

Student Support Services

Alabama Southern Community College

Monroeville & Thomasville
Campuses

July 2006

SSS Participants Receive Awards at Graduation

Each year at the annual commencement exercises, Alabama Southern Community College recognizes students that the faculty and staff have selected as outstanding leaders and scholars. This year Ayonna Procter received the James B. Allen Award and Bridney Love received the Most Outstanding Leader Award for the Monroeville Campus.

Ayonna's hometown is Elba, Alabama. Her athletic ability brought her to Alabama Southern, but her academic ability and leadership skills won her the James B. Allen Award. She not only was a member of the Women's Basketball Team, but she also served as captain of the team. Ayonna was a member of the Student Leadership Association, Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Fellowship, a peer tutor, and was staff member of "Eagle's Eye View." Her favorite quote is, "Good, Better, Best... never let it rest till your good is better and your better is BEST."

She has signed an athletic scholarship with the University of West Alabama.

Bridney's hometown is Frisco City, Alabama. She has received a leadership scholarship to Troy University. While attending Alabama Southern, Bridney was President of the Student Leadership Association, Phi Theta Kappa President of Leadership, member of Students in Free Enterprise, a peer tutor, and member of Southern Jazz. She currently is working with the Monroeville Campus Upward Bound Program.

We are extremely proud of Ayonna and Bridney. This year marks the ten-year history of SSS and Alabama Southern's most prestigious awards. This truly is a demonstration of the staff and participants' commitment to excellence.



Bridney Love



Ayonna Procter

Students Making a Difference

Tutoring is one of the many services that SSS offers to help participants succeed. Tutoring is challenging, yet rewarding for both the tutor and the tutee. To be a good tutor, one must be patient, flexible, committed, responsible, efficient, caring, and knowledgeable in the subject matter. To be a good tutee, one must be dedicated and have the desire to learn.

So many students struggle in the classroom and become discouraged, which tends to cause them to give up. The SSS Tutorial Program gives these students the opportunity to succeed in the classroom by providing one-on-one or group tutoring in a warm, caring environment. This would not be possible without the dedication and commit-

ment of the following students: (Monroeville) Kimberly Alexander, Lacey Bailey, Kodi Cagle, Amber Caskey, Fred Chambers, Ashley Gallimore, Timmy Goldman, Mallory Hamer, Jill Harris, Brittany Lewis, Allison Lloyd, Bridney Love, Thomas Marcy, Jill Markle, Robert McMillan, Emmanuelle Mestres, Kim Miller, Milton Nettles, Judith Poston, Ayonna Procter, Abby Rowell, Cathy Sellars, Nakeda Snider, Martez Stewart, Jessica Tuveson, Sarah Welch, Byron Williams, Rickeisha Williams, and Debbie Woodyard; (Thomasville) Antheris Deria, Jessica Gates, Chansie Jones, Candice Marshall, Adam Maultsby, Shantae McCarter, Christina Motes, Whitney

Pritchett, Kyle Robison, Yolanda Tensley, Aerial Toliver, Billie Jean Trotman, Kelly Wilson, and Rickeisha Williams. Chansie Jones and Cathy Sellars received the Tutor of the Year Award because of their hard work and dedication to the tutoring program.

We are so grateful to all of the SSS tutors who devotedly served their fellow students. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff for their continued support.



Tim Harris & Emmanuelle Mestres

Four Year Scholarship Recipients 2005-2006

Bridney Love	Troy University
Ayonna Procter	Univ. of West Alabama
Nina Robinson	Martin Methodist College
Cathy Sellars	Martin Methodist College
Leon Sewell	East Central University
Tracy Stacy	Univ. of West Alabama
Alicia Ward	Univ. of West Alabama

"Never forget that
your present does not
limit your future."



Bridney Love & Brittney Simpson

"The SSS Tutoring Program is incredibly beneficial, mostly because the tutors are very helpful, understanding, flexible, and patient. If one tutor doesn't understand the problem a tutee is having, there is always another tutor willing to help. My tutor also gave me her phone number so that I was able to contact her outside of school, and that is what really helps the most. There has been several occasions when I would have had tutoring that day and by the time I got home, I would forget some of the things we went over in tutoring. Fortunately, I could call my tutor, and she would help me over the phone. The tutoring program is one of the best programs ever, and I will definitely use its services in the future."

