



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ten December graduates of Madison High School's Alternative Learning Program worked a total of a combined 481 hours during this semester in Edmentum, the ALP's online academic platform. The 10 graduates represent a record number of midyear graduates at the ALP, which is slated to move into a new building next year.

ALP students often overcome difficult circumstances, building on positive experiences and moving those experiences forward to graduation. A vital part of building student confidence is the opportunity the Program provides for recovering lost credits within the first month of placement. Students demonstrate existing knowledge of previous courses through pretests. In ALP credit recovery classes students do not repeat content they already know.

This year the ALP has spearheaded its Next Step initiative. This semester the initiative included classroom visits by the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, a Gear Up-funded tour of AB Tech and follow up registration seminar, ALP visits by former students now attending AB Tech, and a recent classroom visit by employers at Prinkpack. As a result of Next Step, two ALP students began the enrollment process with AB Tech and another ALP student has been set up with a job through Vocational Rehabilitation. One student at the Printpack meeting will be employed as a result of assistance by WIOA Youth Career Counselor Vicki Kelley.

While most ALP classwork is done through Edmentum, the Program recently started leading instruction for EOC courses, which include Biology, Math 1 and Math 3, and English II. While the ALP is awaiting Math and English scores, five of six ALP students exceeded EVAAS percentile projections in Biology.

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