

GRADUATING TO A BETTER LIFE

Goodwill San Antonio celebrated the accomplishments of 30 [Good Careers Academy](#) students at a graduation ceremony held on Friday, June 1. Among those recognized were students who demonstrated incredible courage and commitment to overcome multiple life barriers such as homelessness and addiction to complete studies in either the Nurse's Aide, Medical Assistant, or Pharmacy Technician programs. For many graduates, this was their first time to don a cap and gown and be recognized for their academic achievements with their family and friends present.



Providing the student commencement address on behalf of the class was graduate Denise. As a single mom, Denise had difficulty providing for her family, and eventually became homeless. She connected with Goodwill San Antonio's Good Careers Academy and graduated with her Nurse's Aide certification.

She worked nights at a senior care facility to make ends meet for her family while furthering her training and education through Good Careers Academy during the day.

Denise graduated from the Medical Assistant program at the top of her class, and is thankful for the opportunity to now have a career in the medical field that will support her and her family for years to come.

Goodwill San Antonio's Good Careers Academy provides affordable, short-term vocational certification training in demand-driven occupations. The Academy's accredited programs are structured to help minimum wage earners advance up the ladder of economic opportunity while helping provide a skilled workforce and a more thriving economy to our community. Through the support of donations and purchases made in store, Goodwill San Antonio and Good Careers Academy is able to provide such training opportunities to empower more than 550 adults and youth in our community to reach their maximum potential.