-Brittney Simpson
SSS Participant



Student Support Services

2006 SSS Graduates Profiles...

Travis Cobb

Hometown: Evergreen, Alabama
Major: Business
Transfer Institution: University of Alabama
Honors: Academic Achievement

Nma Coleman



Hometown: Tuskegee, Alabama
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball

Taryn Daughtry



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Honors: Who's Who Among America's College Students, National Dean's List

Shatara Evans



Hometown: Whatley, Alabama
Major: Ultrasound
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Student Activities: Student Leadership Association

Jermie Gates



Hometown: Grove Hill, Alabama
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Honors: Michael Scott Meadows Memorial
Student Activities: ASCC Baseball

Millory Haner



Hometown: Grants Pass, Oregon
Major: Education
Student Activities: ASCC Softball, Peer Tutor

Brandi Hands



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Radiology
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Student Activities: Baptist Campus Ministries, SIFE

Carmen Helms



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Nursing
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Playing to Win

Amanda Hendrix



Hometown: Uriah, Alabama
Major: Ultrasound
Transfer Institution: Florida Institute of Ultrasound
Student Activities: Southern Expose
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, National Dean's List, Who's Who Among America's College Students

Letrice Hixon



Hometown: Jackson, Alabama
Major: Nursing
Student Activities: Baptist Campus Ministries, Student Leadership Association



2006 SSS Graduates Profiles...

Tomeka Horne



Hometown: Whatley, Alabama
Major: Psychology
Transfer Institution: University of Alabama-Birmingham
Student Activities: Baptist Campus Ministries

Kim Johnson



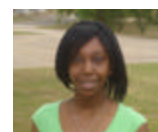
Hometown: Abbeville, Alabama
Major: Physical Education
Transfer Institution: Alabama State University
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball

Rachel Knight



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Education
Transfer Institution: Alabama State University
Honors: I Have a Dream Award, Perseverance Award

Sherretta Lee



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Computer Information Systems
Transfer Institution: University of West Florida
Student Activities: SIFE, Student Leadership Assoc.

Dominique Lloyd



Hometown: Montgomery, Alabama
Major: Sports Medicine
Transfer Institution: Alabama State University
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball

Bridney Love



Hometown: Frisco City, Alabama
Major: Education
Transfer Institution: Troy University
Honors: Most Outstanding Leader, Phi Theta Kappa, Academic Achievement, True Leader, Who's Who Among America's College Students
Student Activities: President of SLA, VP of Leadership of PTK, SIFE, Southern Jazz, Peer Tutor

Emmatina Missey



Hometown: Montgomery, Alabama
Transfer Institution: Auburn University -Montgomery
Major: Nursing
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball Team Captain

Christie Morrisette



Hometown: Thomasville, Alabama
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Major: Nursing

Keesha Packer



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Nursing
Transfer Institution: Troy University
Honors: Dean's List
Student Activities: Student Leadership Association, Baptist Campus Ministries, SIFE

Shantavia Peters



Hometown: Mobile, Alabama
Major: Nursing
Transfer Institution: LaGrange College
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball



Eric Poindexter



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Marketing
Transfer Institution: Auburn University -Montgomery
Honors: Academic Achievement, Keith Johnson Memorial

Ayoma Procter



Hometown: Elba, Alabama
Major: Physical Therapy
Transfer Institution: University of West Alabama
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Women's Basketball All Conference Team, Commitment to Excellence, Who's Who Among America's College Students, James B. Allen Award
Student Activities: Student Leadership Association, VP of Fellowship of PTK, ASCC Basketball Team Captain, Peer Tutor, Eagle's Eye View

Kyle Robison

Hometown: Linden, Alabama
Major: English
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List
Student Activities: Ambassador, Peer Tutor

Cathy Sellars



Hometown: Spanish Fort, Alabama
Major: Criminal Justice
Transfer Institution: Martin Methodist College
Honors: Tutor of the Year
Student Activities: ASCC Softball, Peer Tutor

Leon Sewell



Hometown: Abbeville, Alabama
Major: Physical Education
Transfer Institution: East Central University
Student Activities: ASCC Basketball

DeAndra Smith



Hometown: Excel, Alabama
Major: Social Work
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Student Activities: Student Leadership Association

Thomas Spearman



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Sound Production
Transfer Institution: International Academy of Design and Technology
Honors: Believe & Succeed Award
Student Activities: Southern Expose

