

PCFES student achievements recognized at awards ceremony

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Phillips County Family Education Services, Inc. held its 12th annual awards night Tuesday, May 14 at the Phillips County Event Center.

The awards program is planned each year to recognize the achievements of the students who participated in adult English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, Early Childhood classes and the After School program.

Executive Director Trisha Herman recognized the generous individuals and businesses that financially supported PCFES throughout the school year. She stated that support from the county is critical to the success of the organization.

Herman then recognized current board members Kellie Race, president; Linda Jelden, vice president; Debbie Dickerson, secretary; Yesenia Bencomo, treasurer; Gina Martin, member; and Tiffany Watson, member. Each member received a gift certificate as a thank you for serving on the board.

PCFES instructors and volunteers were also thanked during the program. The following individuals were recognized: Toby From, ESL and ABE instructor and reading tutor; Shirley Krogmeier, GED instructor; Lizeth Ramos, early childhood instructor; Janismarie Oberle, after school instructor; and Linda Kurtzer, after school assistant.



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Outstanding GED and ESL students were recognized at the PCFES awards banquet and are pictured from left, Miranda Clark, outstanding GED student recipient; Trisha Herman, executive director; and Guadalupe Montes, outstanding ESL student recipient.□□

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A special reading award was presented to Naomi Schafer for completing all reading and writing lessons in her adult reading series.

Certificates of advancement and dedication to the program were passed out to 18 adult ESL and ABE students. Each of these students advanced one level according to scores on their pre and post tests or showed hard work and dedication to the program. PCFES uses standardized testing to show student progress.

Progress certificates were awarded to four GED students. Each student has successfully passed at least one of the battery of five GED tests.

PCFES was proud to recognize their only GED graduate for 2012-13, Miranda Clark, who successfully completed all five GED tests.

Each year, PCFES recognizes an outstanding ESL, ABE and GED student. This year's ESL recipient was selected based upon her outstanding attendance and dedication to her class. Guadalupe Montes received the ESL plaque recognizing her outstanding achievement. Montes attended 200 hours worth of classes.

This year's ABE recipient was also selected based upon her outstanding attendance and

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dedication to her class. Guadalupe Beltran received the ABE plaque recognizing her outstanding achievement. Beltran was praised for helping other students and attending class for a total of 214 hours.

The GED award recipient was selected based also upon hard work and dedication. Clark received the GED plaque for her performance in GED class. Clark attended 42 hours of classes and was commended for the hard work she put in to complete the program.

Certificates of participation were presented to 21 students for their attendance in the after school program. Each student received a book donated by ECCLPS, Students then performed an itsy bitsy spider routine that they had been working on, along with providing the flower center pieces, decorations and spider cupcakes that they had decorated.

Certificates of participation were presented to 13 children for their attendance in the early childhood program. Along with the certificate, each child also received a book from ECCLPS.

The evening concluded with Herman inviting all ESL students and their families to participate in the summer English program, which will be held at PCFES June 3-20. For more information about the programs PCFES offers, call Herman at 854-2595.

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