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National Back to School Month Offers a Chance at a High School Diploma for Adult Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – For many families, National Back to School Month means the return to school after just a summer away. For those attending The Excel Center®, Goodwill’s high school for adults, students are often returning to the classroom months or even years after having dropped out from a traditional high school.

The Excel Center allows students to pick up right where they left off in school, providing support and resources to meet their goals. With expedited, rigorous curriculum and flexible scheduling, students can graduate quickly and prepare for post-secondary pathways. The Excel Center also offers students on-site child care, transportation assistance, dual-credit courses and industry-recognized certification opportunities — all at no cost.

For students like Maggie Hall, these supports can serve as a turning point for overcoming previous barriers to education.

“The Excel Center is not just a school — it’s a family,” said Maggie. “The staff pours so much life, energy and motivation into you that, when you’re ready to graduate, there’s nothing that can stop you.”

Before attending The Excel Center, Maggie battled extreme medical issues, including multiple seizures a day, which impacted her ability to complete tasks such as reading aloud. On top of this, multiple trips to hospitals and specialists made attending school during traditional hours difficult. Facing these barriers caused Maggie to drop out of high school before graduating.

Individualized support at The Excel Center, such as personalized lesson plans and a flexible schedule, allowed Maggie to complete her work at her own pace and meet the requirements for graduation. This summer, she graduated with a Core 40 diploma and college credits. She is currently completing a Certified Nursing Assistant certification through The Excel Center’s support. Maggie plans to attend Spring Arbor University in the fall to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing.

With 15 campuses located across central and southern Indiana, The Excel Center has graduated more than 4,500 adults with an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma. Through the integration of industry-recognized certification training and dual-credit requirements, The Excel

Center also positions graduates for careers that offer better-than-average wages. Add stat here?

The Excel Center is currently enrolling for its next term, beginning in early September. For more information or to enroll, please visit excelcenter.org.