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CEREMONY WILL HONOR LOCAL ADULT LEARNERS WHO RECENTLY EARNED DIPLOMA

Niceville, Fla. – The Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative will host a graduation ceremony to recognize the hard work of eight adult learners who have recently completed their high school diploma through the Career Online High School.

The ceremony will take place on October 23, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at the Niceville Community Center located at 204-C Partin Drive across from the police department. The public is invited to honor the graduates and listen to stories about the positive impacts of a second chance at education. Okaloosa County Commissioner Paul Mixon and State Librarian of Florida Amy Johnson are scheduled to speak at the event.

“We are proud of the hard work from these adult graduates and we are fortunate to offer this opportunity through the Co-op and Career Online High School,” said Okaloosa County Board Chairman Carolyn Ketchel.

Through a scholarship program offered by Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative, local adults can earn a nationally accredited high school diploma online. According to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau report, about 15,000 adults living in Okaloosa County lack a high school diploma, a difficult roadblock when it comes to applying to college or advancing in a career.

Currently, ten residents are enrolled in the online high school through the library, and fifteen have graduated since the program began in 2018. Okaloosa graduates are pursuing college degrees, advancing in their workplaces and operating their own businesses.

For more information about Career Online High School visit cohs.ocplc.org or contact Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative Coordinator Vicky Stever, vstever@myokaloosa.com or 850-609-5102.

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