplished a great achievement. My best wishes to you as you move forward.

Well Done!

Most Respectfully,
Mr. Allred
Instructor

Congratulations on getting your GED®! This is a very special accomplishment not only in academics, but in setting goals, managing time, and making sacrifices. GED® students know how to climb the mountain, and I hope your view is amazing!

- Wynona Kuehl, Instructor

Congratulations! You did it!

Graduation is not the end; it is the beginning.

Yes, celebrate your success at this point in your journey! However, continue on to reach your highest goals, dreams, and aspirations!

So congrats for now and your future success!

You have made us GTC Proud!

- Yolonda Davis, Instructor

Congratulations on your accomplishment. Many people talk about what they want to achieve; you accomplished what you wanted to achieve. Thank you for letting Gwinnett Technical College be part of your journey.

- Tony Notarides, ESL Coordinator



“The most rewarding things in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done.”

- Arnold Palmer

Chase,

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!

Good luck!

Mrs. Lisa Gilpin & Freeman Davis

Congratulations on your well-deserved success!

- Charlene Jackson
Lead Test Administrator

Congratulations graduates! Do not ever give up on your dream. Whatever you really want to achieve, to possess, to conquer, to discover, or to enjoy - go for it, and inspire others along the way!

- Maxine Clay, ESL Lead Instructor

Obtaining your GED is a big step in the right direction. Continue to pursue your dreams.

My advice to you is to

Go Boldly in the Direction of Your Dreams and always remember to reach back and help others do likewise.

Dr. Armada Pinkins

I am beyond amazed at your resilience and devotion. I feel privileged to have met some of you and I want to congratulate all of you for all your hard work and dedication in completing your GED.

Congratulations again!

- Elia Lawrence, Administrative Assistant



"In response to those who say to stop dreaming and face reality, I say keep dreaming and make reality."

- Kristian Kan

Kendrick,

Anything is possible –
all you have to do is
believe in yourself.
Wishing you all the
best in what lies ahead
and good luck.

Congratulations on
reaching this milestone.

- Mrs. Lisa Gilpin
& Freeman Davis

Congratulations!

You stuck it out! You have
overcome my constant emails
and appointments to take the
TABE Test. You have overcome
every challenge presented to
you in the classroom.

You have made an
accomplishment in gaining your
GED®. Continue to be persistent
and go after your goals!

- Leshawn Sanchez, Data Manager
TABE Coordinator

Congratulations on your
outstanding achievement!
Looking back, it was all
worth it. Wishing you
the best in the wonderful
career you have chosen.

- North Fulton Administrative Staff

It was pleasure to meet you
all as you came through our
doors to take your GED®
exams. I know this is a
monumental time in your
lives, and I want to wish you
all the best for a very bright
future as you
embark on many new and
exciting adventures.
Best of luck to you and...
CONGRATULATIONS!!

- Deborah Begy, GED Test Administrator

Despite whatever challenges you may have faced before today to get to this point you conquered them all. Now set yourself a greater, higher goal and conquer that too! Never doubt you are capable of reaching your wildest dreams. Everything you needed to succeed was already in you. Continue to believe in yourselves as much as we have believed in you. Congratulations!

- Nichelle Henry, Assistant to the VP



***“What lies behind us and what lies before us
are small matters compared to what lies within us.”***

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations on your great accomplishments. We wish you luck in all your future endeavors and congratulate you on your great success!!

- Nataly Womack, GED® Assistant
Lead Instructor

Today is only the first of many amazing moments and I know life has many more in store for you. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication towards completing your GED! We wish you well. :-)

- Michael O'Neal III
IET Coordinator

Graduates,

Congratulations on your very worthwhile achievement. It took hard work and dedication, but you did it!!

- Zig Fortunka, GED Test Administrator



"It is absolutely still possible to make a difference."

- Michelle Obama

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning; it's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

Wishing you all the best!

- The Administrative Team

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**“The only impossible
journey is the one you
never begin.”**

– Anthony Robbins

Congratulations, Graduates!

