



TRANSCRIPT

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Title: CCPA Graduation (College and Career Preparatory Academy)

- The College and Career Preparatory Academy was founded in 2016 to support that population. 18 to 25, that lost their way and dropped out of high school. And our goal is to bring them back. We're a K through 12 program, so we work on a high school diploma and we try to get them a career path at the same time. Our goal is to accelerate their learning with rigor but by allowing us to go out and work with community colleges, we can kind of do them both at the same time and gain more credits and move them on their way. The ultimate goal is to get a high school diploma, but what I'm very proud to say that over half of our graduates end up going on to community college for their double A or into a CT-type program.

- I like the support, the support they give you and they are really patient with you and they concentrate on you, like one-to-one student, which I think that's awesome. So they give you that extra help that, you know, that you need and for the teachers to push you to graduate.

- It's an amazing program when the kids take full advantage of it. Now life does get in the way a lot of times, but we work around that; we're very flexible 'cause we understand that a lot of times our school is not the priority at all times. It's raising their family and putting food on the table.

- I like the flexible study schedule they had and the teachers. They are amazing and it's always important and good to have people like that in your life.

- It's a huge accomplishment for them. Before the ceremony today, there was a parent taking a picture of a student and her smile was twice as large as his and that's the goal.

- It does mean a lot to us because nobody in my family has graduated college, so even this first step is one of the biggest steps to continue on with higher education.

- One of the things that you see is that a lot of our students are females and have children of their own so not only are we changing generations by having that student graduate but we're also influencing their children as well.

- It's a great program, that to never give up, that they'll help you to graduate and follow your dreams and to just to not be scared and it's never too late to do something in your life, to keep going.

- So the lights come on for them and they're striving to move forward and we're there to do that and it's been a great program and we're opening doors.

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