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## **SSCC hosts ‘Turning Obstacles into Opportunities’ on April 10**

Author and national speaker Dr. Aaron Thompson will present “Turning Obstacles into Opportunities” 1 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Edward K. Daniels Auditorium on Southern State Community College’s Central Campus, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Thompson derived his “Turning Obstacles into Opportunities” talk from his poverty-stricken Appalachian background and ascension into higher academia. In an uplifting story spiced with humor, he will share how he achieved his dreams, and how region, class, and race played significant roles in that process.

A professor of psychology at Eastern Kentucky University, Dr. Thompson currently serves as the executive vice president and chief academic officer for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology in the areas of organizational behavior and race and gender relations.

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