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**A Second Chance at Success:  
Riverside County Library System to Honor Career Online High School Graduates**

**Riverside County, CA (June 3, 2025).** The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) Literacy Services is proud to announce its inaugural **Career Online High School Graduation Ceremony**, taking place on **Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the **Edward-Dean Museum & Gardens**, located at 9401 Oak Glen Road, Cherry Valley, CA 92223. Graduates and loved ones are welcome to attend the event and enjoy the celebration.

This special ceremony honors the outstanding achievements of Riverside County residents who have earned both their high school diploma and career certificate through Career Online High School (COHS). Offered through a scholarship program by RCLS in partnership with the California State Library and Smart Horizons, COHS provides adults aged 19 and older with the opportunity to earn a nationally accredited high school diploma entirely online.

Graduates also earn a career certificate in high-demand fields such as Food and Hospitality or Office Management and receive one-on-one support from a dedicated career coach who assists with resume building, cover letters, and job readiness, equipping them for continued success after graduation.

In Riverside County, approximately **317,173 adults**, or **16.7%** of residents aged 25 and older do not have a high school diploma. This missing credential often presents a significant barrier to employment, higher education, and financial stability. Many adults face difficult circumstances such as caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship, language barriers, or systemic obstacles that interrupted their educational journeys.

To date, **34 Riverside County residents** have graduated from Career Online High School through the library, with an additional **42 adults currently enrolled** and working toward completion. Each graduate's journey is a powerful testament to resilience and determination in overcoming educational and literacy challenges.

In a county where **61% of residents read below proficiency levels** and **32% struggle with basic print literacy**, the impact of these graduates goes beyond individual success it signifies hope and progress for entire communities. Their accomplishments reflect not only academic achievement, but also the courage to pursue a second chance and the commitment to building a better future.

Join us at the Edward-Dean Museum & Gardens as we celebrate these inspiring individuals and hear their stories of perseverance, transformation, and triumph. Libraries are more than repositories of books; they are centers of opportunity, empowering people through education, resources, and support. The COHS program is a powerful example of how libraries help community members reach their educational and economic goals.

To learn more about COHS and RCLS Literacy Services, please visit <https://rivlib.net>.

The Riverside County Library System is a division of the Office of Economic Development. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Library System at (951) 369-3003.

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