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Labor Department honors GED national award winners

PIERRE, S.D.—The South Dakota Department of Labor (SDDOL) recognized Tony Rothfuss of Mitchell and Blake Dahle of Watertown as national award winners for their achievement on the 2006 General Educational Development (GED) test. The American Council on Education also assisted in honoring them at an awards luncheon held at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma, South Dakota, on Aug. 1.

Nationally, more than 850,000 people take the GED tests each year to demonstrate attainment of high-school education equivalency. “In South Dakota last year, 1,534 individuals tested and 1,237 passed,” said Labor Secretary Pam Roberts. “That 81 percent is significant, and those who passed have a promising future ahead of them.” Rothfuss and Dahle both scored an outstanding 3680 points. Less than two percent of test participants earn a total score of 3350 or better.

Rothfuss is currently working at the *Daily Republic* and Menard’s, while being active in the Davison County Search and Rescue Unit. Dahle is an honor student studying engineering and drafting at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. He plans to obtain a bachelor’s degree in engineering and pursue his dream of becoming an architect.

SDDOL assists individuals through the Adult Education Program by offering opportunities to those with the desire to continue their education and further their careers. More information is available at www.sdjobs.org.

