

UPWARD BOUND THROUGH THE GED

Earning a General Educational Development (GED) certificate usually has an immediate payoff, as participants in the Boys Girls Adults Community Development Center's most recent GED class demonstrated.

Two participants who received their high school-equivalency certificates at Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas, Ashley

Nelson and Kody Carpenter, enrolled for the spring semester at the college. A third, Michael Aycock, will move to Mountain View and plans to enroll in college after the move. A graduate of last year's GED class, Laketia Farr, is a paid VISTA worker with the AmeriCorps project with BGACDC and will enroll at Phillips County Community College for the spring term.



Marvell's high GED graduation rate - 50 percent or more - is a 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.

"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 development and move them toward a better life through programs like the GED."



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