



August 15, 2012

MEMORANDUM FROM:

EDNA PRIMROSE  
National Director  
Office of Job Corps

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SUBJECT:

Job Corps National Commencement Day,  
August 24, 2012

On August 24, 2012, Job Corps centers across the country will celebrate Job Corps National Commencement Day. While Job Corps centers regularly conduct commencement exercises for our distinguished program graduates, we are marking the Job Corps program's anniversary with a collective recognition of our students' success.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who make a difference in students' lives every day. Graduation Day was always one of my favorite times as a Center Director, as the day represented the culmination of hard work and perseverance of our students, which could not have been achieved without the support and guidance of our dedicated staff. Our graduates should be proud of their accomplishments, and we are certainly extremely proud of them.

We are very honored this year to have a video to commemorate this special event from Mr. Mark Shriver, son of Sargent Shriver, who founded the Job Corps program in 1964. The video will be shown on centers nationwide on Commencement Day, and also posted on the Job Corps website and Facebook page.

So, on August 24, while you celebrate your students, please also take a moment to celebrate yourselves and celebrate Job Corps. Our program means so much to so many people – our students, our communities, and our stakeholders. I wish you all a wonderful Commencement Day and I congratulate you for your contributions to our program.