

**Tiftarea
Workforce
Center
386-7460**

M.O.T.O.

Making the Most of Today's Opportunities

Volume 2, Issue 1

July, 2010

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Stephanie Martinez	2
Furnada Foster	3
Trivia and Fun facts	3
Compass Test	4
Ryan Giddens	4
Mike Petoff	4

Tift County GED Graduates



Moultrie Technical College had seven Tift County students to march in the spring 2010 GED graduation ceremony held at the Tifton Campus on June 17th. Furnada Foster is shown on the back left and Stephanie Martinez is the middle student on the front row. Both these ladies completed their course work at Tiftarea Workforce Center at 902 S. Main Street .

Special Dates to Remember:

- GED registration: Aug.2
- Friendship Day Aug 3
- GED Testing Session: August 9 - 11
- Mid-Quarter: August 11

New School Year, New You!

Modify an old cheer and you have, "Two months, four months, six months or more" which is exactly how long it takes to earn your GED!

There is no magic formula that will tell you how long YOU will need to earn

YOUR GED. The four TWFC graduates from the class of 2010 spent from one month to nine months preparing for the GED test. The length of time it will take you depends on the material you have mastered when you begin your classes and the time and

effort you put into your work.

For most people, earning a GED comes pretty quickly AFTER they make the commitment to enroll in free classes through Moultrie Technical College.

CALL TODAY!

GED February 2010

By Stephanie Martinez

It's hard to believe that I'm graduating today, what once seemed so far away and out of reach is happening right now! So many emotions are going through me right now... accomplishment, happiness, anxiety, nervousness, love, pride, gratitude, and respect. I have dreamed of this day so many times, but this is so much better than my dreams.

As I enter the conference center with my fellow graduates, the feelings of respect and admiration overwhelm me. As my name is called and I cross the stage to receive my diploma, I fight back the tears of joy. Then as I exit the stage a face caught my eyes and I had to let the tears flow. There sat my husband, filled with love and pride, and I could no longer fight back the emotions overwhelming me and I let go. This moment will live within me forever! After that, I am not sure what was said or what happened around me until we exited the room. I will never be able to express my feelings of accomplishment nor the importance of having my family, friends, and teachers with me on this very special day.

I could not have done this on my own so, I want to thank the people who helped me achieve this dream. I want to thank my husband, Kike Martinez, who told me daily that I could do this, who picked me up, and kept me from giving up. I appreciate all his love, faith, and support to pursue my dreams of getting an education. Even now as I am attending Moultrie Tech online he reminds me that my goals are

important and he will not let me quit or fail. His faith in me gives me the strength to move forward. Thank you for all your love, support, and respect.... I love you.

I want to thank my mother, Shirley Suggs, for all of her words of wisdom and her faith in me. I love you mom; thank you for giving me life. I want to acknowledge my sisters Montie and Felicia. Thank you both for pushing me to take the first step and for being my study partners. I love you both and remember I will be watching you take this walk next. I want to thank my beautiful children David, Esperanza, Aolani, and Lance. You all gave me the desire and motivation to continue my education so I could be a positive role model for you and lead the way for you to reach your dreams. I would also like to say thank you to the Tifton Workforce staff and classmates for making me feel welcome and for the support exchanged between each and every one.

Someone once said that to succeed you must believe in yourself and sometimes it takes having someone else believe in you and push you to succeed, whether; it is a teacher, parent, sibling, friend, or someone special. Well, this person was right and a very special thank you to this person, my mentor, my

role model, and special friend, Mrs. Vickie Lubbers. You were that teacher for me and I will always be grateful for your belief in me and all the work you put in to help your students succeed. Tifton Workforce Cen-



ter and their students are so lucky to have such a devoted teacher as you: remember great minds come from great teachers, thank you for being mine.

In closing, I have turned another page in this chapter of my life, but the book is still not finished. There are still more dreams and goals in my life to accomplish and I hope and I pray that I will be able to continue sharing it all with you. The book of my life is the same as yours.... Remember the rest is still unwritten!!!

