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**SER METRO-DETROIT ANNOUNCES CELEBRATORY PARADES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE CLASS OF 2021**

DETROIT, MI – SER YouthBuild Learning Academy (SYLA) will honor the High School Graduate Class of 2021 by organizing two celebratory parades in the City of Detroit. The parades will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. with lineup starting at 10:15 a.m. in front of 9301 Michigan Avenue Detroit, MI 48210 and Friday, June 11, 2021 at 10 a.m. with lineup starting at 10:15 a.m. at 5555 Conner, Detroit, MI, 48213. Both parades will be led by the Detroit Police Department. The parade will visit each graduate at their home as part of a community parade to celebrate their success from High School or the completion of their GED.

Despite the unexpected interruption to their regular learning environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 50 SYLA students have shown an admirable dedication to their education and a resilient spirit that is native to the Detroit community.

“It has been truly inspiring to watch our students prove that, no matter the odds, they’ve found the strength to rise to the occasion. Presented with unprecedented challenges caused by the pandemic, they have proven they had the aptitude and strength to persevere. By turning setbacks into opportunities, they have shown us how to lead by example. Their resilience is remarkable, and we could not let their achievements go unrecognized. These ceremonies are just a small sign of appreciation to their hard work and a path to a better future,” said SER Metro-Detroit President & CEO, Eva Garza Dewaelsche.

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The educators and the staff that make up the team at SYLA are excited to continue supporting their students through their last moments of high school. The team is eager to celebrate their accomplishments alongside their family and friends as they bring this impactful school year to a close. For many of the students, they will be the first in their family to graduate, an achievement worth celebration.

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About SER Metro-Detroit

SER Metro Detroit, Jobs for Progress, Inc. (SER) is a community-based organization that believes in the potential of every individual. For 50 years, SER has assisted thousands of at-risk and disadvantaged residents from across the City of Detroit and the region in becoming self-sufficient through quality employment, education and training programs. For more information visit <http://www.sermetro.org>.