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## **They did it! We celebrate the Class of 2019 High School Equivalency Graduates**

FORT WORTH, TX – The Tarrant County Adult Education & Literacy Consortium (TCAELC) celebrated the Class of 2019 on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Wilkerson-Greines Athletic Center. This year we hosted over 170 graduates and their families. In addition to celebrating their High School Equivalency Graduation 9 students were recognized and inducted into the National Adult Education Honors Society. This distinction was given to students who had demonstrated excellent attendance, classroom participation, and self-reliance. Students were nominated by their Instructors through a nomination process following membership standards.

The graduates heard from keynote speaker, Yoko Matsumoto, Director of Human Resources for the City of Arlington on the importance of going after your dreams despite being faced with a lack of experience. The Class of 2019 also heard from Alexander Prek one of their own classmates, about his journey to earning his High School Equivalency (HSE) and the impact it will have on his career path.

The following quote by Michael Josephson was shared with the Class of 2019: “Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don’t forget to enjoy the journey.” The Consortium and all its members are so proud of our graduates and look forward to big things in their future.

TCAELC is a collaboration between the Arlington ISD (AISD), The Arlington Public Library, Birdville ISD (BISD), Fort Worth ISD (FWISD), Link-ED, Tarrant County College District (TCCD), Tarrant Literacy Coalition, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), and Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County (WSTC), to provide educational and career opportunities for adults in Tarrant County that may be struggling due to limited education. For more information on HSE preparation classes and testing call 817.402.7555 or visit:

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Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County’s primary goal is to meet the needs of Tarrant employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services. A 29- member Board made up of business and community leaders chaired by Jon Gustafson, with Lockheed Martin works in partnership with the Workforce Governing Board (WGB), which is composed of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, to oversee Workforce services in Tarrant County. More information about the workforce centers we have throughout Tarrant County can be found at our website: [www.workforcesolutions.net](http://www.workforcesolutions.net).