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WATC to graduate more than 200 GED students

An estimated 200 individuals with big dreams will begin new lives this week as they attend a commencement ceremony and receive their Kansas State High School Diploma from the Kansas Board of Regents. They earned this diploma by passing the General Educational Development (GED) test at Wichita Area Technical College. The commencement ceremony takes place at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th St. N. at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 25.

WATC is the only GED testing site in Wichita, with 532 testers passing the test in 2008. This represents more graduates than any comprehensive high school in the area. People who come to WATC for their GED are diverse in age, ethnicity, language, background and gender. They don't fit a stereotype except that all are determined to complete this milestone in their lives.

Keynote speaker for the evening is Nick Taylor, a two-time gold medal Paralympics tennis winner who represented the United States at the Athens Paralympics in 2004 and the Beijing Paralympics in 2008.

The public is welcome; there is no charge.

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Wichita Area Technical College offers more than 60 areas of study for students, as well as career services. WATC works closely with business and industry to meet employer and student needs. WATC will serve as the managing partner for the National Center for Aviation Training at Jabara Airport, for world-class aviation and manufacturing training, open in 2010. Additional information about WATC may be found by calling 316.677.9400 or by visiting www.watc.edu.

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