

press release

**ADULT LEARNERS TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURE
AT THIRTEEN/WNET CONFERENCE**

**Fourth Annual Adult Education Student Conference
Focuses On Tech Resources For Adult Students Who Have Their Goals In Sight**

WHAT: Adult students face unique challenges pursuing their diverse goals. But difficult work schedules, diverse educational backgrounds, family obligations, and language barriers won't deter the 180 aspiring individuals who will gather at Thirteen/WNET New York's fourth annual **Adult Education Student Conference**.

Students will learn computer techniques, find ways to help their children learn, discover a wealth of technological resources at their disposal, and participate in discussions to help build self-esteem. Thirteen's **GED Connection** workshop explores how to study for the GED exam from home in a tutorial program by watching the on-air course, completing workbook assignments and working with a tutor-by-phone provided by the station. Workshops will also explore Internet resources for adult students, how to strengthen skills required for the GED exam, the City University of New York admissions requirements and process, and other adult education programming on Thirteen, including **TV 411** for pre-GED students.

The Adult Education Department provides a variety of services for adult learners and is offered by Thirteen's Education Department, a leading provider of innovative programming, online education, and professional development for educators.

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WHEN: **Tuesday, October 25, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

WHERE: **Thirteen/WNET New York, 450 West 33rd Street, 6th Floor, NYC**

WHO:

- **180 Adult Learners** from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut
- **Tom Orsini**, director, NYS Education Department – Office of Adult Education
- **Timothy Lasante**, superintendent, NYC Department of Education – Alternative Schools and Programs
- **Suzanne M. Lynn**, deputy commissioner for community development, NYC Department of Youth and Community Development
- **Walter Shay**, manager, Strategic Partnerships, Con Edison
- **Ronald Thorpe**, vice president and director, Thirteen Education Department
- **André S. Gleaton, M.A., M.Ed.**, director, Thirteen Adult Education Department

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