

# Career Tech Matters

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**W**hile those of us in Secondary are getting back into the swing of another school year, Adult Education is recognizing its students for what they accomplished in the past year.



More than 50 adult learners completed a career program, the Adult Diploma Program or earned a GED and were recognized Wednesday night at a completion ceremony.

Wednesday's event was the second summer ceremony. In June, more than 100 students were recognized for completing their programs.

Carrie Fife, director of Adult Education, invited Tess Elshoff to tour the new campus on Industrial Drive, the Aspire office on West Fifth Street in Chillicothe, and the Mound Street and Crouse Chapel Road campuses Wednesday.

**TOP:** Tess Elshoff learned that several labs, such as Welding, are shared by Adult Education and Secondary programs.



**BOTTOM:** Donna Walker, Nursing Program administrator, lights a candle for Sierra Stewart, which signifies the passing of knowledge.



Tess Elshoff, left, president of the State Board of Education, was on hand this week when Sarah Mullins completed the Practical Nursing program. Sarah addressed the board last year.

Tess, president of the State Board of Education, was in attendance a year ago when a group of Adult Diploma Program students spoke to the board in Columbus.

"At that time Tess was the VP of the board," Carrie said. "(Student) Sarah Mullins was extremely nervous and Tess helped to encourage her to speak."

Sara was able to speak to the board with Tess standing next to her, Carrie said.

"Now Sara is completing the LPN program. So we wanted to invite Tess to see this accomplishment."

Carrie scheduled a reception ahead of the completion ceremony that in addition to Tess, was attended by Michelle Rammel, Education Program specialist at the Office of Career-Technical Education; Donna Albanese, state director of Aspire; and Brett Visger, associate vice chancellor for Institutional Collaboration & Completion, all with the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Tess and Donna addressed students during the completion ceremony, congratulating them on the paths they have completed to reach this point.

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