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EARN AN ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AT OCEANSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Oceanside Public Library is offering qualified community members the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma, and credentialed career certificate, through Career Online High School, a program brought to public libraries by Gale, a Cengage company. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to reengage adults, bringing them back into the education system and preparing them for entry into post-secondary education or vocational training, to advance in the workforce. Currently, one in seven adults in Oceanside lacks a high school degree or equivalent.

"Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement," says Library Director Sherri Cosby. "By offering Career Online High School, we're empowering residents to seek new opportunities and transform their lives."

"We're delighted to partner with Oceanside Public Library to offer Career Online High School and give residents access to education and the potential to change their lives," says Paul Gazzolo, Senior Vice President and General Manager for Gale.

Oceanside Public Library, in partnership with the California State Library and Oceanside Public Library Foundation, will award scholarships for Career Online High School to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, Career Online High School pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to demonstrate mastery of the course material. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors, and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand

career fields (extending across a wide spectrum from child care and education to transportation), before progressing to the core academic subjects. Students are able to graduate in as few as six months, by transferring in previously earned high school credits, but are given up to 18 months to complete the program.

Residents can learn more about Career Online High School in person at any library location or by visiting the Library's website at oceansidepubliclibrary.org and clicking on Career Online High School under Adults.

Please contact cohs@ci.oceanside.ca.us with questions or for more information.

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