

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

*High School
Equivalency*

CERTIFICATION CEREMONY



May 19, 2021

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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

Minister Daris Hicks
Gateway Area Bible Fellowship Apostolic Church, Cahokia Heights

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Director of Adult Education and Literacy Lisa M. Atkins

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES AND HONORS

Literacy Director Jenny Margarida –Announcer

BENEDICTION

Minister Daris Hicks
Gateway Area Bible Fellowship Apostolic Church, Cahokia Heights

**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

2021-2022

Ashley Brooks – St. Clair
Juanita Burrage – St. Clair
Hope Desmond – St. Clair
Efoe Gnassia – St. Clair
Christopher Kopp – St. Clair
Konnisha Lockett – St. Clair
Jarrett Tebbe – Madison

MARTHA GIORDANO BOOK AWARD

2021-2022

Daniel Edwards – Madison
Marilee Miller – Madison

ELMER AND JOAN KIRCHOFF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2021-2022

Emily Marie Cooley – Monroe

TAYLOR, WHISMAN, ROBICHAUX AND WILLIAMSON AWARD

2021-2022

Arthur Stanley – St. Clair
Ianita Walton – St. Clair

DR. VALERIE THAXTON AWARD

2021-2022

Melissa Brooks – St. Clair

SHERIFF MEARL J. JUSTUS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

2021-2022

Ariana Tout – St. Clair

TOP 20 PERCENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Lena Dalton	Madison
Alexia Davis	St. Clair
Brandon Floyd	Madison
Lindsay Green	St. Clair
Dalton Hudson	Madison
Mirahje Hudson	Randolph
Jacob Huffines	St. Clair
Kathryn Klepacz	Madison
Jamie Kristiansen	Madison
Melony Leonard-Hernandez	St. Clair
Kenneth Lee Maxey	Madison
Alberto Morales	Madison
Halle Schwalenberg	St. Clair
Kylie Scroggins	St. Clair
Stacey Smith	St. Clair
Karli Young	St. Clair

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

Regan Brown	Mascoutah
Courtney Cato	O'Fallon
Lena Dalton	Collinsville
Daryl Fears	Granite City
Alexis Fults	O'Fallon
Olga Hovhannisyan	Belleville
Mirahje Hudson	Sparta
Madyson Johnson	Caseyville
Kiana Maloata	Cahokia
Kenneth Maxey	Granite City
Shyanne Nguyen	Glen Carbon
Kylie Scroggins	O'Fallon
Stacey Smith	Caseyville
Gregory Vasser	Cahokia
Mickey Wallace	Columbia

ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

Derrick Ballard	Monica Ortega
Elizabeth Baumgartner	Caron Proffer
Pamela Bywater	Lee Reese
Natalie Casey	Melissa Rumph
Marie Davis	Karen Schneider
Patricia Davis	Phyllis Schuetz
Mary Delabre	Lori Silva
Susan Durk	Edward Smith
Jennie Fowler-Williams	Anna Stephens
Gina Hamm	Cecelia Struckhoff
Monriett Harris	Katelyn Sutton
Daris Hicks	Valorie Toberman
Barbara Humphrey	Mary Kaye Tonnies-Graves
Cynthia Jenkins	Susan Tyler
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Jenny Margarida	Leslie Wagner
Angel McCain	Melanie Warfield
Kimberly Mohr	

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Special Projects Coordinator, Granite City	Valorie Toberman
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MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations on earning your High School Equivalency Certificate from Southwestern Illinois College. Thirty-three years ago, in 1988, I walked across the stage to receive my diploma from Taylorville High School. Little did I know that the education I received there would start me on the path to becoming a Member of Congress. In today's world, an education is the key to success, and you should be proud of all your accomplishments.

Please accept my best wishes as you celebrate this momentous occasion. If I can ever do anything to assist you or your family, please do not hesitate to let me know. It is an honor to serve you in the United States Congress.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN RODNEY DAVIS
R-ILLINOIS

Congratulations on the completion of your studies at Southwestern Illinois College! This accomplishment is a testament to the years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance you've shown. Your achievement is a great benefit to both you and our society. As your 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.

