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Wilson Talent Center Senior Graduates Receive WTC Medals

When COVID-19 closed schools all over Michigan in March, many celebrations for seniors had to be canceled, postponed or turned into virtual events. One time-honored tradition for seniors graduating from Wilson Talent Center (WTC) career and technical education programs is to receive a WTC graduation medal. These medals can be worn by seniors at their local district graduation ceremonies with their caps and gowns.

Administrators from the WTC were able to coordinate with some local districts to distribute these medals to graduating seniors and others were picked up via a drive through by parents or students. In all, over 400 medals were distributed. A <u>complete list</u> by district is available on our website.

Seniors graduating from career and technical education programs have earned high school credit, college credit and often state and national certifications as part of their high school experience. In addition, students participate in job shadows, work-based learning and internships in their areas of study.

"While it is disappointing to not be able to send our seniors off with traditional graduation events, it does not lessen their accomplishments," notes Joe Wenzel, principal at the Wilson Talent Center. "These students have spent a significant part of their high school experience in our building, and we could not be more proud of how they have handled the end to their high school careers. We know they will take the skills and lessons learned during their time with us and become contributing members of our community," Wenzel also noted.

The Wilson Talent Center, operated by Ingham Intermediate School District, offers career and technical education programs for high school juniors and seniors who reside in Dansville, East Lansing, Haslett, Holt, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Waverly, Webberville and Williamston. Applications are also accepted from Lansing School District, Fowlerville



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