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LOCAL GED GRADUATE HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Reginald Latten of Ohio receives GED Graduate of the Year award

CHICAGO (July 30, 2019) — Reginald “Reggie” Latten of Cleveland, Ohio, a GED graduate from Seeds of Literacy, received the *2019 GED 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, Latten will receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward postsecondary education. He is one of five award winners.

After taking several practice tests for mathematics and falling short of expectations, Latten committed himself to working with tutors at Seeds of Literacy and utilizing Khan Academy while at home and in-between class sessions. From December 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, Latten logged 169 total hours on the Khan Academy site. Transportation was often a challenge for Latten during his GED process, he would travel for 90 minutes to attend his morning classes and often stayed through the afternoon sessions. Latten also began using the Khan Academy site for lessons on coding and writing computer applications. Within a month of receiving his GED credential, Latten said he wanted to “embrace his future now” and enrolled in Bryant & Stratton College.

“Reggie, like many of our students, values himself as an individual, and is aware that he is connected to things much bigger and more transcendent than that,” said Scott Sanborn, Digital Literacy Coordinator for Seeds of Literacy. “He wants to give back (and has already) to others who are like him, who come to our program broken or defeated, and who lack that dignity to find self-worth.”

Recipients of the *GED Graduate of the Year* awards were selected through an open call for nominations by GED Testing Service. Nominations were submitted by Adult Educators, GED Administrators and other stakeholders in the adult education community.

Additional information about GED Testing Service and the GED test program can be found [here](#). Visit [this site](#) to learn more about Seeds of Literacy.

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