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CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES EARN ACCREDITED DIPLOMAS

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) awarded nine graduates their high school diplomas on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the Norcross branch. Family and friends joined them, along with guest speaker Craig Newton, the Mayor of Norcross.

Gwinnett County Public Library offers qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School, a program supported by community donations.

Career Online High School is specifically designed to re-engage adults in the education system and prepare them for entry into postsecondary career education or the workforce. In the last 12 months, GCPL has graduated 29 people from the program. 162 have graduated from the program since its 2016 launch here in Gwinnett County. Our students are mostly BIPOC women. Many are new to the US or are ESL. Most US students come in with 10th or 11th-grade level schooling and can now finish their diploma.

"Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement," said GCPL Executive Director Charles Pace. "Career Online High School is a key part of our mission of inspiring our residents to learn, grow, and dream."

GCPL awards scholarships annually to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, students access a 24/7 online learning platform with board-certified instructor assistance. Students can graduate within a year by transferring in previously earned high school credits but are given up to 18 months to complete the program.

Gwinnett County residents can learn more about Career Online High School and take an online self-assessment by visiting <https://gwinnett.careeronlinehs.org/>. For more information or questions, please contact the library at 770-978-5154.

About Gwinnett County Public Library

Gwinnett County Public Library is a free provider of education and information. Located in Metro Atlanta, the Library has 15 branches that offer free access to computers and Wi-Fi, classes, materials, and programming for people of all ages. For more information about Gwinnett County Public Library programs and services, visit www.gwinnettlibrary.org.

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