

CUTLINE: Recent Southern State Community College graduates Nicole Elliott, Breanne Johnson and Kylena France are back on campus serving as College Completion Coaches through a statewide partnership.

## **AmeriCorps volunteers mentoring students at Southern State**

Three recent graduates have returned to Southern State Community College this fall to serve as College Completion Coaches dedicated to supporting first-time students who are enrolled in developmental education courses to earn a certificate or degree.

It s all part of the AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches Initiative, a strategic partnership between the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC), the Ohio College Access Network (OCAN), and ServeOhio (Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism).

“In this exciting initiative, we are using the leadership skills of recent community college graduates to provide mentoring and coaching to community college students, many of whom are first-

graduate with a degree in corrections and a 2012 graduate with a degree in human and social services. She was a member of the SSCC Patriots softball team and currently serves as a