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Guzman, Brenda Althouse, Lonnie Copas, Salina Rogers, RayJean Thompson, Ashley Jones; (second row,-t) Chelsea Hallowell-Shelton, Haley Anders, Leola Clement, Pamela Baldwin, Vanessa Hamilton, Allen Rice, Amanda Myers, Anna Ramp; (third row, l-r) Josh Goslin, Shelby Jackson, Christian Jackson, Stephanie Henry, Teresa Nace, Fornetti Newbry; (fourth row, l-r) Seth Johnson, Dallas Beard, Edwin Miller, Diana Steel; (back row, l-r) Daniel Fite, Jack Madden, Christian Morse, Shyaine Payne, and Mark Thompson II.

SSCC's Adult Opportunity Center holds recognition celebration

Area residents who passed the General Education Development (GED) test were honored June 13 at the 26th annual Adult Opportunity Center's Recognition Celebration at Southern State Community College's Central Campus in Hillsboro.

"Prior to tonight, Ohio had more than one million people over the age of 18 who did not have their GED or high school diploma," said SSCC President Dr. Kevin Boys as he opened the evening's celebration. "Tonight that number's a little less.

"You folks are examples of incredible grit and determination and you set an example for all of us. This year, our Adult Opportunity Center served 688 students; 73 of that number have already started their college careers at Southern State."

Following Dr. Boys' welcome, student speakers Linda Ison-Jones and Anna Ramp were invited to address this year's honorees.

Ison-Jones, who already earned her high school diploma but needed some assistance bef(3il-1c($\frac{35}{4}$)($\frac{3}{6}$)($\frac{3$

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