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LOCAL GED GRADUATE HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Kyle Reckart of Ohio receives GEDWorks Graduate of the Year award

CHICAGO (July 30, 2019) — Kyle Reckart of Ohio, a GEDWorks graduate from Taco Bell, received the *2019 GEDWorks Graduate of the Year* award, during the GED Testing Service Annual Conference held July 24 through July 26 at the Swissotel in Chicago.

As an award winner, Reckart will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward postsecondary education. He is one of five award winners.

Reckart started working at Taco Bell when he was 16 years old. His mother was also working at Taco Bell and previously completed her GED credential through the GEDWorks program. Reckart enrolled in the GEDWorks program and passed all of his test subjects within a month. He has since become an ambassador for the program talking to other Taco Bell team members about his story and how easy the program is to enroll in and how much is appreciative for it. Reckart started training for a management position shortly after getting his GED credential. He was certified recently as a shift manager and placed into a restaurant where he is already an influence on others.

“Kyle gave us his career plan when he enrolled in the GED program,” said Jennifer Rhoads, Area Coach for Taco Bell of Ohio. “We told him we wanted him to go for this even if he wasn’t choosing to stay with us but he said he was determined to be a shift lead for us by the time he was 18. He then explained how his five-year goal was to move to an assistant and have his own store one day. Kyle is a very mature 18-year-old and is such a great example for the youth in our restaurant. I’m excited to watch him grow and show us all the potential he has.”

The recipient of the *GEDWorks Graduate of the Year* award was selected through an open call for nominations by GED Testing Service. Nominations were submitted by GEDWorks participating employers.

Additional information about GED Testing Service and the GEDWorks program can be found [here](#). Visit [this site](#) to learn more Taco Bell’s Education Benefits.

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graduates since 1942. The GED test is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the one official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school diploma. GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson.