

press release

**ADULT STUDENTS SAVOR PERSONAL TRIUMPH AT
THIRTEEN/WNET NEW YORK'S 15TH ANNUAL GED GRADUATION
JUNE 21, 2005**

**Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields Honors Achievements Of *GED*
Connection Graduates And Other Adult Students**

WHO: 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 at the 15th 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 will be recognized in the ceremony, along with other GED, Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) students from alternative high schools and other programs from the tri-state area, particularly the New York City Department of Education.

The program will include a keynote address by Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields. 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.

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WHEN: **Tuesday, June 21, 2005, 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
- Dennis Walcott, Deputy Mayor, City of New York
- Marie Cutrone Smith, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Public Affairs, Con Edison
- Dr. Bob Lee, Community Affairs Director, WBLS-FM
- Dr. William F. Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Thirteen
- Ronald Thorpe, Vice President and Director of Education, Thirteen
- André S. Gleaton, Director, Adult Education, Thirteen
- GED Diploma and Certificate Candidates

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