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Isles YouthBuild Institute Commencement June 24 at 10 AM



Trenton, N.J. – Isles YouthBuild Institute Commencement Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 10:00 am at the Grounds for Sculpture in the Seward Johnson Center in Hamilton, NJ. Commencement will include an awards ceremony as well as several student speeches. An audience of families, teachers, friends, and other supporters are expected to attend.

Commencement is the culmination of a year of academic and vocational training for students at Isles YouthBuild Institute (IYI), an alternative high school for dropouts and others who have had challenges completing traditional high school. IYI offers academic and vocational training with a strong emphasis on leadership development and civic engagement. Students participate in afterschool activities and volunteer extensively in the community. Staff works with students to help them apply to college and find employment.

Many of the graduating students are former high school dropouts who have persevered and turned their lives in a positive direction. Some are young parents who are raising children while completing their high school education.

“Now I know that school is important, real important, you can’t get a job without school. You can’t do a lot of things without school. I want to go to college. I want a business myself,” says Alterrick Sykes, IYI alumnus.

Dr. Gail Brooks, Principal of IYI and a retired superintendent, notes, “There is nothing more rewarding than working with young people to help them realize their dreams. We are very proud of our students, and feel privileged to work with such a talented group.”

The IYI Commencement Ceremony will take place on Monday, June 24th at 10 am at the Grounds for Sculpture in the Seward Johnson Center in Hamilton, NJ. The event is open to the public. For more information, please contact Gail Brooks at 609-341-4760.