

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Health Sciences Division
Opelika, Alabama**



**Health Sciences Recognition Ceremony
December 15, 2025**

Please enjoy the slide show!

Welcome

Rhonda Davis
Health Sciences Dean, SUSCC

**Guest Speaker from
Each Graduating Class**

Phillip Bell, EMS
Ansley-Regan Benton, ADN
Lyric Griffin, MT
Melody Harris, MAT
Hannah Trawick, PTA
Cayli Harrelson, Vet Tech

Recognition of Students

Emergency Medical Services
Nursing
Medical Assisting Technology
Physical Therapist Assistant
Therapeutic Massage
Veterinary Technology

Dean Rhonda Davis
and Faculty

Awards By Department

Emergency Medical Services

Associate Degree Nursing

Medical Assisting Technology
Physical Therapist Assistant

Therapeutic Massage
Veterinary Technology

Mr. Steve Simpson
Mr. Nick Ray
Dr. Sarah Howell
Dr. Courtney McCarty
Mrs. Melanie Caldwell
Dr. Taylor Childs
Mrs. Anne Hughes
Mrs. Kendall Yates
Mrs. Hayley Pritchard

DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Rhonda Davis, MSN, RN

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ADVISOR

Chiquita Brooks, MBA

ADMISSIONS SPECIALISTS

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Skye Guice, MBA, BSW

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Steve Simpson, BSBA, NRP, Director

Russell Cooper, M.Ed, NRP, FP-C, WP-C

Christopher Downs, MA, NRP , TP-C

Jessica Duncan, BS, NRP, CP-C

Richard Pike, DHSc, NRP, CCP-C, CP-C, FP-C, TP-C

Nick Ray, M.Ed, RN, NRP, CP-C

NURSING

Lisa Shiver, DNP, RN, Chair

Jenna Blackstock, MSN, RN

Mary John Brown, MSN, RN

Brooke Burton, MSN, RN

Tonya Caypless, MSN, RN

Chandra Darden, DNP, RN

Beth Evans, DSHc, MSN, RN

Seth Fuller, DSHc, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

Katie Hollifield, MSN, RN

Sarah Howell, DNP, RN

Brandi Jones, MSN, RN

Arin McCarty, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Courtney McCarty, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Robin McCormick, DNP, RN

Brandi Meadows, DNP, RN

Christopher Reed, MSN, RN

Kellie Roach, BSN, RN

Stacie Stokes DSHc, MSN, RN

MEDICAL ASSISTING TECHNOLOGY

Melanie Caldwell MSN, RN, CEN, CCMA, Director

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Taylor Childs PT, DPT, Director

Anne Hughes, PTA, Clinical Education Coordinator

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Kendall Yates, MSS, LMT, Coordinator

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

Hayley Pritchard, BS, AAS, LVT

Trisha Shanteau, DVM, MVEd

Layton Federer, DVM

EMS Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Parker Agee
Kaydence Allen
Phillip Bell *
Justin Burk
AliceAnn Carter
Jonathan Dubberly
Derrick Fryer
Hunter Martin
Shelby Mills
Julianna Olsen
Graham Powell
Gavin Prickett
Tony Sosa
Marinah Strickland



* Class Representative

Vet Tech Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Cayli Harrelson *
Noella Nicol
Gracie Nobles
Maggie Reeves



* Class Representative

Nursing Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Sara McKenzie Armacost

Baylee Baker

Ansley-Regan Latner Benton *

Danielle LaShae Birdsong

Caitlyn Nicole Blackwell

Jacob Blair

Lauren Anne Brooks

Hailey Dawn Callahan

Yvondria "Dee" Cameron

Holly Marie Casteel

Kailey Marie Clement

Kirsten Collier

Kathryn Grace Cox

Megan Walker Cromwell

Abigail Mackenzie Davis

Ungkana Dechkij

Lydia Rene Dennard

Nicole Alexa Di Vinitz

Nayelica Carmen Duncan-Diaz

Jessica Rae Duncan

Georgia Keely Lynn Edwards *

Hailey Jaclyn Franco

Vanessa A. Freeman

Emily Shron Freeman

Diane Denise Gilbert

Alysia Breana Gray

Nancy Traylor Heard

Carly Diane Hester

Camryn McClary-Lee Hill

Taylor Mckenzie Ho

Michala Rashelle Holifield

Ashley Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Kennidy Ann Joiner

Noah Jordan

Diana Tumova Kendrick

Kati Kurucz

Emaleigh Caroline Langley

Priscilla McVay

Brynli Grace Mitchell *



* Class Representative

Nursing Graduating Class of Fall 2025

E'Miya Moore

Tatum Elana Moore

Tatum Elisabeth Ogden

Joleigh Marie Parker

Khushi Hetal Patel

Abbi Adamson Pike

Sydney Jane Pike

Nicholas James-Alexander Posey

ZaQuon Reynolds

Madelyn Brooks Riggins

Keairra Teaya Leighann Robinson

Hannah Sofia Ruiz

Sarah Louise Rutter

Amanda Rae Sanders

Ashley Carolyn Sayers

Summer Iman Scott

Kendall Leigh Smith

Lauren Smith

Chloe Gabrielle Speed

Meriambi Hope Stroer

Jessica Taft

Abbigail Ruth Thomas

Thomas Cooper Svensson Tørnquist

Leanne Elizabeth Vaughn

Linda Delaney Vetter

Lakenna Breanna Vickerstaff

Kendall Patterson Ward

Pamela Dawn Ward

Gabrielle Michelle Whack

Tori Olivia Williamson

Gracie Lynn Wilson

Brittany Elyse Wynn

Katherine Yates



MAT Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Medical Assistant Technology

Christy Askew

Certified Phlebotomy Technician

Emilyn Boyd
Rhonda Guerrero
Rachel Gunn
Melody Harris
Shanmekia James
Dorcas Little
Lakeyta Martin



PTA Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Lauren Barringer
Cameron Braswell
Emily Brooks
Kyndall Brownlee
Savannah Bush
Jackson Currie
Charleigh Grice
Abigail Harrison
Christopher Loomis
Makenzie Moore
Caroline Norred
Ashlee Parker
Mallory Parrish
Tay'la Stowes
Hannah Trawick
Kelsey Watson
Andrew White
Katelyn Whitehurst
William Youngblood



Therapeutic Massage Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Andrea Dobbs
Elijah Goss
Lyric Griffin *
Jordan McVay
Chloe Walker



* Class Representative

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Sincerely,

Class of Fall 2025
Students, Faculty, and Staff

“You get a strange feeling when you are about to leave a place. You will not only miss the people you love, but you will miss the person you are now, at this time and this place, because you will never be this way ever again. But you are excited for the person you are swimming towards and look forward to the new you that awaits in the distance.”

- Azar Nafisi