My Graduation

By Furnada Foster April 2010

On June 17th I graduated from the Tiftarea Workforce Center receiving my GED. I had never graduated or received anything that put me in the spotlight. While walking across that stage in front of all those people I was very nervous but excited at the same time. I knew this was something I really wanted to do no matter how nervous I was.

My first nervous/excited moment was in the cafeteria. All of the surrounding counties that are part of MTC were combined so we had to wait on everyone to get there. My second nervous/exciting moment was when we entered the conference center. My last nervous/exciting moment was the instant my name was called.

Since I have received my GED I have started school at MTC. I am currently enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. MTC is very different from the

Tiftarea Workforce Center (TWFC) so the change has been quite an adjustment.

I would like to thank all of the Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) members and tutors for giving me this opportunity to get my GED.

I would like to tell everyone at the Workforce Center that I love you all. I miss all of my classmates and both my teachers at TWFC. Miss Vickie, it has been an honor for me to have you as my teacher. Before you came to the TWFC, I couldn't

even write an essay. Within a week of you being my teacher, I was able to write an essay.

Mrs. Leila, it's always great to see your face. You have such a happy and warm spirit and that is inviting. I've had a great time being under your wing but now it is time for me to fly on my own. Thank you all and I hope you will wish me well on my journey.



Furnada Foster shortly after her graduation on June 17th at the Tifton Campus of MTC.

Trivia and Fun Facts for July

1. Where does July get its name?
2. Seven countries celebrate independence days in July. The days are 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 21, and the 28. The countries are France, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Peru, Venezuela, and the United States of America.
3. The first atomic bomb was fired in July of 1945. What day and where did this happen?
4. Neil Armstrong did his historical event on July 7, 1969. What did he do?

Celebrate Summer!

July is the month for blueberries, picnics, hotdogs, and ice cream!

August 3: Friendship Day

August 10: Book Lovers' Day

1. July was named for Julius Caesar by the Romans...
2. July 1 -- Canada, July 4 -USA, July 5 -Venezuela, July 9--Argentina, July 14, France, July 21--Belgium, and July 28--Peru.
3. The first atomic bomb was fired on July 16, 1945 in Alamogordo, NM
4. Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.



902 South Main Street
Tifton, GA 31794

Phone: 229-386-7460
Fax: 229-386-7459
vlubbers@moultrietech.edu

M.O.T.O.

Your business tag line here.

We're On The Web!
www.moultrietech.edu

Compass Test at Moultrie Technical College

Students who are enrolling at MTC take the Compass Test as part of the regular entrance process. This test is taken at MTC in the computer lab so a printout of scores is available as soon as the student completes the test. This test covers the basic subjects and tests for general knowledge that indicates how well the student will do in class. This is not a pass/fail test. The score shows where the person is on a number line of possible scores. Each major at MTC has its own score cut off levels for entrance into the program. Students with scores below the cut off level may still be admitted to MTC. These students may just need to take a remedial level course until they become more proficient in that area. Another possibility is that a student who is very close to meeting the requirements for the selected major may be allowed to retest. If the student is able to score above the cut off levels, he or she would be admitted to the program without the need for remedial classes.

New TWFC Graduates

The June writing scores and July computerized GED scores are now available. Tiftarea Workforce Center is pleased to announce that two students have completed their GED®. Both students will leave

TWFC armed with their diplomas and Work Ready certificates on their way to a brighter future. We are all so proud of our newest graduates; Ryan Giddens and Mike Petoff.

TWFC. At this time, Mike is considering his options to further his education. Mike is also talking with a Naval recruiter and is considering enlisting to embark on a career in the Navy.



Ryan Giddens smiles as he models the MTC GED cap and gown.

Ryan began his GED journey with us last fall. Although he works part time, Ryan found it difficult to find a full time job. Ryan wanted to improve his chances for a better job and to begin a career. Ryan looked at his options and decided to enroll at TWFC. He took the classes he needed, and has now earned his diploma.

Mike Petoff enrolled at TWFC this spring. Mike worked diligently to earn his GED in just three months. Mike holds the highest GED scores in recent history at



Mike Petoff working outside TWFC at our April Earth Day project.