

EMCC:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER CLASS OF GED GRADUATES



MAYHEW – East Mississippi Community College held commencement exercises June 3 for its latest class of GED graduates. So far this year, 159 students have graduated from this high school equivalency program offered throughout EMCC’s six-county district. More than 30 of them took part in a graduation ceremony at the Lyceum auditorium at EMCC’s Golden Triangle campus.

“In our society, education is the great equalizer. Fifty years ago, 60 percent of jobs could be done by unskilled workers. Rising technology has turned that statistic upside down. Today, 65 percent of jobs require skilled workers, and there are more new kinds of high-tech jobs every year,” said EMCC President Dr. Rick Young.

“I commend these graduates of East Mississippi Community College’s GED program for putting in the hard work necessary to take that next step for themselves and their families.”

Students who participated in the June 3 graduation ceremony were:

- Chickasaw County: Jim Horn of Houston
- Clay County: Jennifer Bean of Pheba; and Keith Holzman and Daquan Jameson of West Point
- Kemper County: Taylor Richardson of Porterville
- Lee County: Wayne Emison of Guntown
- Lowndes County: Courtney Boatner, Phillip “Trevor” Burns, Terrance Colvin, Ashley Escoria, Marisa Fromm, Chelsey Hill, Coderick Hood, Vanquela Jones, Jayson Newsome, Whitney Pounders, James “Robby” Richardson, Brittany Sanders, Kalyn Weber, Alana Wells and LaFreda Williams, all of Columbus; Micki Gallop of Caledonia; Jonathan Pugh and William Simpson of Steens; and Arlesha Malone of Crawford
- Monroe County: Chiquita Orr of Prairie
- Noxubee County: Fuoad Fadel of Macon; and Linda McMullen of Brooksville
- Oktibbeha County: Robert Gandy, Matthew Hill and Taylor Taggart, all of Starkville
- Winston County: Kantassa Overstreet of Louisville

Seventeen-year-old Phillip “Trevor” Burns received a special award for making the highest score on the GED test – including a perfect score in language arts and reading.

“I ended up having to miss a lot of class in high school, so much that I really couldn’t make up the work, so I decided to go the GED route,” Burns said. “I plan to enroll at EMCC in the fall, and then transfer to Mississippi State University. I haven’t quite decided on a major, but I’m thinking about computer science.”

Students who earn their GED diplomas at EMCC, and want to continue their education at the college, can apply for scholarships to cover the cost of tuition. For more information, call (662) 243-1985.

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Phillip “Trevor” Burns won a special award for making the highest score on the GED test. He is pictured with EMCC President Dr. Rick Young.