

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

High School Diploma
&
English as a Second Language

CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



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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

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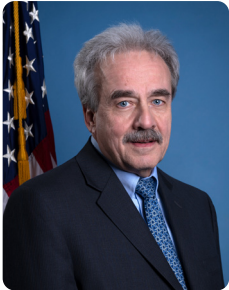


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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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PROCESSIONAL 6 P.M.

Pomp and Circumstance – Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Dr. Michael Farar, Chaplain, Major, USAF
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

NATIONAL ANTHEM

National Anthem: Star-Spangled Banner –
Members of the SWIC Community Choir,
Director, Dr. Andrew Jensen

WELCOME

Director of Adult Education and Literacy - Meredith Shivers

INTRODUCTIONS

Assistant Director of Adult Education and Literacy -
Dr. Cynthia Jenkins

STUDENT SPEAKER

Student - Khadija Lawhorn

GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Novack
Foundation Board Member

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES AND HONORS

Director of Adult Education and Literacy - Meredith Shivers

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Dr. Michael Farar, Chaplain, Major, USAF
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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

CLASS OF 2022-23 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATES

BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT GED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2022-2023

Ah'Reishia Stanley
Raven Brock
Paul Schneeberger
Ashlen Soulney
Tabith Gilley
Paul J. Warren

ELMER AND JOAN KIRCHOFF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2022-2023

Lindsay Schnoonover

DR. MARTHA GIORDANO ENDOWMENT

2022-2023

Kathryn Klepaz
Thomas Sullivan
David Vickers
Stephanee Carter

DR. VALERIE THAXTON AWARD

2022-2023

Ashlen Soulney

TAYLOR, WHISMAN, ROBICHAUX AND WILLIAMSON AWARD

2022-2023

David Vickers
Raven Brock

Cameron Miller

Angel Moore

Alejandro Moya

Benjamin Novack

Starkeyta Phifer

Amy Pigg

Malachi Raines

Zachary Raglin

Parthenia Robinson

Lindsay Schoonover

Dakota Scroggins

Justin Sims

Kemorvion Stanley

Abbigail Stirling

Andrew Tehandon

Alexandrea Wathen



CLASS OF 2022-23

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE GRADUATES

Diana Marcela Grajales	Pedro Mora
Saori Gray	Nhung Thi My Nguyen
Victor Lobanov	Kanittha Rueanghirun
Sandra Medina	Merfat M Sakr

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATES

Christian Alexander	Kyanna Grau
Daisy Baron	Mattox Greer
Kelsie Beard	Morris Hannon
Brendan Bode-Will	James Hayes
Raven Brock	Auentina Hicks
Olivia Captain	Lucas Jolly
Kaylie Childers-Schaefer	Vieng Khounsana
Zachary Daenzer	Brooke Kite
James Elder Jr.	Paola Lara Barradas
Aiden Elledge	Khadija Lawhorn
Karigan Forcum	Adam Ledbetter
Esthefany Gomez	Zachery Lloyd
Haylie Gonzalez	Diana Mendiola Gonzalez

STUDENT SPEAKER KHADIJA LAWHORN

Khadija Lawhorn earned her Illinois High School Diploma in June of 2022. The following fall, she enrolled in SWIC's Certified Nursing Assistant program. She earned her CNA certification in December 2022 and has been employed as a CNA since January 2023. Khadija is a proud mother of two young daughters. She strives to set a positive example for her daughters as she meets the challenges of balancing parenthood while achieving her academic goals. Currently, Khadija is in the process of enrolling in LPN classes at Southwestern Illinois College. Khadija is a wonderful example of perseverance when it comes to achieving one's desired academic goals despite life's challenges.

TOP 20 PERCENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Kaylie Childers-Schaefer	St. Clair County
Kyanna Grau	St. Clair County
Mattox Greer	Madison County
Auentina Hicks	St. Clair County
Lucas Jolly	Madison County
Brooke Kite	Madison County
Khadija Lawhorn	St. Clair County
Alejandro (Alex) Moya	Madison County

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

Kelsie Beard

Brendan Bode-Will

Kaylie Childers-Schaefer

Zach Daenzer

Kyanna Grau

Lucas Jolly

Paola Lara

Khadija Lawhorn

Diana Mendiola Gonzalez

Amy Pigg

*Designated by the wearing of gold cords

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations Graduates! Although I cannot be with you today due to legislative session, 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. If my office can ever be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

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 HSD 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 HSD puts you at an advantage. I truly appreciate your commitment. I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Representative Rachel Crowe
56th District

Congratulations, Graduates! You have made your family, friends, and our entire community proud! We look forward to seeing all your future accomplishments and wish you all the best.

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

ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

Derrick Ballard	Caron Proffer
Marie Davis	Lee Reese
Patricia Davis	Kelli Rogers
Mary Delabre	Melissa Rumph
Angelique Douglas	Karen Schneider
Bradley Durnell	Lori Silva
Elizabeth Farar	Cecelia Struckhoff
Dr. Jennie Fowler-Williams	Janice Stubblefield
Belle Hamm	Valorie Toberman
Monriett Harris	Melanie Warfield
Angel McCain	Janet Wolf
Stefani Pittman	Dr. Henrietta Young

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

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Susan Durk	Susan McDonald
Alicia Greene	Christen Murphy
Deepa Jaswal	Anna Stephens
Mariia Kharlacheva	Susan Tyler
	Brooke Tosovsky

ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Mereadith Shivers	Director
Dr. Cynthia Jenkins	Assistant Director
Leslie Wagner	English as a Second Language Director
Jenny Margarida	Literacy Coordinator
Edward White	Construction Training Coordinator
Torrin Suedmeyer	Adult Transition Services Coordinator & ABE Site Manager, Granite City
Lachelle Dowell	Youth Services Coordinator, St. Clair County
Lynn Niermann	Youth Services Coordinator, Monroe/Randolph County
Karen Schneider	Associate Professor, Full-Time Faculty, Granite City
Jennifer Wieggers	High School Equivalency Coordinator, East St. Louis
Valorie Toberman	High School Equivalency Coordinator, Granite City
Jill Belcher	Student Data Specialist
Tanja Anglin	Administrative Assistant, Belleville
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Stacie Carpenter	Instructional Services Secretary
Charlean Paige	Literacy and English as a Second Language Secretary
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Elizabeth Farar	Grants Manager
Cara Kriz	Marketing and Intake Coordinator
Denise Brady	Transition Coordinator, Belleville

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MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

I am honored to welcome you to the High School Diploma Certification graduation ceremony today. I would like to extend a special congratulations to the graduates on completing the High School Diploma 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

Congratulations on graduating! Your hard work, determination, and perseverance have paid off. You've accomplished something amazing, and you should be proud. Your graduation is a testament to your dedication and commitment. The world needs your unique skills and talents, so go forth and make a difference. Always keep learning, growing, and chasing your dreams and remember this achievement any time you face doubts in the future.

State Senator Christopher Belt
57th district