

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

High School Diploma
&
English as a Second Language

CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



May 15, 2024

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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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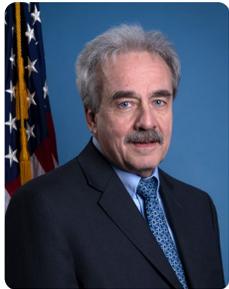


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The Southwestern Illinois College Foundation exists to maintain and enhance the quality of life by developing friends and funds for support of the educational, cultural and service goals of Southwestern Illinois College.

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PROCESSIONAL 6 P.M.

Pomp and Circumstance – Edward Elgar

INVOCATION

Pastor Kerry A. Douglas
Holy Nation Christian Church, Swansea, IL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

National Anthem: Star-Spangled Banner
Members of the SWIC Choral Ensemble
Director, Dr. Andrew Jensen

WELCOME

Director of Adult Education and Literacy,
Mereadith Shivers

INTRODUCTIONS

SWIC Top 20% and SWIC Foundation Scholarship Awards
Adult Transitions Services Coordinator - Torrin Suedmeyer

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

Youth Services Coordinator - Lachelle Dowell

2024 STUDENT SPEAKERS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Education to Careers Coordinator - Stefani Pittman

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Cherish Luter
LeAndrea Reed

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Donte Haire
The Haire Corporation, President

CEREMONY CONT.

INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES

Torrin Suedmeyer

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES AND HONORS

English as a Second Language Completers
Mereadith Shivers, Director of Adult Education and
Literacy Department

St. Clair County of Regional Office of Education
Superintendent Lori Costello

Madison County Regional Office of Education
Superintendent Robert Werden

Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education
Tom Springborn, Director of Services

BENEDICTION

Pastor Kerry A. Douglas
Holy Nation Christian Church, Swansea, IL

RECESSIONAL

Please remain in the gym until graduates have recessed

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
AND AWARDS**

**BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT GED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
2023-2024**

Ellie Ann Heidelberg

**ELMER AND JOAN KIRCHOFF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
2023-2024**

Kayla Marie Behrman

**DR. MARTHA GIORDANO ENDOWMENT
2023-2024**

Martin Loren McMahan
Paul Edward Schneeberger, Jr.
Ashley Nicole Jatin Brooks
Pamela L. Crawford

**DR. VALERIE THAXTON AWARD
2023-2024**

Ellie Ann Heidelberg

**MARY BUETTNER GED SCHOLARSHIP
2023-2024**

Mariah Taylor Mize

**SHERIFF MEARL J. JUSTUS ENDOWMENT
2023-2024**

Kayla Marie Behrman

**TAYLOR, WHISMAN, ROBICHAUX AND WILLIAMSON AWARD
2023-2024**

Pamela L. Crawford
Myesheia R. Hill

TOP 20 PERCENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Ethan Berry	St. Clair County
Josiah Collazo	St. Clair County
Jake Hasty	St. Clair County
Sylvia Hohm	Madison County
Jacob Karbarski	Madison County
Cecilia Maeder	St. Clair County
Olivia McKinzie	St. Clair County
Martin McMahan	Madison County
EmmaLee Michaels	Madison County
Scarlett O’Neal	St. Clair County
Adrianna Scaglione	St. Clair County
Elizabeth Seifferth	St. Clair County
Emma Vines	St. Clair County

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

Marva Stephanie Campbell	Sherry L. McKee
Laura Elizabeth Courtois	Olivia M. McKinzie
Ava Fosnock	Martin L. McMahan
Eduardo Cortes Gallegos	Miriam Lisbeth Mar
Joseph Johnson	EmmaLee Rose Michaels
Xander “Sage” Kenner	Braedyn Michael Dean Motsinger
Thomas J. Kriz	Malakia Tina Thomas
Cherish Nicole Luter	Deven Lee Warren

**Designated by the wearing of gold cords*

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Cherish Luter earned her Illinois High School Diploma in October of 2023. This fall, she will begin a two-year degree program in massage therapy through Southwestern Illinois College. Cherish is a proud mother of her 5-year-old son, Calvin. Her practiced belief is to embrace every opportunity to develop the best version of herself.

