



Metro North

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Streaming at

www.metronorthabe.org

and on Facebook.

Welcome

Theresa Zingery, Community Education Manager

Messages of Congratulations

Graduate recognition

Kathleen Moriarty, Southern Cluster Supervisor

Closing remarks

Theresa Zingery, Community Education Manager

Recessional

While Metro North ABE hopes to hold an in-person graduation ceremony sometime in the next year, given the uncertainty of future state health guidelines and direction from the Minnesota Departments of Education (MDE) and Health (MDH), and the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC), it would only be held if it were deemed safe to do so and following health and safety guidelines.

Especially during these challenging times, it's important to take the time to celebrate the joys and successes in life. Metro North Adult Basic Education (ABE) is excited to honor graduates with a virtual graduation celebration. Thank you for joining us.

Class of 2020

Metro North ABE is proud to celebrate more than 60 graduates this year. The following graduates are able to celebrate with us today.

Cherokee Anderson

Tammy Beitz

Cheyenne Bielefeld

Diana Cruz Martinez

Ciera Davidson

My Doan

Sobhi Elgharabawi

Joshua Fredrickson

Taylor Garcia

Ashley Ginter

Monieka Hernandez

Adriana Huerta

Eric Kreager

John Massey

Matthew Meyer

Rose Miller

Ceara Rhines

Kassandra Shaw

Mackenzie Sutton

Nina Swanson

Carolyn Taylor-Johnson

Taylor Ulstad

Carlos Urrutia

Marya Vlasjuk

Alana Wachsmuth

Nichole Wade

Special thanks to

Families, friends, staff and volunteers who have supported the graduates in their journey.

This graduation ceremony will be streamed live by

QCTV Community Television.

Video is available to order at www.qctv.org.

Graduates share their thoughts on their accomplishments

"Being able to have access to online classes helped me accomplish my diploma. Between working full time and being a parent full time, I didn't have the time to sit in a classroom for hours everyday. And when I would get stuck on something, I always had success with my teacher Pam, she really went all out on helping me achieve my goal of finishing my diploma by the end of April. THANK YOU, PAM!!!"

Ceara Rhines - Metro North ABE - Elk River

"Time is worth more than gold, use it wisely. Thanks Ms. Leah, she is the best teacher ever!"

Carlos Urrutia - Metro North ABE - Elk River

"Graduating to me is accomplishing the biggest goal, I needed to do it for myself and my two sons. I would like to thank my fiance's mom, my family, and my teachers for supporting me and pushing me through to the end. Everyone in the same position working to [help] graduates keep on going - it feels so good when you pass that last test!"

Taylor Ulstad - Blaine Learning Lab

"I want to thank all my teachers for helping me to accomplish my goal. Now I believe that I can do anything that I wanted to do. Thank you."

When you come to a place with a vision in mind, you know that if you want to achieve your goal you have to put everything into it. It is not easy, but that is what makes it worth it when you get it. You have to work hard to get where you want to be. I did it! I still can't believe it. I knew I could do it, but I did not know that it could be done in a short time. Thank you to all my teachers and volunteers that helped me to accomplish this goal. It is one step up and I will continue until my dream comes true."

Diana Cruz Martinez - Blaine Learning Lab

"I'm so thankful for this program and for my teachers. They were all so kind and helped me a lot, always encouraging me to continue and finish my GED. I made new friends here and learned from them, too. Best decision I could have made. Thank you!"

Adriana Huerta - Blaine Learning Lab

"Graduation means a lot to me, I'm so satisfied when I got my GED certificate because I and my teacher worked hard on it, I want to say thank you to all the teachers and volunteers at Metro North ABE, they are so patient and helpful to all the students. Thank you."

My Doan - Blaine Learning Lab

"This program was very helpful in helping me finish school. All the teachers are very good at what they do. I couldn't have done it without them. Thank you."

Taylor Garcia - Blaine Learning Lab

"I am officially a GED graduate thanks to all your help! I couldn't be more grateful."

Cheyenne Bielefeld - Blaine Learning Lab

"Thanks for everything you guys have done for me! You are amazing."

Cierra Davidson - Blaine Learning Lab

"This program was fantastic! The teachers were amazing and very supportive. They made this whole process of getting my GED much less scary."

Tammy Beitz - Blaine Learning Lab

"I would like to thank everyone who has pushed through with me all these years and gave me the encouragement to keep going. Everyone's unconditional love showed me to love myself more and want more in life."

Alana Wachsmuth - Blaine Learning Lab

"Being able to go into class and being able to get one on one help was the biggest help for me. Even with distance learning due to Covid-19 I have still been able to get some one on one with Becky while getting prepared to take my math test. Thanks to Becky, Donna, & Randy's help this year I was able to pass all 4 GED tests. Thank you all for helping me accomplish my goal."

Kassandra Shaw - Blaine Learning Lab

"I am very proud of getting this certificate. I also thank you that you helped me accomplish it. Lastly, I also promise you that I will [earn] the PhD degree from the U.S. Thank you for helping me."

Sobhi Elgharabawi - Blaine Learning Lab

"I want to send a BIG thank you to Donna for not letting me give up on myself. It's been a hard two years with a lot of tears and frustration, but I made it and I couldn't be prouder of myself! Also, I want to thank Antonio for helping me through my bad days and always having faith in me."

Rose Miller - Blaine Learning Lab

About Metro North ABE

Metro North ABE is a partnership between eight community education programs in the north metro, offering free adult basic education (ABE) classes to develop academic skills for adults ages 17 and up who are not enrolled in a high school program. Together, the community education programs are called "Metro North ABE."

Adults can take classes taught by licensed teachers, supported by literacy assistants and trained volunteers, who work with students to meet their educational goals. A student may start class at any time throughout the year. Traditionally classes are offered at a variety of locations across the north metro - day, night, on the weekend or online.

Students can learn English (ESL), earn a high school diploma, prepare for the GED test, study for United States citizenship, build basic skills in math, reading and writing, learn basic computer skills, start post-secondary prep work, and develop workplace skills by enrolling in career pathway programs.

Learn more:

 www.metronorthabe.org

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Consortium partners

Eight consortium partners across the north metro provide ABE classes and programs, making it convenient for students to pursue their goals close to home or work.

- Anoka-Hennepin Schools
- Brooklyn Center Schools
- Centennial School District
- Columbia Heights Public Schools
- Elk River Area School District
- Fridley Public Schools
- Spring Lake Park Schools
- St. Francis School District

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