



# ROCKFORD ADULT EDUCATION

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- 29 students currently enrolled.
- 20 Women
- 7 Men
- 27 High School Completion Students
- 2 GED Students

*"If it matters to you, you will find a way. If it doesn't, you will find an excuse."*  
-Unknown

## RAE's first 2020 graduate is . . .

Tina Starr! Tina has been with Rockford Adult Education for a few years and has diligently been plugging away at her classes. This year, all of that diligence has paid off! She has earned her diploma!

Tina promised both of her parents that she would go back to school and graduate. Her parents have since passed away but she kept her promise. Tina knows they are looking down on her and smiling.

With her own children in school, it was important for Tina to be an example to them. She hopes she has motivated them to

stay in school and complete their degrees. Tina also said that her kids were a great support to her finishing her degree. They are so proud of their mom!

Tina gives advise to other RAE students to "have a clear mind" about your goal of getting your degree. She also says that you shouldn't "feel bad about how many credits you need; you'll make it!" That is just what Tina did: she made it!

Tina isn't sure of what she will do next, after she leaves school, but it will likely include: caring for her daughters, enjoying the Michigan summer at the

campground that she loves, and no longer being bothered by Kelly's phone calls.

We teachers here at RAE, are so proud of Tina for sticking with it! Her diploma is now hers and no one can take it away from her. She worked really hard, and it wasn't easy, but she graduated!

She brought us many smiles and laughs and she will be missed in class. Hopefully, she'll stop in for a visit, occasionally.

Congratulations, Tina! We celebrate with you and are proud of you! :)

## Potential Graduates for 2019/2020

The following students have the potential to graduate in May.

If you feel like you should be on the list, contact Kelly at

[kfischer@rockfordschools.org](mailto:kfischer@rockfordschools.org)

Here's the list so far:

Hope Barnes

Calvin Dirkmaat

Veronica Merchant

Alexis Rose

Dana Sutterfield

Levi Villarius

Stevan Visser

Emma Zinken

Please encourage these students to come to class and graduate on May 13th, 2020!



Questions? Contact Jenny at 616.863.6325 Ext. 5251 or [jthompson@rockfordschools.org](mailto:jthompson@rockfordschools.org)



*In May, RAE will induct new members to the National Adult Education Honor Society. Attendance, academic effort, and work ethic factor into this esteemed nomination.*

*“Do not let the reasons for your challenges become the excuses for your failure.”*

*-Laura Frith*

## What's new in RAE?

### Class Completion Gift Cards

When you complete a class, you can draw for a gift card! Not only will you have earned some credit, you'll get a little something extra, too!

### Calls and Emails

If you are absent from class for a week, and you have not let a teacher know, you will be receiving an email or a phone call from Kelly. This isn't meant to shame or embarrass you, it is just because we care! We want to see you in class and by calling and emailing, we are checking in with our students to make sure they are okay! Feel free to answer the phone when Kelly calls :)

### Spring Weather

It is hard to believe that spring is here but this sunshine is real! With this nicer weather approaching, it will make it harder for you to attend class. We all want to be outside. Don't let the weather stop you!

Use this time BEFORE summer to complete your classes - make a final push to work on classes for this school year.

**Watch your email for details and dates!!**

## Why do we do what we do in RAE?

**Our Mission:** Rockford Adult Education exists to facilitate success and spread hope to the greater Rockford community, one life and one family at a time, exercising compassion and flexibility in meeting the needs of adult learners to help them overcome obstacles, accomplish goals, and build new opportunities.

We believe education:

makes life fuller and opportunities greater.

is worth the time and effort it requires.

is a right all people have, regardless of age or background

Changes people, families, and communities!

## Here's to our AWESOME ATTENDERS!!

These students have earned a gift card, due to attending classes on a regular basis.

- Jodie: 20 hours
- Ann: 20 hours
- Veronica: 20 hours and 40 hours
- Ljubinka: 20 hours and 40 hours
- Loretta: 20 hours
- Desiree: 20 hours
- Tina: 20 hours

Gift cards are given to students who have attended 20 hours and also 40 hours of class. This can be completed in regular class sessions and by working online.

If you have not received your gift card, please reach out to your teacher the next time you are in class and they'll get it for you!

Well done, Awesome Attenders!

You can join them too!