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Marking a Major Achievement

Participants in the Social Development Commission's (SDC) GED Program celebrated achieving a big goal... graduation.



GED students file into auditorium for graduation ceremonies.

The graduates of the SDC Program marked the completion of their coursework and testing by receiving a diploma at ceremonies held at the Richards Street Armory. SDC CEO Deborah Blanks congratulated the graduates

and thanked their gathered families and friends for all the support and encouragement they provided the students.

Neil Albrecht, President of the Social Development Foundation, was the special guest speaker. He told the students how inspiring it was to see the graduates and how their families reacted to them marching into the auditorium in their caps and gowns. He encouraged them to keep dreaming and working, noting that one in 20 current college students earned a GED and stated that they can accomplish that also.

Jose Ortiz was the graduating student chosen to speak at the ceremony representing all the graduates. He congratulated his fellow students, saying the dream they all had for so long had come true. He urged them to enjoy the day but to never stop trying to better their lives and those of their families. "Let's not quit," he told them, "Let's keep working!" before receiving a standing ovation from his peers.



Jose Ortiz addresses his fellow students at graduation.



Graduate Melvin James is congratulated by his family on his achievements.

next GED/HSED classes will be held January 10 and 11th.

The GED/HSED program of SDC helps adults earn a high school diploma. For more information on the program, visit the SDC website at www.cr-sdc.org, click on the “Programs” page and then on the link “Basic Skills”. Or call SDC Education and Training Program at 414-906-2834. Orientation sessions for the

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