Tracy Stacy



Hometown: Magnolia, Alabama
Major: Special Education
Transfer Institution: University of West Alabama
Honors: Academic Achievement
Activities: Peer Tutor

Alicia Ward

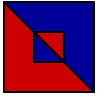


Hometown: Faunsdale, Alabama
Major: Special Education
Transfer Institution: University of West Alabama
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Academic Achievement

Minique Wiggins



Hometown: Monroeville, Alabama
Major: Early Childhood Education
Transfer Institution: University of West Alabama
Honors: Academic Achievement
Student Activities: Student Leadership Association



.....and More SSS Graduates Profiles

Tausha Wilkins



Hometown: Magnolia Springs, Alabama
Major: Education
Transfer Institution: University of South Alabama
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Academic Achievement
Student Activities: ASCC Softball

Rickeisha Williams



Hometown: Jackson, Alabama
Major: Criminal Justice
Transfer Institution: University of Alabama-Birmingham
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Academic Achievement
Student Activities: Peer Tutor, Intramural Sports

Debbie Woodyard



Hometown: Leroy, Alabama
Major: Nursing
Honors: Phi Theta Kappa, Dean's List, Who's Who Among America's College Students, Playing to Win
Student Activities: Peer Tutor



Keeper of My Dreams

By Mary Barren

*Keeper of my dreams
I ask a favor of you.
Hold all my nightmares,
and let my good dreams come true.*

*Lock my cowardliness in a box,
and allow me to be brave,
to go skiing down a mountain
or surf a tidal wave.*

*Take my dream of traveling the world,
and make it a reality.
Let me fly on a bird's wings to Japan and Rome
and soar over France and Italy.*

*Give me the guy I see every night
when I close my eyes and sleep.
Play the melody of love in my mind;
soft, soothing and deep.*

*I ask only for these few desires
keeper of my dreams.
I long to experience joy and happiness
and everything wonderful that life can bring.*



Celebrating Excellence



Loretta House presents
Brandi Hands an award



Rhonda Dess and Jerimie Gates



Loretta House and Carmen Helms



SSS Graduates

On the evening of April 27, 2006, a banquet was held to “Celebrate the Excellence” of the 2005-2006 SSS graduates of Alabama Southern Community College. This was an evening of celebration; sharing memories, laughs, and tears; and for some, saying their final goodbyes. The banquet was held in the Southwest Alabama Regional Arts Museum. Graduate Bridney Love welcomed fellow graduates, family members, friends, faculty and staff. Graduate Debbie Woodyard graciously offered the invocation. As the group viewed a memorable power point presentation of program participants, a delicious meal by the catering services of What’s Cookin’ was enjoyed by all.

The SSS Staff presented each graduate with a “Celebrating Excellence” star, a TRIO lapel pin, and a CD of cherishable memories while sharing special thoughts of each graduate. The graduates were then invited to share their thoughts and memories after the presentations.

The graduates received further recognition at commencement exercises on May 12, 2006. The banquet and commencement exercises brought closure to this time in their lives, but at the same time opened doors for new beginnings for all the graduates. We are proud of our graduates and wish them much success and happiness.

Spring Semester

- Travis Cobb-Associate in Science
- Nina Coleman-Associate in Science
- Taryn Daughtry-Associate in Science
- Jerimie Gates-Associate in Science
- Brandi Hands- Associate in Science
- Carmen Helms- Associate in Applied Science
- Amanda Hendrix-Associate in Science
- Tomeka Home-Associate in Science
- Sherretta Lee- Associate in Science
- Dominique Lloyd-Associate in Science
- Bridney Love-Associate in Science
- Emmatina Massey-Associate in Science
- Christie Morrissette-Associate in Science
- Keesha Packer-Associate in Science
- Shantavia Peters-Associate in Science
- Eric Poindexter-Associate in Science
- Ayonna Procter-Associate in Science
- Kyle Robison-Associate in Science
- Cathy Sellars-Associate in Science
- DeAndra Smith-Associate in Science
- Monique Wiggins-Associate in Science
- Debbie Woodyard-Associate in Applied Science