LeAndrea Reed hails from East St. Louis, Illinois. She enrolled in Illinois High School Diploma classes at the Wyvetter Younge Education Center and successfully passed all her tests in the fall of 2023. LeAndrea is a fine example of focus and tenacity in the face of adversity. Not only is she a graduate, but she is also a wonderful mother and business owner with aspirations to open her own restaurant.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Donte Haire, a dedicated entrepreneur, and skilled craftsman, embarked on his journey in the construction industry in 2011. Graduating from his apprenticeship program as a carpenter in 2015 fueled him with passion for creating quality structures. He took the bold step of establishing his own construction company in 2017. Since then, Donte has been at the forefront of building homes and undertaking commercial projects in East St. Louis, leaving a mark of excellence in every endeavor. With an unwavering commitment to craftsmanship and client satisfaction, Donte Haire continues to shape his community and motivate tradesmen and women across the metro region.

ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

Derrick Ballard	Angel McCain
Sylvia Courtney	Stefani Pittman
Marie Davis	Caron Proffer
Mary Delabre	Melissa Rumph
Lachelle Dowell	Karen Schneider
Elizabeth Farar	Lori Silva
Montriett Ford	Cecelia Struckhoff
Dr. Jennie Fowler- Williams	Valorie Toberman
Belle (Gina) Hamm	Melanie Warfield
Rebekah Hillerman	Jennifer Wieggers
Kim Knop	Janet Wolf
	Dr. Henrietta Young

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

Elizabeth Baumgartner	Mariia Kharlacheva
Susan Durk	Jenny Margarida
Francine Etter	Susan McDonald
Alicia Greene	Kimberly Mohr
Chitnapha (Dee Dee) Hassan	Anna Stephens
Deepa Jaswal	Brooke Tosovsky
	Susan Tyler

ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Mereadith Shivers	Director
Leslie Wagner	English as a Second Language Director
Jenny Margarida	Literacy Coordinator
Edward White	Highway Construction Careers Training Coordinator
Torriin Suedmeyer	Adult Transition Services Coordinator & AEL 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 Diploma Coordinator, Granite City
Danielle Hernandez	High School Diploma Coordinator, Belleville
Dr. LaVerna McClendon	High School Diploma Coordinator, East St. Louis
Valorie Toberman	Vocational Coordinator, Granite City
Denise Brady	Transition Coordinator, Belleville & East St. Louis
Jill Belcher	Student Data Specialist
Tanja Anglin	Administrative Assistant, Belleville
Stefani Pittman	Education to Careers Coordinator
Charlean Paige	Literacy and English as a Second Language Secretary
Mariia Kharlacheva	Special Projects Coordinator, English as a Second Language
Janet Rinehart	Office Assistant, Granite City
Elizabeth Farar	Grants Manager
Cara Kriz	Marketing and Intake Coordinator

SUPERINTENDENTS OF REGIONAL OFFICES OF EDUCATION

St. Clair County	Lori Costello
Madison County	Robert W. Werden
Monroe-Randolph County	Kelton Davis

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I would like to congratulate you on your recent graduation from Southwestern Illinois College, Adult Education and Literacy Department.

Graduating is an impressive accomplishment. Academic success requires motivation, dedication, hard work, and most importantly a willingness to challenge yourself. The hours of study and scholarship you have put in to reach this point is admirable and has undoubtedly helped you grow as an individual. You should be immensely proud.

Once again, congratulations on your graduation. I am thrilled to see the impact you and the rest of your class will have on our state and the world. I know you have a bright future ahead!

Governor JB Pritzker
State of Illinois Governor

Congratulations on graduating from Southwestern Illinois College. Continue to strive for excellence, pursue your passions, and embrace diversity in all forms. Your unique perspectives and cultural backgrounds enrich our communities and the lives of people around you.

Representative Katie Stuart
Illinois State Representative, 112th District

Graduate, congratulations on the completion of your High School Diploma! This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance you have shown. Your achievement is a great benefit to you, your family, and our region. As an Illinois State Representative, I am proud of your accomplishment and know that you will continue down a path of success for a great future.

