

**NIC Adult Education
GED Program
2025-2026
GED Graduation Ceremony**



***May 18th, 2026
North Idaho College
Schuler Performing Arts Center
5:30 p.m.***

PROGRAM

GED Graduates Processional

Welcome

Dilnoza Khasilova, NIC Adult Education Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Alice Koskela

Introduction

Dilnoza Khasilova, NIC Adult Education Director

Rose Creek Drum Circle

Acknowledgments

Dilnoza Khasilova, NIC Adult Education Director

Graduation Remarks

NIC Scholarship Opportunity From NIC Foundation Committee

Vicki Isakson, Dean of Instruction, Workforce Education

Opening Remarks

Nick Swayne, Ph.D., NIC President

Graduate Speaker

Conrad Dickson

Outstanding Students-of-the-Year Presentation

Dilnoza Khasilova, NIC Adult Education Director

Christine Everts, AEC Classroom Instructor

Presentation of GED Graduates

Alice Koskela, AEC Classroom Instructor

Lloyd Duman, Interim Provost Office of Instruction

Closing Remarks

Dilnoza Khasilova, NIC Adult Education Director



**GED Graduating
Class of 2025-2026**

*Ryker Adkins
Cotrell Allen
Sabrina Allison
Christopher Anderson
Cannon Archer
Zimran Arthur
Samual Atkinson
Mathieu Beaudoin
Isaac Belzak
Julie Belzak
Leora Bendel
Mary Bergreen
Aaron Betz
Lucas Bewick
Tyler Bigard
Timothy Biggs
Sarah Blachowicz
Kendra Blackmore
Oakley Blackmore
Lia Bradford
Thomas Bradshaw
Grady Bridwell
Noelle Burt
Cheyenna Burtis
Jett Byerley
Thomas Caetano
Hailie Cain
Anna Carrell
Madison Case
Christopher Catalone
Zoe-Jane Chord
Megan Christensen
Caleb Christenson
Ethan Clark
Zane Comer
Kaydence Constable*

*Anthony Cooper
Xavior Counts
Lillian Cross
Breanna Crum
Alijha Cummings
Larry Cuthbert
Kelsey Davis
Hadassah Davis
Joseph Davis
Cameron Dawson
Conrad Dickson
Aaron Dodds
Brooklyn Dowell
Ashlynn Doyle
Sean Duffy
Cale Dunaway
Dylan Eaton
Nevaeh Ebaugh-Griffis
Anthony Elmore
McKenna English
Asher Erb
Jaron Farrar
Maximillian Farrow
Waylon Floch
Ethan Frantz
Ema Frederico
Lilian Freeman
Ronan Freeman
Lynn Frisk
Kyla Fulton
Joseph Funston
Kascity Gitto
Deanna Glick
Kylie Goodin
Serenity Gray
Colt Grey*

*Shalom Hamilton
Hunter Hammond
Jazmyn Hanson
Jacob Heitz
Debra Henderson
Kalieli Hendzel
Samantha Herb
Matthew Hindman
James Holt
Nathan House
Dakota Humphrey-
Arveson
Flora Hunkins
Avary Hunsaker
Dominick Hunt-Kurrus
Cameron Hurst
Enoch Ivy
Sven Jaeger
Griffin Jaklich
Kaylee Jantz
Cecilia Jones
Olivia Kapp
Isaac Keliinoi
Jackeob Kelly-Betz
Kaylee Kessler
Eva Kimble
Naomi Klemz
Jonah Kolb
Aubree Ladwig
Evan Lafferty
Zoe Lanham
Dominic Lari
Zayden Lavoie
Kiarrah Lawson
Daniel Liberty
Zoe Linville*

GED Graduating Class of 2025-2026

***Danen Lonestar
Joel Long
Orion Long
Landon Lukezech
Kady Manning
Lawson Marcott
Baylee Martin
Nicole McAlpin
Hannah McLeish
Braden Mead
Ohana Mendenhall
Serena Merritt
Eden Michaels
Noah Miller
Ruger Miller
Schyler Miller
Syslas Miller
Garrett Mitchell
Exzavier Monopoli
Hunter Nelson
Noah Nevue
Katie Nowlan
Shayden OdellElliott
Keilie O'Neill
Mason Owens
Gavin Pannell
Riley Pinsonneault
Gaven Porter
Rebekah Probert
Gwedalyn Puryear
Michael Quinones
Emily Raabe
Zachary Rainwater
Luke Rave
Daniel Reader, Jr.
Titus Rhodes
Christopher Ries
Nicholas Ries***

