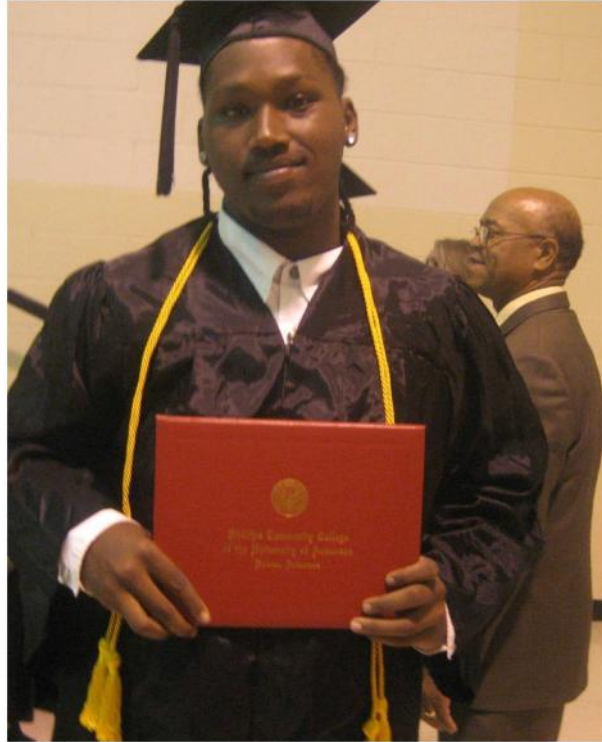


REWARD AND BEGINNING: A LIFE OF LEARNING

Nine men and women who participated in the General Education Development (GED) class sponsored by Boys Girls Adults Community Development Center received their high school-equivalency certificates at graduation ceremonies May 9 at Phillips County Community College (PCCC) of the University of Arkansas.

Two graduated with honors, three immediately got full-time jobs, and five plan to enroll in college or vocational school in the fall.

Marvell's high GED graduation rate - 50 percent or more - is one measure of the success of BGACDC's Parent and Youth Empowerment Project, which promotes lifetime learning for people between the ages of 18 and 39.



Honor graduate Christopher Jackson displays his GED certificate.

"Learning and preparing for a career should never stop," said Louis Bennett, youth and family programs coordinator for BGACDC. "What we must do is pick up a person at the point of his or her educational development and involve them in programs that move them toward a better life."

BGACDC's satellite GED program is run by Mrs. Lillie Miller. Cyrus Vance, the adult education director at PCCC, praised the exceptional accomplishments of the program at graduation.



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