Representative Amy Elik
Illinois State Representative, 111th District

CLASS OF 2023-24

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE GRADUATES

Jhonny Acosta
Andrea Hernández Alviles
Miku Andes
Maryna Bondarenko
Areisy Felipe Castillo
Serhii Fed
Diana Flores
Aura Godoy
Leticia Aparicio Juarez
Rahyun Kim
Marharyta Liubchenko
Luis Benítez Lopes
Miriam Mar
Misaki Newbold
Jennifer Mora Ortiz
Xiao Jing Ou
Rosa Yazmin Paredes-Lopez
Germania Rhodes
Miguel Rios
Sandra Hernández Valero

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATES

Gregory Adams	St. Clair County
Sara Addington	St. Clair County
Kayla Behrman	St. Clair County
Ethan Berry	St. Clair County
Marva Campbell	St. Clair County
Malachi Chadwick	St. Clair County
Dorian Cheers	St. Clair County
Josiah Collazo	St. Clair County
Dominic Costanzo	St. Clair County
Trystin Crossen	St. Clair County
Martha Edmonds	St. Clair County
Ava Fosnock	St. Clair County
Britni Gass	St. Clair County
Sara Geiger	St. Clair County
Jordan Geter	St. Clair County
Elia Hall	St. Clair County
Jayden Harris	St. Clair County
Jake Hasty	St. Clair County
Jadyn Jenkins	St. Clair County
Michael Johns	St. Clair County
Samuel Kinzinger	St. Clair County
Thomas Kriz	St. Clair County

Lisa Lampkins	St. Clair County	Dakota Adams	Madison County
Cecilia Maeder	St. Clair County	Carla Andrews	Madison County
Jace Mayberry	St. Clair County	Stacie Bastilla	Madison County
Clowie McCoy	St. Clair County	Tyler Bouchard	Madison County
Olivia McKinzie	St. Clair County	Hailey Broyles	Madison County
Mon’Jraia McLemore	St. Clair County	Elijah Conaway	Madison County
Molly Milkovich	St. Clair County	Eduardo Cortes Gallegos	Madison County
Sarah Nelson	St. Clair County	Laura Courtois	Madison County
Slayton Newman	St. Clair County	Bri’An Covington	Madison County
Zachary Olsen	St. Clair County	Joselyn Donaldson	Madison County
Scarlett O’Neal	St. Clair County	Charlotte Filius	Madison County
LeAndrea Reed	St. Clair County	Cody Fisher	Madison County
Ajia Reed	St. Clair County	Chelsea Foster	Madison County
Alyssa Rhyne	St. Clair County	Jessica Gaddy	Madison County
Jasmine Rice-Hillard	St. Clair County	Ryan Hayes	Madison County
Catherine Rogers	St. Clair County	Sylvia Hohm	Madison County
Adrianna Scaglione	St. Clair County	Sierra Hopke	Madison County
Elizabeth Seifferth	St. Clair County	Jacob Karbarski	Madison County
Ashtin Shugar-Phelps	St. Clair County	Jasmine Kilbert	Madison County
Sokhna Sow	St. Clair County	Delfina Kircher	Madison County
Brandon Summers	St. Clair County	Drake Lannom	Madison County
Saverio Tedesco	St. Clair County	Cherish Luter	Madison County
Malakia Thomas	St. Clair County	Sherry McKee	Madison County
Teresa Thomas	St. Clair County	Martin McMahan	Madison County
Emma Vines	St. Clair County	EmmaLee Michaels	Madison County

Christian Miller	Madison County
Braedyn Motsinger	Madison County
James Nimick	Madison County
Michael Purcell	Madison County
Marisol Ramirez-Perez	Madison County
Tasha Smiley	Madison County
Robert Spratley	Madison County
Deven Warren	Madison County
Amy Wilcox	Madison County

Ayden Gross	Monroe/Randolph County
Kyley Hoffman	Monroe Randolph County
Kaleb Hooten	Monroe/Randolph County
Joseph Johnson	Monroe/Randolph County
Xander Kenner	Monroe/Randolph County
Christina Loucks	Monroe/Randolph County
Laina Miller	Monroe/Randolph County
Koda Mueller	Monroe/Randolph County
Olivia Pierceall	Monroe/Randolph County
Morgan Swayze	Monroe/Randolph County
Brian Voudrie	Monroe/Randolph County
Ayden Wittenbring	Monroe/Randolph County

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**CONGRATULATIONS,
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