

press release

**ADULT STUDENTS SAVOR PERSONAL TRIUMPH AT
THIRTEEN/WNET NEW YORK'S 14TH ANNUAL GED GRADUATION
JUNE 22, 2004**

**Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields And FOX 5 News' Michael Woods
Honor Achievements Of *GED Connection* Graduates And Other Adult Students.**

WHAT: The trappings of caps and gowns are a common sight around our region this time of year, but one group of graduates is especially excited to be receiving their diplomas -- more than 100 adult learners to be honored in the 14th Annual GED Graduation and Student Recognition Day at Thirteen/WNET New York.

Students who earned their General Educational Development (GED) diploma by participating in Thirteen's *GED Connection* on-air course, as well as other GED, Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) students from New York City Department of Education's Region 4 - Office of Adult and Continuing Education will be recognized in the ceremony.

The program will include a keynote address by Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, and comments by FOX 5 News' "Weather Authority" Michael Woods. But the most heartfelt moments are expected to come from the graduates themselves, as members of this year's graduating class relate their feelings of accomplishment and celebrate with poetry, song and music.

Con Edison has provided major corporate support for Thirteen's Adult Education Projects since 1989. Promotional Support for Thirteen's Adult Education Projects is provided by *Hoy* newspaper, and the *New York Amsterdam News*.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 22, 2004, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

WHO:

- **C. Virginia Fields**, Manhattan Borough President, *Keynote Speaker*
- **Michael Woods**, "Weather Authority," FOX 5 News, New York
- **Anthony Tassi**, Special Advisor to the Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, City of New York
- **Bernard Gassaway**, Superintendent, NYC Department of Education, Alternative Schools and Programs
- **Phyllis White-Thorne**, Manager of Strategic Giving for Con Edison
- **Paula Kerger**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Thirteen
- **André S. Gleaton**, Director, Adult Education, Thirteen
- **GED Diploma and Certificate Candidates**

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