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San Diego Public Library Hosts Graduation Ceremony for Adult High School Diploma Program

CELEBRATION WILL HONOR 26 GRADUATES WHO EARNED AN ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

SAN DIEGO – Tomorrow the City of San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is celebrating the 2023 and 2024 graduates of the Adult High School Diploma Program with a ceremony at the Downtown <u>Central Library</u>. The students -- who all completed the free program online -- will walk across the stage at the library's Neil Morgan Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

SDPL offers two high school diploma programs. Students at <u>Career Online High School</u> have 18 months to complete their high school diploma coursework and can also earn a certificate in one of ten high-demand career fields. <u>Gale Excel High School</u> allows students 24 months to complete the program and offers college courses for dual credit.

"The San Diego Public Library is dedicated to creating a space where anyone in the community can come to better themselves, and the adult high school diploma program is a great example of that," said Library Director Misty Jones. "By earning a high school diploma, these students are changing their lives for the better and opening up more opportunities to achieve their personal and professional goals."

The Adult High School Diploma Program is available for free for residents of the City of San Diego, 19 years and older, who need to complete their high school coursework to continue their education, expand their career opportunities or apply to enter the military. The programs are offered entirely online with 24/7 access to accommodate busy schedules. Students also have support from academic coaches, resume and cover letter help and access to resources focused on job skills and the job market.

SDPL launched the Adult High School Diploma program in 2015, in line with the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u> priority to provide opportunity for every San Diegan in every community. To learn more about the programs and how to apply, visit the library's <u>Adult Education webpage</u>.

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan Λ Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at sandiegolibrary.org.

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