

## Milwaukee County

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## SUP. WEST CONGRATULATES GRADUATES FROM ESPERANZA UNIDA

Despite recent comments in media reports, Esperanza Unida continues to train new graduates

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. West is congratulating the 17 trainees who made up the 64<sup>th</sup> consecutive class to graduate from Esperanza Unida's skills training program on Friday.

"Esperanza Unida has received negative coverage in the news media recently, with some even claiming that the organization is not training people or helping them get jobs," said Supervisor West, who Chairs the County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee. "Friday's ceremony proves that trainees are graduating from Esperanza Unida, and the organization is doing a wonderful job of providing the tools and knowledge necessary for success."

Esperanza Unida provides a 13-week training program five days per week. Along with general education and literacy training, the graduates receive hands-on instruction in welding, customer service and or auto mechanics. More than 80 friends and family members were on-hand for Friday's ceremony.

"I congratulate all of the graduates for completing Esperanza Unida's skills training program," Supervisor West added. "I look forward to the new class of trainees that will begin next month."