

Bristol Community College celebrates High School Equivalency graduates with a virtual ceremony

Bristol Community College celebrated its 2020 High School Equivalency (HSE) graduates with a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 6 p.m., on Bristol's Adult Education Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bristolccadulthoodeducation> and webpage, www.bristolcc.edu/adulthoodeducation. Recipients were recognized for their dedication to successfully completing Bristol's HSE classes and state-wide examination credential or for completing the rigorous exam at the college's testing center.

"We know that Adult Education High School Equivalency graduates are some of the most resilient and hardworking, as they have successfully managed work, family and several other life responsibilities while working toward this important credential," said Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D., President, Bristol Community College. "We applaud the commitment and the personal dedication it took to achieve this educational milestone that will serve graduates well on their career path."

Bristol Community College's complete 2020 High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/GphCwGXayvQ>.

The virtual celebration was facilitated by Bristol Community College Director of Adult Education Nancy Labonte and included a congratulatory note from Bristol Community College President Laura L. Douglas. The 2019-20 recipient of the Diane McMullen Scholarship was announced by the McMullen family to HSE student Christine Williams, who has shown leadership through

community service and will continue her education at Bristol Community College.

“We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our dedicated and hard-working HSE students,” said Nancy Labonte, Director, Adult Education. “From here, students are able to further their education or secure careers that provide better opportunities for themselves and their families.”

Bristol HSE instructor Carol Ginsberg presented the names of year’s 84 HSE graduates, whose achievements were celebrated alongside graduates’ families, friends and the Bristol community.

In Massachusetts, the High School Equivalency (HSE) tests (which include both the GED and HiSet) provide a state-issued, alternative credential to a high school diploma. The HSE high school-equivalency diploma is essential for a student’s pathway to obtain a college degree, training programs, military careers and employment opportunities.

The college has annually honored the achievements of its high school equivalency graduates for the past 35 years with an in-person ceremony, celebrating the hard-earned credential with the recipients. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Bristol safely continued the event in the form of a live virtual ceremony, which was recorded for viewing on-demand.

Bristol’s High School Equivalency (HSE) classes are competency-based, allowing students to finish classes and take tests when they are ready. Classes are currently available online.

For more information on Adult Education programming, please visit www.bristolcc.edu/adulteducation or contact Nicola Machado by email at nicola.machado@bristolcc.edu or call 774.357.2270.