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South Fresno Entrepreneurs graduate from Business Plan Course

What:	Accelerator Online Business Course Graduation
When:	Wednesday, July 12, 2006. 5:30-7 PM Reception- 5:30 PM; Program- 6 PM
Where:	Runway Café @ Chandler Airport 510 W. Kearney Blvd Fresno 93706 (Kearney & Fruit)
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Fresno, CA- Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) will congratulate the graduates from the Spring 2006 Accelerator Online Business Plan Course on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. The graduation will start with a reception followed by a brief program that will include business presentations from the four (4) graduates.

Through a partnership with the University Business Center of California State University at Fresno, the Coalition's Neighborhood Employment Economic Resource Center (NEERC) offered *Accelerator Online*, an online business plan development course. Participants went through a 10-week step-by-step process for writing a business plan. They also learn from field experts in marketing and finance to enhance the written course materials. The participants will join the over 40 entrepreneurs who have graduated from the course at FWCED.

The graduates are Toua Herr (*Cage 5 Designs*), Candice Hill (*Hill's Document Assistant*), Crystal Jackson (*Crystal Clear Gospel Productions*) and Kathy Tatum (*Praise, Bibles & Gifts*). Of the four graduates, three (3) are current operating their businesses- two (2) are based in southwest Fresno and the third in southeast Fresno. These plans won't collect dust on a shelf. Graduates anticipate on using their plans to raise capital to expand their operations or for strategizing future growth.

Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) is a nonprofit community development corporation striving to improve the physical and socio-economic conditions of southwest Fresno. This is achieved through advocacy and with programs in housing, employment and business development. FWCED is in collaboration with Fresno Works for Better Health, a project of the California Endowment and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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