Title 2 – Adult Education RWDB – June meeting

Kirkwood Community College provides free community ESL classes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Coralville, and Washington. We serve around 700+ students each year by offering morning classes 9-11:30 and evening classes 6:30pm-8:30pm Monday through Thursday. We assess all of our new students and place them in one of our 5 levels of ESL classes. Over the last 5 years, Kirkwood has been developing partnerships with local businesses to provide contextualized ESL to help English learners navigate the various pathways to employment and postsecondary training. We provide contextualized ESL in the fields of basic healthcare communications, light manufacturing English, warehouse English, English for environmental services, and transportation English.

June 13, 2019 was a time for celebration for those that worked very hard to complete their graduation requirements. We had 67 graduates that walked across the stage and 175 graduates including those from Iowa Medical Classification Center and Anamosa State Penitentiary.

We are now working on finishing the year to see how we did in meeting our goals for the state. Those results should be in for our next meeting, however at a glance we are well over our goal for enrollment at 1448 students.

ABE will begin our summer classes on July 22 and run through August 22.

We are lucky to have the opportunity to attend the HiSET National Conference in the middle of July. Instructors from all over the United States will join us in Des Moines for learning and collaboration. Many of our instructors have already signed up to attend this 3-day conference.

