#### 2023-2024 GED Graduates

Jody Lee Abbey\*\*\*\*
Elijah Daniel Baker
Mackenzie Styles Chisum\*\*\*\*
Alexander Seth Cofield\*\*
Katarzyna Cortana Green\*\*
John Alexis Hanna\*\*
Joshua Riley Hayward\*\*\*\*

Bella Avis Hodges\*\*\* Kylee Juanita Kennedy\*\*\*\* Haleigh Brook Mansfield\*\* Rayvn James Mansfield\*\*

Adult Education Scholarship Recipients
Joshua Riley Hayward†
Haleigh Brooke Mansfield††

Jody Lee Abbey†††

ALAPCAE Teacher of the Year

**Tera Farrow** 

Nicholas Kaiden Pike\*
Maria Elizabeth Salinas\*
Chyane Nikole Sebastian\*\*
Morgan Leigh Short\*
Jacy Lynn Simpson-Coffman
Justin Anthony Smith\*\*
Kaite Nicol Smith
Raegan Reese Strong\*\*

Maria Fernanda Suarez Escorcia\*\*\*

Cicely Terry

**Montravious Jadarian Turpin** 

**ALAPCAE Scholarship Recipient** 

**Morgan Leigh Short** 

ALAPCAE Partner of the Year

Valley Library

### **ELL Student Recognitions**

Se Hyang Bang Gloria Marleny Bonilla Hernandez Alejandra Angelica Castillo Young Sim Choi Yong Seob Kim Alemtsehay Sema Mengistu Warner Geovanni Peralta Rodriguez Maria Elizabeth Salinas Antonio Sarmiento Romero Maria Fernanda Suarez Escorcia Justino Jesse Tellez

WorkKeys Platinum\*\*\*\*
WorkKeys Gold\*\*\*
WorkKeys Silver\*\*
WorkKeys Bronze\*

Highest GED score among ceremony participants †

2<sup>nd</sup> Highest GED score among ceremony participants††

3<sup>rd</sup> Highest GED score among ceremony participants†††

## 2024 Commencement Ceremony



# Southern Union State Community College

Adult Education Department

Friday, July 26, 2024 10:00 a.m. Southern Room, Southern Union State Community College Opelika, Alabama

### Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won if he'd stuck it out.
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

~Author Unknown

## Order of Ceremony

PRELUDE"In C Major"J.S.Bach
*PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar
*INVOCATION
WELCOME
RECOGNITION OF STAFF/GUESTS
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
PRESENTATION OF GED CERTIFICATES  Mr. Todd Shackett, President  Dr. Linda North, Dean of Academics  Ms. Connor Chauveaux, Director of Adult Education  Mrs. Rhonda Fields, Adult Education Secretary
*BENEDICTIONMs. Phyllis Reese GED Instructor, Auburn
*RECESSIONAL "Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar

\*Audience Please Stand