

Bristol Community College celebrated High School Equivalency graduates with a virtual ceremony

Bristol Community College celebrated its 2021 High School Equivalency (HSE) graduates with a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6 p.m., on Bristol's Adult Education Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bristolccadulthoodeducation> and webpage, www.bristolcc.edu/adulthoodeducation. Recipients were recognized for their dedication to successfully completing Bristol's HSE classes and state-wide examination credential.

"We know that Adult Education – High School Equivalency students are some of the most resilient and hardworking, as they have managed work, family and a myriad of other life responsibilities while working toward this credential," said Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D., President, Bristol Community College.

Bristol Community College's complete 2021 High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/xY6acQ62sek>.

The virtual celebration was facilitated by Bristol Community College Director of Adult Education Nancy Labonte and included a congratulatory note from Bristol Community College President Laura L. Douglas. The 2020-21 Diane McMullen Scholarship recipient was awarded by the McMullen family to HSE student Jessica Glover, who has shown extraordinary dedication and perseverance in achieving her HSE credential and will continue her education at Bristol Community College with aspirations to become a nurse.

"We are proud to celebrate the achievements of our dedicated

and hard-working HSE students,” said Nancy Labonte, Director, Adult Education. “The HSE Class of 2021 is a special group of individuals, who, through their steadfast commitment, achieved this milestone during a time of unprecedented challenges in their personal and work lives.”

Bristol HSE Instructor Carol Ginsberg presented the names of this year’s 40 HSE graduates, whose achievements were celebrated alongside graduates’ families, friends and the Bristol community.

In Massachusetts, the High School Equivalency (HSE) tests (which include both the GED and HiSet) provide a state-issued, alternative credential to a high school diploma. The HSE high school equivalency diploma is essential for a student’s pathway to obtain a college degree, training programs, military careers and employment opportunities.

The college has annually honored the achievements of its high school equivalency graduates for the past 36 years with an in-person ceremony, celebrating the hard-earned credential with the recipients. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Bristol safely continued the event for the second year in the form of a live virtual ceremony that was recorded for viewing on-demand.

Bristol’s High School Equivalency (HSE) classes are competency-based, allowing students to register for and finish classes and take tests when they are ready.

For more information about Bristol Community College’s Adult Education programming, please visit www.bristolcc.edu/adulteducation or contact Nicola Machado by email at nicola.machado@bristolcc.edu or call 774.357.2270.