Summer Semester

- Shatara Evans-Associate in Science
- Mallory Hamer-Associate in Science
- Letrice Hixon-Associate in Science
- Kim Johnson-Associate in Science
- Rachel Knight-Associate in Science
- Leon Sewell-Associate in Science
- Thomas Spearman-Associate in Science
- Tracy Stacy-Associate in Science
- Alicia Ward-Associate in Science
- Tausha Wilkins-Associate in Arts
- Rickeshia Williams-Associate in Science

Interesting Facts

- Ayonna Procter was selected to the All Region XXII 2nd Team Division 1 Basketball Southern League.
- Shantavia Peters was selected to the All Region XXII 2nd Team Division 1 Basketball Southern League.
- Nina Robinson was selected to the All Region XXII 1st Team Division 1 Basketball Southern League.
- Carlos Hughes was selected to the All Region XXII 1st Team Division 1 Basketball Southern League.
- Fred Lewis was selected to the All Region XXII 2nd Team Division 1 Basketball Southern League.



A New Experience



It has now been a full year that I've moved back from France. It has been quite a change, though not a cultural shock since I've lived here before. France is very different from the United States (though not totally), because of the culture, food and geography. Education is very different too. They are much more

demanding and focus mainly on academics. The way they teach is quite different too, though it's not something I could pinpoint or describe. So although I was academically well prepared to start college here, the change in language and teaching made it a little confusing. Luckily for me, I ended up at Alabama Southern. The fact that it is a small college with an excellent curriculum has proved essential. Because it is small I know my professors, which has made communication easy for me. I am comfortable with asking questions and discussing in class, despite the fact that I am a very shy person. There is nothing wanting in the curriculum and the professors are excellent. They spark my interest in their subject, keep me from falling into boredom, and I understand what I am learning. The personnel have proven to be very helpful. Student Support Services has also been of great help to me. They have provided the structure I need, since my parents are still in France. Miss Dees, Mrs. Randall and Mrs. House are ready to help and care very much about the students they care for. Whatever question I have, I can come to them for the answer or they will tell who can help me. In all, I have had a very good experience here and would recommend Alabama Southern to anyone who would ask me.

Emmanuelle Mestres

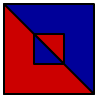
SSS Transfers

The Student Support Services Staff at Alabama Southern Community College works hard to help and encourage students to continue their education at a four-year college or university, and eventually obtain a bachelor's degree. The SSS staff would like to congratulate those students who have put in the time and effort to continue their education. We are so proud of you for taking the steps necessary to achieve this goal. The following students will be transferring to the college or university of their choice:

April Callicott————University of South Alabama
Travis Cobb————University of Alabama

Vincent Coston————Troy University
Derrick D'Andrea————Univ. of Southern Mississippi
Taryn Daughtry————University of South Alabama
Dario Davis————Bishop State Community College
Shatara Evans————University of South Alabama
Curtis Fields————Gadsden State Comm. College
Jerimie Gates————University of South Alabama
Brandi Hands————University of South Alabama
Rhonda Harris————University of West Alabama
Tomeka Horne————Univ. of Alabama Birmingham
Amanda Hendrix————Florida Institute of Ultrasound
Carlos Hughes————University of South Alabama
Kim Johnson————Alabama State University
Rachel Knight————Alabama State University
Sherretta Lee————University of West Florida
Fred Lewis————Alabama State University
Dominique Lloyd————Alabama State University
Bridney Love————Troy University
Candice Marshall————Xavier University
Emmatina Massey————Auburn Univ. Montgomery
Victoria McCormick————Wallace State Comm. College
Richelle McKenzie————Capps College
Emmanuelle Mestres————University of South Alabama
Christie Morrissett————University of South Alabama
Christina Motes————Union College
Keesha Packer————Troy University
Ledarius Perry————Auburn Univ. Montgomery
Shantavia Peters————LaGrange College
Eric Poindexter————Auburn Univ. Montgomery
Devin Peterson————Remington College
Ayonna Procter————University of West Alabama
Felecha Ravizee————Univ. of Alabama Huntsville
Nina Robinson————Martin Methodist College
Leigh Salter————University of South Alabama
Cathy Sellars————Martin Methodist College
Leon Sewell————East Central Univ. Oklahoma
DeAndrea Smith————University of South Alabama
Thomas Spearman————International Academy of
Design & Technology
Tracy Stacy————University of West Alabama
Alicia Ward————University of West Alabama
Monique Wiggins————University of West Alabama
Tausha Wilkins————University of South Alabama
Rickeisha Williams————Univ. of Alabama Birmingham

"The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."