***Glorianna Rindge
Wyatt Ritchey
Mauren Rouse
Allen Rozok
Parker Sage
Cassidi Sams
Jaylee Sanders
Maysan Schenck
Peyton Scott
Marissa Shilling
Georgia Shirley
Jeremiah Swagerty
Dylan Sween
Hannah Dorus Taylor
Aurora Tedone
Brianna Thompson
Diesel Thompson
Nicholas Thurmond
Michael Timmer
Nikole Timmer
Bailey VanderFeer
Ryan VanderFeer
Michael Vargovich
Andrew Vasquez
Annalise Von Berndt
David Walden
Jonathan Warner
Skylar Warner
Betsy Wedel
Destiny White
Mckenzie Williams
Oscar Williams
Maddox Williman
Kayla Winkle
Jayden Winn
Gwen Wirth
Margaret Wismer
Myles Womack***

***Michelle Woodard
Brayden Woods
Rylie Wright
Jaxson Yearout
Carter Yetter
Emily Zastrow
Keesa Zinter***

NIC ADULT EDUCATION STAFF

Dilnoza Khasilova, AEC Director

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Cyndi Clark, Bonners Ferry Classroom Instructor

Debbie Drewien, CDA AEC Online Instructor

Christine Everts, CDA AEC Classroom Instructor

Alice Koskela, CDA AEC Classroom Instructor

Tabitha Stoops, Sandpoint Classroom Instructor

Sunnie Helling, CDA AEC Admin Assistant/CDA Certified
Pearson Vue Test Administrator

Cindy Keim, Sandpoint AEC Admin Assistant /SP Certified
Pearson Vue Test Administrator

Donna Wemple, CDA AEC Admin Assistant/CDA Certified
Pearson Vue Test Administrator



Student Acknowledgments

Started from uncertainty; leaving with purpose.

~Anthony Cooper~

A great teacher doesn't teach lessons from a book. They inspire, guide, and leave a lasting impact on the lives they touch. Thank you for your patience, your encouragement, and for always making the atmosphere so warm, fun and relaxing. Because of you, I've grown not only in knowledge, but in confidence and strength. I am truly grateful for all the time you took to help me come to where I am today. I think school and classes would be a lot more fun and encouraging if we had more teachers like you.

Thank you for genuinely getting to know each of your students and treating us like family. To the best teacher—
Cyndi Clark.

~Kendra Blackmore~

would love to give a special shout out to my wife and family for telling me I can achieve this goal! Thank you to the wonderful staff at the college that also gave me words of encouragement!

~Nicholas Thurmond~

I would like to give a huge thank you to the GED program. This program has given me an amazing opportunity and truly has been so accommodating and rewarding. Thank you!

~Mauren Rouse~

Student Acknowledgments

I want to thank my daughter, Hailey. Before her, I was lost. I had dropped out, I was an addict, and overall a terrible person. When I found out I was pregnant at 17, my life changed instantly. I found God. I got sober. I got my GED. Now I am continuing my education to get my bachelor's in Criminal Justice. I owe all of my success to my daughter and to God. They made me a better friend, better sister, better daughter and a better girlfriend. The second I saw the positive pregnancy tests, I vowed to change. And I will continue to work hard in all aspects of my life so she can have a better life than I did. I promise I will always love you, be there for you, and provide for you Hailey. Love, Mom.

~**Katie Nowlan**~

I would like to give thanks to Sunnie. She was phenomenal every step of the way and anytime I went in there for a test, her positivity was amazing and made me feel more confident each and every time.

~**Kalieli Hendzel**~

I can not thank my mom, Christel Moores-Winkle, enough for the amount of work she has put in to get me to this point. If I had all the time in the world than I would brag about how amazing she truly is. I would also like to thank my brother Tyler Winkle, for being supportive even when it was hard. And I would like to thank my friends Emma Soloman, Phoenix Rogers, Ronan Kay, River Kermelis. I would also like to thank my Aunt Melissa. The time I had going through GED was much better than traditional high school. I will be suggesting this to anyone who needs ideas in the future!

~**Kayla Winkle**~

Student Acknowledgments

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Sunnie for her incredible support throughout my testing experience. She demonstrated kindness and encouragement at every step of the process. Her warm sense of humor and positive attitude created a welcoming environment that made a significant difference in me. I would often arrive feeling quite nervous before each test, but Sunnie consistently took the time to reassure me and help me feel at ease. She has a unique ability to make people feel seen, supported and confident, which greatly contributed to my ability to stay calm and focused.

Her encouragement truly helped me perform at my best. Sunnie's dedication and compassion do not go unnoticed, and I'm incredibly thankful for the role she played in my journey.

She is a wonderful proctor and an even more wonderful person. I truly hope she feels appreciated.

~Nikole Timmer~

I would like to thank my family for being so supportive and getting me to where I am now. Love you!

~Samantha Herb~

I want to thank my God who gives me the ability to do all things through him and who helped me to pass tests. And I also want to thank Mrs. Tabitha Stoops for assisting and directing me through several subjects which helped me a lot.

