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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

On June 24, 2021, Hillcrest Academy held their Summer Graduation which celebrated six new graduates. Since its inception, Hillcrest Academy has now assisted 52 students in reaching their goal of becoming a high school graduate. This ceremony came after a difficult school year and marked the first full in-person ceremony held at Hillcrest Academy in over a year.

The COVID-19 Pandemic presented special challenges for this group of graduates as the Pandemic forced Hillcrest to make modifications to the traditional learning model, such as having students attend classes via Zoom from their living units, rotating teachers among classrooms and having teachers teach multiple grade levels at the same time. In the end, all of these challenges were overcome through the hard work and dedication of students, educators, and staff.

Among the families and students gathered to celebrate this huge accomplishment were two Hamilton County Juvenile Court judges, Judge Melissa A. Powers and Judge Kari Bloom. Hillcrest Academy also had the pleasure of hosting keynote speaker, Gregory B. Williams, author of a bestselling series of novels and owner and president of ATAP Renovations and Remodeling.

It was great experience for all who attended as we strive to reach some sense of normalcy after the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
