

## 2023-2024 GED Graduates

## 2024 Commencement Ceremony

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\*\*

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 Escoria\*\*\*  
Cicely Terry  
Montravious Jadarian Turpin

### Adult Education Scholarship Recipients

Joshua Riley Hayward†  
Haleigh Brooke Mansfield††  
Jody Lee Abbey†††

### ALAPCAE Scholarship Recipient

Morgan Leigh Short

### ALAPCAE Teacher of the Year

Tera Farrow

### 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 Escoria  
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†††



## 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

# Order of Ceremony

## 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

**PRELUDE**..... "In C Major".....J.S.Bach

**\*PROCESSIONAL**..... Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Sir Edward Elgar

**\*INVOCATION**..... Ms. Phyllis Reese  
GED Instructor-Auburn

**WELCOME**..... Mr. Todd Shackett  
President

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF/GUESTS**..... Dr. Linda North  
Dean of Academics

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**..... Mr. Greg Helms  
ELL Coordinator  
Connor Chauveaux  
Director of Adult Education  
Haleigh Mansfield  
Student Speaker

**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER**.....Ms. Connor Chauveaux  
Director of Adult Education

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** .....Mr. William "Bill" Clifton  
Faculty Instructor, Southern Union State Community College

## 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

**\*BENEDICTION**.....Ms. Phyllis Reese  
GED Instructor, Auburn

**\*RECESSIONAL**..... "Pomp and Circumstance"..... Sir Edward Elgar

*\*Audience Please Stand*