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## **SEVEN GED GRADUATES HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS RECEIVE POSTSECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS FROM GED TESTING SERVICE**

SAN DIEGO — GED Testing Service presented seven GED graduates with the *2018 GED Graduate of the Year* award during the GED Testing Service Annual Conference, held July 25 through July 27 in San Diego. This award recognizes students who recently earned their GED credential and displayed exceptional dedication and scholarship during the preparation and testing process.

Issiah Arellano, Trinh Minh Thy Huynh, Elisabeth Krienke, Joshua Lang and Marquita Schaefer are the recipients of this year's *Graduate of the Year* awards.

Robert Valencia, a graduate of Brinker International's [Best You EDU™](#) program, received the *GEDWorks Graduate of the Year* award and Ambrosia Gomez, a graduate of the KFC Foundation's [Rise with GEDWorks™](#) program, received Honorable Mention for *GEDWorks Graduate of the Year*.

The graduates were nominated by adult educators, GED administrators and other stakeholders in the adult education community through an open call for nominations from GED Testing Service. The GEDWorks award recipients were nominated by employers offering the GEDWorks program.

To qualify for the award, graduates had to be over 18 years old, earned their GED credential between January 2016 and May 2018, and are currently enrolled in a postsecondary or career training program.

Each of the graduates was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship during an awards luncheon on July 27. The Honorable Mention award winner received a \$500 scholarship.

Each year GED Testing Service recognizes GED graduates for outstanding student achievement at its annual conference. More information about the GED test program is available [here](#).

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### **About GED Testing Service**

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 20 million graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.