~Enoch Daniel Ivy~

Student Acknowledgments

Thank you, Tabitha, for helping me get my GED. There were sometimes that I felt like giving up but you helped me push through. I have never been to high school; I have always been homeschooled. The experience there showed me what it would be like if I was in a high school. It was different than what I am used to and I am glad I was homeschooled. But am also glad for the experience.

~**Megan Christensen**~

Thank you for everything. Even though my journey through the GED program was difficult, you guys helped me push through all of the challenges I faced. I appreciate all of the support you gave me. I really appreciate all the encouragement. You guys are awesome!

~**Noah Nevue**~

I definitely would recommend this program to those who are looking to complete their GED. This program is straightforward, and the teachers are so helpful. If you have any questions, they answer them in a somewhat timely manner. I just want to say a big thank you to Debbie who was my Instructor. She was super helpful in any questions that I had and I can't wait to celebrate my achievement.

~**Cheyenna Burtis**~

Sunnie was a lot of help in encouraging me through this experience! Thank you, Sunnie!

~**Maggie Wismer**~

AEC Instructor and Staff Acknowledgments

As Director of the Adult Education Center, it is my great honor to recognize and celebrate each of our GED graduates today. Your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have brought you to this important milestone, and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. It takes courage, determination, and commitment to return to school, stay focused, and earn your GED diploma. Today is more than a graduation—it is a beginning. By earning your GED, you are proving to yourselves and to others that it is never too late to start school, return to learning, or pursue new opportunities and dreams. Every journey is unique, and there is no right or wrong age for lifelong learning. What matters is your willingness to take that first step and continue moving forward.

Each of you brings valuable experiences, talents, and perspectives to your families, workplaces, and communities. You matter, your voice matters, and your achievements matter. This accomplishment reflects not only academic success, but also resilience, strength, and hope for the future. Whether you choose to continue your education through a certificate or degree program, perhaps with North Idaho College, enter the workforce, advance in your current career, or fulfill a long-held personal goal, your GED will serve as a strong foundation for whatever path lies ahead.

GED and adult education programs are especially close to my heart. Some of my closest friends, and even I myself, have graduated from programs like these. I understand the challenges, sacrifices, and determination it takes to reach this moment, which makes today's celebration even more meaningful. On behalf of the Adult Education Center, we are honored to celebrate alongside you and your families. Congratulations, graduates! Be proud of how far you have come, believe in how far you can go, and remember that this achievement is only the beginning of what you are capable of accomplishing.

**~Dilnoza Khasilova~
NIC Adult Education Director**

AEC Instructor and Staff Acknowledgments

Congratulations!

You've overcome a few (or maybe quite a few) hurdles to graduate and be here tonight celebrating this milestone in your life. Never stop believing in yourself. Be relentless in your pursuit of your goals!

~Cyndi Clark~

AEC Bonners Ferry Classroom Instructor

You all have such a unique stories and for some of you, the road to obtaining your GED was long and difficult. I believed in your potential when you opened my classroom door, but more importantly, you came to believe in yourself. This is your super strength. It is why you are here and celebrated tonight! Behind you are the challenges you met, and ahead of you are the new possibilities to come. Today you choose the direction of your life. I wish you all the success and happiness the world has to offer.

~Tabitha Stoops~

AEC Sandpoint Classroom Instructor

I cannot tell you what a thrill it is to be part of this program and to be able to help people achieve their goals and aspirations. I have enjoyed each and everyone of you and wish you much success with your new found achievement and I know that you will all reach for the stars!

~Donna Wemple~

CDA Admin Assistant

AEC Instructor and Staff Acknowledgments

It is inspiring for me to teach in the GED program; I'm grateful for this opportunity. Most of all I am proud of the students-for their hard work and dedication to earning their degrees, for their determination to reach their goals and keep moving forward. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families.

**~Alice Koskela~
AEC Classroom Instructor`**

Our online students have chosen a study-from-home remote form of GED preparation. Most have the responsibility of a job and family commitments. The perseverance shown to your educational goal is commendable! I congratulate you on completing your GED and on your future goals you will achieve by applying this mindset!

**~Debbie Drewien~
AEC Online Instructor**

I feel Incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a talented and supportive group of individuals. Your collaboration, positivity, and hard work make each day a pleasure. Thank you all for being amazing!

**~Sunnie Helling~
AEC Admin Assistant**

AEC Instructor and Staff Acknowledgments

Congratulations Graduates!

*The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our
lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives.*

~RM Nelson.

You have focused on and succeeded in completing this stop of your education. Hoping all of you will continue learning, seeing, experiencing, and continuing to be more throughout your entire lives.

~Christine Everts~

AEC Math and Science Instructor

Congratulations on obtaining your GED! I'm proud of each and every one of you for working hard and reaching your goals. You have now shown that you can do anything you set your mind to. Now, there is no limit to what you can do.

I wish you all the best for your bright new futures!

~Kathleen Turner~

AEC Classroom Instructor/Student Advisor



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