

2024-2025 Graduates

Ashlyn Elizabeth Anderson**
 Elizabeth Michelle Atkins*
 Christopher Chase Beam****
 Marrisona Jewell Benefield
 John Eli Booth**
 Hope Marie Boughner***
 Stephanie Rena Core*†
 De'Andre Latrel Dawson**
 Romero Alicante Etti**
 Donald Richard Flakes**
 Hannah Estelle Futral*
 Jonquavious Leon Green*†
 Michayla Grace Hall**
 Donald Lamar Hawkins*†
 Jace A Heptinstall***
 Rossy Karina Hernandez Gonzalez*

Ashley Marie Hill*†
 Nicole Diane Hilton***††
 Jessica Lynn Jackson* †
 Nykerria Derriana Johnson**
 Taylor Lee King*
 Allison Paige Mansfield****††
 Oneisha Norris*†
 Gabriel Annatwonique Pendleton**†
 Sydnie Ann Pike*
 Emily Paige Smith***
 Kaitlyn Turnage
 Sumner Reid Umphress****†††
 John Wafula***†
 Tamara Tranquel Williams**†
 Alexis Simone Winston*†

Adult Education Scholarship Recipients

Nicole Diane Hilton
 Allison Paige Mansfield
 Sumner Reid Umphress
 Wejuli John Wafula

ALAPCAE National Honor Society

Nicole Diane Hilton

ALAPCAE Scholarship Recipient

Sydnie Ann Pike

ALAPCAE Teacher of the Year

Alisa Bennett

ALAPCAE Partner of the Year

Vines Funeral Home

ELL Student Recognitions

Rossy Karina Hernandez Gonzalez
 Dayoung Hur
 Sukyoung Kim

Yu-Mi Park
 Aybuke Sozer Uge

Highest GED score among
 ceremony participants †

2nd Highest GED score among
 ceremony participants††

3rd Highest GED score among
 ceremony participants†††

Non-Traditional Diploma†

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

2025 Commencement Ceremony



Southern Union State Community College

Adult Education Department

Friday, July 25, 2025

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**.....Rev. Dr. Bernard Harris
Pastor of Mt. Lovely M. B. Church

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
John Wafula
Student Speaker

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

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Mr. Shawn Caldwell
Advisor/Recruiter, 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**..... Rev. Dr. Bernard Harris
Pastor of Mt. Lovely M. B. Church

***RECESSIONAL**..... “Pomp and Circumstance” Sir Edward Elgar

**Audience Please Stand*