Cultural Encounters.....

One of the many services provided by Student Support Services is cultural enrichment. This service is one of the most important activities offered by the SSS program because it provides an opportunity for students to explore cultures other than their own.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the participants voyaged across the world at the Mobile International Festival; they traveled through Europe by viewing a slideshow of famous landmarks in Europe; and they journeyed back in time by visiting the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Also, the participants encountered the ancient Egyptian culture by viewing the *Mummy Exhibit* at the Gulf Coast Exploreum. Their ears were enchanted with music from various genres when they attended the Southern Expose Spring Concert. Students who attended the Ninth Annual Alabama Writers Symposium were entertained by various authors, poets, and artists such as William Cobb, Cathy Day, Tom Franklin, Leah Nielsen, Suzanne Hudson, and Don Stewart. Also, participants attended Monroeville's annual play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

SSS provided many opportunities for students to attend cultural enrichment activities. Students were able to learn, value, and appreciate their culture, as well as many cultures different from their own. This year's cultural encounters provided a valuable experience for the participants.



Participants enjoy the food at the Mobile International Festival



Mary Barren & Chansie Jones visit Israel at the Mobile International Festival

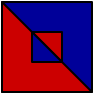


Participants at the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham



Participants view the *Mummy Exhibit* at the Gulf Coast Exploreum in Mobile

...and more Cultural Encounters



Santarica Buford, Rickeisha Williams, & Brian Jackson at the Mobile International Festival



Jillian Markle at the SSS Cultural Presentation



Kerry White, Bridney Love, & Nakeda Snider at the Mobile International Festival



Derryn Moten, ASU Professor & Diamond Solomon at the Ninth Annual Alabama Writers Symposium



Codera Millender, Lee Hixon, & Byron Williams at the Mobile International Festival



ASCC Awards Night

On April 18, 2006, Alabama Southern Community College (Thomasville Campus) honored students who had accomplished great endeavors in and out of the classroom. The awards ceremony was held in the Alabama Tombigbee Conference Center. Several Student Support Services participants were honored for their achievements. Antheris Deria, Chansie Jones, Jessica Gates, Callie Terrell, Alicia Ward, Rickeshia Williams, and Kelly Wilson were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Markita Watkins received the Most Improved Student Award for the Business Technology, Computer Applications Division. The Humanities and Fine Arts Division presented the Most Outstanding English Student Award to Sharon Beech and the Most Improved English Lab Student Award to Anthony Nobles. James Nettles and Oliver Rhodes received the Most Outstanding Ethics Student Award. The Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division awarded the Most Improved Physical Science II Award to Derrick D'Andrea.

Student Support Services participants were honored with special awards that were chosen by the staff of SSS. The Commitment to Excellence Award was presented to Sharon Beech. Anthony Nobles received the Great Achievement Award. The Dare to Soar Award was given to Shantae McCarter. James Nettles received the Playing to Win Award. Terrence Usher and Jessica Gates received the Attitude is Everything Award. Brian Jackson received the Shoot for the Moon Award, and Rickeshia Williams received the Success Award. The Believe and Succeed Award was presented to Santarica Buford. Elizabeth Chapman received the Determination Award, and the Think Big Award was presented to Antheris Deria. Chansie Jones received the What Lies Within Us Award and Tutor of the Year Award.

On April 25, 2006, the eleventh annual awards ceremony at Alabama Southern (Monroeville Campus) was held in Nettles Auditorium. Student Support Services was proud to have had several participants recognized for their superior achievement in their respective areas. Bridney Love was recognized for her role of Vice President of Leadership of Phi Theta Kappa and as President of Student Leadership Association. Ayonna Procter was recognized for her role of Vice President of Services of PTK. Amanda Hendrix and Emmanuelle Mestres were inducted into PTK. Amanda Hendrix, Bridney Love, Ayonna Procter, and Debbie Woodyard were selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. The Humanities Division presented the Technical Achievement for Lighting and Sound Award to Thomas Spearman, the Most Outstanding Art Student Award to Diamond Solomon, Most Outstanding History Student to Emmanuelle Mestres, and the Most Improved Basic English Award to Kawanda Whitsett. The Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division presented the Chemistry Award to Emmanuelle Mestres, the College Algebra Award to Jillian Markle, and the Pre College Algebra Award to Ken Mitchell. Leigh Salter was recognized for her role of Vice President of Student Leadership Association and DeAundra Smith for her role of Secretary of SLA.

