

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

High School Equivalency
&
English as a Second Language

CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



May 18, 2022

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HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATION WALK-THROUGH CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL 6 P.M.*

Pomp and Circumstance – Edward Elgar

National Anthem: Star-Spangled Banner – Recording

INVOCATION

Elder Ron Cooper

Love Church, Belleville IL

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Director of Adult Education and Literacy - Mereadith Shivers

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES AND HONORS

English as a Second Language Director - Leslie Wagner

Program and Assessment Coordinator - Lachelle Dowell

BENEDICTION

Elder Ron Cooper

Love Church, Belleville IL

**Walk-through ceremony only, no seating of attendees.*

*** Recorded music is played throughout the ceremony.*

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT GED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2022-2023

Dorriauna Adams - St. Clair

Joan Slayton - Madison

ELMER AND JOAN KIRCHOFF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2022-2023

Kathleen Sebeck-Marquez - Monroe

DR. MARTHA GIORDANO ENDOWMENT

2022-2023

Ashley Brooks - St. Clair

Herrera Martinez - Madison

Arthur Stanley - St. Clair

Regina Wissler - Monroe

DR. VALERIE THAXTON AWARD

2022-2023

Tiffani Cummins - Madison

TAYLOR, WHISMAN, ROBICHAUX AND WILLIAMSON AWARD

2022-2023

Kimmya Morris - St. Clair

TOP 20 PERCENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Jackson Evan James Blansit	Madison County
Cheyanna Littlestar Durant	Madison County
Joss Elizabeth Espinoza	Madison County
Christian Tyler Miller	St. Clair County
Jacqueline E. Payne	Madison County
Mark Alan Reeves	Madison County
Peter M. Walsh-Burrell	St. Clair County
Phoenix N. R. Werner	Madison County

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

James Avary

Cher'Ami Burnette

Cheyanna Littlestar Durant

Rita Edwards

Joss Espinoza

Daniel Gomez Jr.

Tenesha Hudson

Mason Miller

Nia Miner

Kimmya Morris

Jacqueline Payne

Mark Reeves

Jacqueline Romero

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ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

Derrick Ballard

Elizabeth Baumgartner

Natalie Casey

Stacey Claspill

Marie Davis

Patricia Davis

Mary Delabre

Susan Durk

Jennie Fowler-Williams

Gina Hamm

Montriett Harris

Cynthia Jenkins

Christopher Leicht

Cheryl Manker

Angel McCain

Susan McDonald

Kimberly Mohr

Christen Murphy

Caron Proffer

Melissa Rumph

Karen Schneider

Anna Stephens

Cecelia Struckhoff

Valorie Toberman

Mary Kaye Tonnies-Graves

Susan Tyler

Melanie Warfield

Janet Wolf

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Cynthia Jenkins	Assistant Director
Leslie Wagner	English as a Second Language Director
Jenny Margarida	Literacy Coordinator
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Lachelle Dowell	Program and Assessment Coordinator, Belleville
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Karen Schaller	Youth Services Coordinator, Red Bud
Karen Schneider	Associate Professor, Full-Time Faculty, Granite City
Edward White	High School Equivalency Coordinator, East St. Louis
Jennifer Wiegner	High School Equivalency Coordinator, Granite City
Mary Kaye Tonnies-Graves	High School Equivalency Coordinator, Online
Elizabeth Farar	Vocational Coordinator, Belleville
Valorie Toberman	Vocational Coordinator, Granite City
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MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

I am honored to welcome you to the High School Equivalency Certification graduation ceremony today. I would like to extend a special congratulations to the graduates on completing the High School Equivalency Certification program at SWIC. Being a student this past year may have looked a little different than normal, but this significant accomplishment is a testament to your exemplary work ethic. I know that your loved ones and community join me in saying congratulations to you for your graduation. I wish you further success in your future endeavors. My very best to you, your family, and friends on this special occasion.

