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Adult Education Program Celebrates Achievements of 65 Students

TRAVERSE CITY, MI—The Northwest Michigan Works! Adult Education program will honor twenty-two (22) graduates receiving a high school diploma and forty-three (43) candidates who have completed the GED (HSE) certificate at an inspiring commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 6, at 7:00 pm, at Milliken Auditorium in Traverse City. Two graduates will give speeches at the event that chronicle their struggles and difficult path to finish their high school education.

The adult education program serves the community by helping adult learners - those hundreds of community members who are already seeking to make contributions to our workforce and business communities but who are uneducated or untrained – to enter the workforce ready for success. Today, adults earning a high school diploma or completing a GED (now known as HSE – High School Equivalency) certificate follow a path of purpose driven education. “All of our adult learners have an individualized learning plan with goals that help them in their employment path,” said Christy Nelson, Adult Education Coordinator.

Adult education services are available through the cooperative efforts of the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District (TBAISD), Networks Northwest, and Northwest Michigan Works!. The program operates six Learning Labs in Northwest Michigan. Adult Education Learning Lab programs are open year round and have daytime and evening hours. Participants may start at any time and can learn at their own pace.

For more information about Adult Education contact Christy Nelson, Adult Education Coordinator, at 231-929-5055, or go to nwm.org/learninglabs.

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