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GED graduation at Mesa State

Grand Junction – The annual graduation ceremony for students receiving General Educational Development (GED) degrees will be on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 pm in Brownson Arena in the Maverick Center (formerly Saunders Fieldhouse) at Mesa State College.

The GED examinations are administered by the Mesa State College Testing Center. Of the more than 500 students who passed the high school equivalency exam during the last year, about 70 are expected to attend the ceremony, according to the MSC Testing Center.

The commencement speaker will be Gordon Harbert of Harbert Lumber Company. He began working in the family lumber business with his father Tyrus G. Harbert while still in high school. After high school, he worked for a few years in the construction industry. He returned to Harbert Lumber Company full time in 1979, learning from the bottom up and eventually learning every facet of the business. He purchased the company from his father and took over as president and CEO when his father retired in 1990.

Harbert has become very involved in the community since the 1990's and has served on the boards of directors for a number of organizations including Kiwanis Club, Western Colorado Business Development Council, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mountain States Lumber and Building Materials Dealers Associations, just to name a few.

He currently sits on the board of directors for the advisory boards for The Salvation Army, and Spectra Enterprises. In 1996, he was the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. In 2001 he was awarded the Lumber Dealer of the Year for a six state region.

The valedictorian is Lynda Anne Sweangen. She will also be recognized for High Score Achievement and Perfect Score on Language Arts-Reading test.

Other awards will be given to Shad Waller Allenbaugh for High Score Achievement, Dean Jay Doyle for High Score Achievement, Kyla Lydia Hassig for High Score Achievement, Tyler Ian Logan for High Score Achievement and Perfect Score on Language Arts-Reading test, Molly Elizabeth McDaniel for High Score Achievement and Anna Marie Wells for High Score Achievement and Perfect Score on Language Arts-Reading test

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