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Goodwill Excel Center Receives Pearl Literacy Award from the Barbara Bush Foundation

Washington, DC – On November 13, 2019, The Goodwill Excel Center was among the first-ever recipients of the prestigious Pearl Literacy Award from the [Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy](#), the nation's leading advocate for family literacy.

The Pearl Literacy Awards recognize and promote the work of exemplary family and/or adult literacy programs and initiatives throughout the United States that:

- Exhibit a strong and successful community collaboration
- Exemplify successful and/or scalable programs in family, adult, and/or child literacy gains
- Model best practices in adult literacy

The Goodwill Excel Center was recognized for its efforts to improve literacy through adult education. The Excel Center is an adult public charter high school that serves residents of the District of Columbia, and is the first adult charter high school in DC to award a high school diploma rather than a GED. The school opened in August of 2016 and has already graduated 225 students who have gone on to professional careers and/or post-secondary education. The Excel Center's next graduation will be celebrated on January 10, 2020 at the Lansburgh Theatre in Washington, DC.

The Pearl Literacy Awards were presented during the Barbara Bush Foundation's inaugural National Summit on Adult Literacy at the REACH at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The mission of The Goodwill Excel Center, which is operated by Goodwill of Greater Washington, is to transform lives through the attainment of a high school diploma and industry certifications leading to sustainable, living wage careers.

To learn more about The Goodwill Excel Center visit www.Goodwillexcelcenter.org.

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