

GULFSTREAM GOODWILL'S CAREER ACADEMY OF THE PALM BEACHES CELEBRATES 20 GRADUATING SENIORS WITH SUPERPOWERS

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(West Palm Beach, FL.) – On Friday, May 30, 2024, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries (GGI) proudly celebrated the Commencement Ceremony, for 20 graduates of the Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy of the Palm Beaches, at Palm Beach State College campus in Lake Worth.

Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy of the Palm Beaches is a public charter school of The School District of Palm Beach County and is managed by GGI. Headquartered in West Palm Beach, the Career Academy provides education, training and career pathways that promote self-sufficiency and independence, serving students with disabilities, ages 16-21, who have deferred their diplomas.

During the ceremony, the Knights of St. Andrew Color Guard honored the graduates with their signature "Presentation of Colors and Arch of Steel." Distinguished guest speaker Ryan Boylston, CEO and Founder of 2TON, inspired the graduates with a commencement speech. Graduates will go on to join teams at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan, the Seagate Hotel and Resort in Delray Beach, Gulfstream Goodwill retail stores and Gulfstream Goodwill's newest microenterprise, Good Grub. Good Grub is available to students at GGI's CAPB and includes a training kitchen, catering and mobile kitchen operations.

"The Commencement Ceremony, for the Gulfstream Goodwill Industries' Career Academy of the Palm Beaches, speaks volumes about the commitment and resilience displayed by our students," said Dr. Christopher Glinton, Principal. "We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and excited to witness their continued growth, as they embark on meaningful careers in our community. At Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, we are committed to empowering individuals with disabilities, and this ceremony exemplifies the transformative impact of education and training."

GGI's Career Academy of the Palm Beaches also offers a free summer camp, the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) 50-Hour Career Camp. The program provides in-person, paid work-based learning experiences, job exploration counseling, workplace readiness training and self-advocacy training. Classes are designed to instruct students on skills for adult life, focusing on skills needed for work and independence. A stipend will be paid for every 10 hours of work-based learning completed. For more information about The VR Career Camp Program or to sign up, please contact Director Cindy Maunder at 561-906-7018 or email maunder@goggi.org.

The Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy of the Palm Beaches is dedicated to providing individuals with disabilities the resources they need to achieve self-sufficiency and become active members of the South Florida community. Gulfstream Goodwill Industries has been a leading provider of health and human services in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties for over 50 years. The organization continues to make a difference by offering employment, training, and housing opportunities while assisting individuals in overcoming employment barriers and improving their lives.

For more information about Gulfstream Goodwill Industries and the Gulfstream Goodwill Career Academy of the Palm Beaches, please visit www.goggi.org.



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