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LCC Graduation Honors GED and High School Diploma Students

Lower Columbia College will honor 140 students, who have earned GED certificates and high school diplomas during winter and spring quarters, at graduation exercises Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Truman Myklebust Gymnasium.

Guest speaker for the event will be LCC President Chris Bailey. Student speakers will be Kimberley Parker, GED graduate, and Breanna Jungwirth, high school graduate.

General Education Development (GED) tests were developed in 1942 for U.S. Military personnel who had not completed their high school studies. The tests provided an opportunity to demonstrate that these persons had achieved learning outcomes usually associated with a high school diploma. Because of this program, many persons were able to qualify for jobs and pursue postsecondary education upon discharge from military service.

One out of every seven Americans, including 18,000 Washington residents each year, completes high school by earning a GED. Most, 71 percent, continue their education with some level of college studies. On average, GED recipients have been out of high school for seven years.

The Career Education Options (CEO) program at LCC offers out-of-school individuals without a high school diploma, ages 16 - 21, the chance to return to school for the education and job training needed for a successful career.

The program provides tuition, books, tutoring and one-on-one help with clarifying educational and career goals. Students may take high school level courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements, or earn college credits that meet high school graduation requirements.

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Lower Columbia College is a public two-year community and technical college, founded in 1934. LCC serves more than 5,000 students per quarter, most from Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties, Washington.