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New Adult High School Opening in 2018

The Excel Center® in Muncie will offer education and career opportunities for adults who need a high school diploma.

MUNCIE, Ind. – Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana announced the July 2018 opening of The Excel Center, a high school for adults, at 1023 W. Jackson Street in Muncie. The Excel Center allows students to pick up right where they left off in school and provides support and resources to meet their goals. With expedited curriculum and flexible scheduling, students can graduate quickly and prepare for postsecondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers students free on-site child care, transportation assistance, dual credit courses and industry-recognized certification opportunities-- all at no cost.

According to the United States Census Bureau, over 17% of Muncie residents over the age of 25 lack a high school diploma.

“A high school education opens a pathway to higher-wage careers and postsecondary opportunities,” said Betsy Delgado, Vice President of Mission & Education at Goodwill. “The Excel Center will join other Goodwill mission programs that are already established in Muncie, such as Nurse-Family Partnership®, to further support community members.”

Brandon Marks, who has been with Goodwill for nearly six years and previously served as director of The Excel Center in Anderson, has been named as director. Marks brings over a decade of educational experience to the role, having spent time as a science instructor, college and career readiness specialist, and school leader. A Muncie resident, Marks is proud to represent the community in which he lives.

“The Excel Center will provide education and employment opportunities for Muncie families, as it has in other communities throughout the state,” said Brandon Marks, director of The Excel Center. “We are excited to help adults earn their high school diploma and move on towards the next step in life.”

Since 2010, over 3,000 students have graduated from the 12 central and southern Indiana locations, more than 4,000 industry-recognized certifications have been rewarded and 97% of students graduated with postsecondary credits. The average annualized increase in wages and job prospects of an Excel Center student is more than \$9,000.

Enrollment for The Excel Center in Muncie will begin in early spring 2018. For more information about The Excel Center, visit excelcenter.org.

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independence and reach their potential through education, health and employment. The organization serves 39 Indiana counties and operates more than 70 retail locations, as well as charter schools for adults and youth, a maternal-child health program, a child care center and more.