The staff of Student Support Services presented special awards to the participants. The Commitment to Excellence Award was presented to Ayonna Procter. The True Leader Award was presented to Bridney Love. Carmen Helms and Debbie Woodyard received the Playing to Win Award. Thomas Spearman received the Believe and Succeed Award. The Thinking Out of the Box Award was presented to Diamond Solomon. The Perseverance Award was presented to Rachel Knight. Nakeda Snider received the Achievement Award. The Attitude Award was presented to Vincent Coston. In addition to these awards, four memorials were presented in loving memory of four former SSS participants who died during their participatory years in SSS. In memory of Michael Scott Meadows, Jerimie Gates received a baseball. Fred Lewis received a basketball in memory of Eric Terrell Kelly. Jillian Markle was presented with a musical CD in memory of Eddie Dove. Eric Poindexter received a men's inspirational book in memory of Keith Johnson. The staff of SSS would like to extend our congratulations to each of you on your commitment to excellence both in and out of the classroom.





Transfer Trips

One of the goals of the Student Support Services program is to encourage students to continue their education at a four-year college or university after graduating from Alabama Southern Community College. The SSS staff provides resources necessary to help students achieve this goal. The SSS staff helps students complete the application process, financial aid application, and scholarships.

Many students have found that choosing a four-year transfer institution is not an easy decision. Transfer trips provide students the opportunity to see and tour many different campuses, talk with instructors, advisors, and students about each institution, and obtain necessary forms and applications to start the transfer process. The trips help the students choose a university that meets their educational, financial, and personal needs. During the 2005-2006 academic year, the participants visited Alabama State University, Auburn University Montgomery, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of South Alabama, Auburn University, University of West Alabama, Troy University, and University of Alabama.



Participants at Auburn University Montgomery



Participants at the University of South Alabama



Participants, Mrs. White, and tour guide at Auburn University



Participants at the University of Alabama Birmingham



Academic Achievers

Congratulations to the following students for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 and above for the school year 2005-2006.

Deborah Andrews
Barbara Beasley
Sharon Beech
Heather Cannon
Derrick D'Andrea
Curtis Fields
Jessica Gates
Mallory Hamer
Timothy Harris
Carmen Helms
Amanda Hendrix
Ashley Ikner
Chansie Jones

Bridney Love
Kaci Luker
Cortez Lundy
Dominique Martin
Shantae McCarter
Emmanuelle Mestres
Christina Motes
James Nettles
Leah Perez
Amber Phillips
Judith Poston
Michael Pratt
Ayonna Procter

Kyle Robison
Nakeda Snider
Diamond Solomon
Thomas Spearman
Jonathan Stephens
Tracy Stacy
Ladora Taylor
Callie Terrell
Alicia Ward
Markita Watkins
Tausha Wilkins
Rickeisha Williams
Kelly Wilson
Debbie Woodyard

A Perfect Balance

Work and school are two of many things that students balance throughout their college years, but when your boss is your parents then it becomes something else completely. Not only are you juggling school and work, you're also partially responsible for your family's income for the year. This is what we do, we work at our parent's family owned tax preparation business and workout our semester schedule around it. By doing this, not only are we saving money by not having to hire outside sources, we're also gaining life experiences and more knowledge of the business we'll be going into when we graduate from college.

Now don't get us wrong, we do get paid, but in return we use that money to pay for school and other school related things such as gas. As for balancing it all out, we decided the best way to go would be taking one class for the spring semesters, as that is the only time we're working, and taking full loads for the remaining year. We do not really get much of a break now; however, we were home schooled during our K-12 years, so we had many opportunities for vacations then.

Now is our time to work and reach our goals of one day becoming certified public accountants and begin our leading roles in the family business. We both chose the same profession on our own because we knew this would come naturally to us. Ever since Kindergarten we've been around taxes and accounting. Naturally we learned a lot early on and by the time we were old enough to work we could jump right in.



Callie & Cassie Terrell
SSS Participants

“What the future holds for us depends on what we hold for the future. Hardworking ‘todays’ make high-winning ‘tomorrows’.”

—Philosopher William E. Haller