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Madison College’s High School Completion Ceremony Expected to Bring Tears and Cheers

What do Cher, Tom Cruise, Peter Jennings, Christina Aguilera, Jim Carrey, and John Travolta have in common? They’re all high school dropouts.

That won’t be the case on Thursday, June 3, when Madison Area Technical College holds its 18th Annual High School Completion Recognition Ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Redsten Gym. Nearly 200 students will be celebrating the completion of their high school credentials—and many are planning to continue their education.

The ceremony is very emotional for students, because many have had to overcome adversity to receive their general equivalency or high school equivalency diploma.

This is the first year Madison College is doing a combined graduation with students from all four of its regional campuses (Portage, Reedsburg, Fort Atkinson and Watertown). Altogether, more than 650 people are graduating from the program.

Madison Area Technical College serves approximately 42,000 individuals annually, providing “real world smart” education through a comprehensive curriculum of technical, liberal arts and sciences, adult basic education and continuing education, as well as customized training for employers.