Completing your studies during the year that we've had is something you should take pride in. During unprecedented times you continued steadfast down your path. Despite all the challenges you've had to overcome, take pride in being able to take to the stage and receive your diploma with your head held high.

You are moving on to a new and exciting chapter in your life. I wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead. I hope you'll be able to look back with fond memories about these years. Congratulations again on this academic achievement!

REPRESENTATIVE AMY ELIK
11TH DISTRICT

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to you as you graduate from Southwest Illinois College. Your hard work and determination have paid off. You stepped out with purpose, planning and spirit and accomplished your goal.

I wish you every success as you continue to aim for, and reach even greater heights. Today opens a new chapter in your book of life and I encourage you to remember the past but live in the present as you prepare for the future.

REPRESENTATIVE LATOYA GREENWOOD
114TH DISTRICT

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations on your recent graduation from Southwestern Illinois College.

Achieving your High School Equivalency Certification is an impressive accomplishment. Academic success requires motivation, dedication, hard-work, and most importantly a willingness to learn. The work 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 know you have a bright future ahead.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER

Congratulations, graduates! Be proud of your accomplishments, as it was your hard work and resilience that led you to this point. May you enjoy health, joy and prosperity as you enter your bright future.

ILLINOIS SENATOR RACHELLE A. CROWE
56TH DISTRICT

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 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 achieving your certification – this certificate is a testament to your determination and commitment to your education. Your hard work has paid off and an exciting journey lays ahead. On behalf of your Southern Illinois community, I congratulate you again on your incredible accomplishment and wish you the best of success in all the challenges you conquer in the years ahead.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE BOST
12TH DISTRICT

MESSAGES FROM YOUR LEGISLATORS

Congratulations on receiving your High School Equivalency Certification. One of my favorite quotes by musician B.B. King is, "the beautiful thing about learning is no one can take it from you." I hope this is a step forward in a lifetime of learning and achieving your goals.

REPRESENTATIVE JAY HOFFMAN
113TH DISTRICT

Congratulations Graduates! Although I cannot be with you today, I would like to take this opportunity to send my congratulations. Your graduation is an outstanding achievement and you should be very proud of all your hard work and perseverance.

Best wishes for your continued success and happiness. Again, Congratulations!

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE MEIER
108TH DISTRICT

I am happy and proud to congratulate you on receiving your High School Equivalency Certification. You should feel pride in your accomplishment and you should continue to look towards the future with hope and determination. You are moving towards a very exciting part of your life's journey, and your education will be the backbone that holds you through difficult times, and times of celebration.

REPRESENTATIVE KATIE STUART
112TH DISTRICT

CLASS OF 2020-21

Madison Stacey Ayers

Caitlynn Bean

Sean Patrick Brennan

Regan Faith Brown

Courtney Eliza Ann Cato

Saigh E. Compton

Lena Irene Dalton

Alexia Jordan Davis

Carley Anna Dortmann

Daryl Fears

Brandon L. Floyd

Alexis M. Fults

Kelli Michele Gotto

Lindsay Green

Olivia Rebecca Holley

Olga Hovhannisyan

Dalton Craig Hudson

Mirahje Gabrielle Hudson

Jacob Michael Huffines

Samantha Ann James

Madyson Paige Johnson

Kathryn H. Klepacz

Jamie Marie Kristiansen

Makenzie Elaine Krushas

Melony Monique Leonard-Hernandez

Natasha Marie Logsdon

Isaiah Q. Loos

Kiana M. Maloata

Kenneth Lee Maxey

Jessica L. Miller

J. Ines Mojica

Alberto Carlos Morales

Shyanne R. Nguyen

Xavier O. A. Noble

Felicia G Phelps

Teresa T Prater

Robert L. Robinson

Antonio A. Rodriguez

Jacob Matthew Roeten

Justina Nicole Roling

Paul Edward Schneeberger

Halle Alyssa Schwalenberg

Kylie Scroggins

Jody Alene Short

Sherrie Ann Smith

Stacey M. Smith

Ellis Stanley

Joanna Naguit Thompson

Gregory Devon Vasser

Mickey Klee Wallace

Karli Hope Young

Diana Zappa

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CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!

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**

