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CEI's College & Career Readiness Program to Celebrate 2023 GED Graduates on June 3rd

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — On Saturday, June 3rd, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) will celebrate 20 students earning their high school equivalency diploma, or GED, this year. The graduates, who range in age from 16 to 51, earned their diplomas with the help of CEI's College & Career Readiness program, which provides opportunities for adults to learn the basic academic and English language skills they need to transition to college, training, and employment opportunities. College & Career Readiness is able to offer these services to students for free, utilizing state funding and support from the CEI Foundation.

While the College has always welcomed College & Career Readiness graduates to participate in the larger CEI commencement ceremony, as CEI's College & Career Readiness Director, Sandie Takahashi explains, "we've found that the more intimate celebration suits our students and their loved ones better." This year's ceremony will take place at 11:00 AM in CEI's cafeteria in building 3 and will feature three student speakers.

One of those speakers will be Leticia Miranda, who came to CEI's College & Career Readiness Center after raising three children and at age 50, decided to make her dream of working in healthcare a reality. While Miranda could have taken the GED in her native language, Spanish, she loved the challenge of passing the test in English, something she felt confident to do with the support she received through the College's ESL services. And now, Miranda will be ready to start her medical training soon.

Miranda is not the only student to have plans to continue her education after earning a GED through CEI's College & Career Readiness. In fact, 19.6 percent of CEI's 2022 graduating class started their journey in College & Career Readiness.

The CCR Adult Education and GED program has served students in the area since 2005, first at Eastern Idaho Technical College (EITC) and at CEI ever since EITC transitioned to a comprehensive community college in 2017. While CCR is a part of CEI, the program also reports to the State Director of Adult Education which includes GED, Adult Education, and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs under the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education.

To learn more about CEI's CCR offerings, visit <https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/college-career-readiness-center>.



A student speaks during CEI's 2022 College & Career Readiness GED Graduation Ceremony. (Photo: CEI)

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About College of Eastern Idaho

College of Eastern Idaho (CEI, formerly EITC), Idaho's newest comprehensive community college, offers associate degrees, technical certificates, and workforce training programs to help students achieve their educational and career goals. With a focus on affordability, accessibility, and student success, CEI is dedicated to providing high-quality education and training to the residents of eastern Idaho. Visit <https://cei.edu> for more information.