U.S. SENATOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH
D-ILLINOIS

To commemorate your hard-earned accomplishments, I write to congratulate you on obtaining your High School Equivalency Certificate. This is no small feat and a well-deserved honor. Your HSE can serve as a foundation for the rest of your life. By continuing your education, you've opened the door for new opportunities. Whether you're considering attending college, learning a trade, enlisting in the military or entering the workforce, your HSE puts you at an advantage. I truly appreciate your commitment. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

REPRESENTATIVE RACHEL CROWE
56TH DISTRICT

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations on the completion of your studies at Southwestern Illinois College. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance you have shown. Your achievement is a great benefit to both you and our society. As an Illinois State Representative, I am proud of your accomplishment and hope that you will continue down a path of success and will always strive for greatness. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

REPRESENTATIVE AMY ELIK
111TH DISTRICT

Congratulations on this momentous occasion and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

REPRESENTATIVE LATOYA GREENWOOD
114TH DISTRICT 108TH DISTRICT

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations Graduates! Although I cannot be with you today because of a prior commitment, I would like to take this opportunity to send my congratulations. Your graduation is a spectacular achievement and you should be very proud of the hard work and dedication you have put forward. You have my best wishes for your continued success and happiness.

REPRESENTATIVE JAY HOFFMAN
113TH DISTRICT

Graduates, first let me say: "Congratulations!" What you have achieved is admirable and worth celebrating. America takes pride in being a place where anything is possible for those who are willing to work for it. Today is about feeling pride in the hard work you've done and steps you've taken on the road toward your goals. You've earned that pride. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Illinois General Assembly, I honor your accomplishment today and I look forward to serving as your Representative as you go forward to even greater things. Well Done!

REPRESENTATIVE KATIE STUART
112TH DISTRICT

CLASS OF 2021-22

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE GRADUATES

Delio Ruben Barrientos

Glenda Vicky Bernal

Bryan Cerna Monterrosa

Katherine Cruz Monarca

Kazuyo Darling

Paola Larrondo Cerda

Hong Yan Ma

Sayaka Miyazaki

Maryam Muhammad

Abraham Pérez Kiamber

Gaby Ponce

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY GRADUATES

Karen Alarcon

Skylar Cheyenne Alvizo

Ryan Patrick Anderson

James Corbin Avary

Lillie Rose Barr

Jackson Evan James Blansit

Ethan M. A. Brayfield

Maisey E. Breedlove

Cher'Ami Vai Burnette

Tyja Gabrielle Bynum

Ahran B.T. Cavanaugh

Jaden Chambers

Della M. Coleman

Steven Cortez

Tiffani Marie Cummins

Seth Michael Cuvar

Stacia Angel Damiano

Cheyanna Littlestar Durant

Rita Edwards

Rose O. Egmon

Joss Elizabeth Espinoza

Matthew John Gabbert

Nerline Gaertner

Daniel Gomez, Jr.

Aja J. Gordon

Kaylee JoAnne Higginson

Missy Marie Hoppe

Candis M. Hozian

Tenesha Latoya Hudson

Raymond Jackson

CLASS OF 2021-22

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY GRADUATES

Emily Jean Lawson

Katelyn Love Lessmeier

Sofia K. Liyeos

Ivan Malagon-Zapata

Mariona L. Mason

Mason Miller

Myla M. Miller

Christian Tyler Miller

Nia Michelle Miner

Kimmya Sharee Morris

Randallynn Kay Nungesser

Sierra L. Paul

Jacqueline E. Payne

Aunyea D. Prater

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Mark Alan Reeves

Mazzy Sandra Robertson

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Vannessa L. Skeel

James E. Smith

Jamya D. Smith

Ashlen Marie Soulney

Emily Kay Spivey

Patricia A. Spoonnoggle

Latoya Stallings

Ah'Reishia K. Stanley

Drake Anthony Stevenson

Andrew Joseph Stroud

Pedro J. Ulibarri

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The Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Words: **Francis Scott Key**
Music: **John Stafford Smith**

