

CUTLINE: Students who completed the Basic Peace Officers Training Program at Southern State Community College include: (l-r) Chansellor D. Stroud of Clarksville, Kelly L. Grogan of Wilmington, Cambriah J. Shelton of Leesburg, and Ryan O. Coleman of Greenfield

SSCC Basic Peace Officers complete training

The cadets of Southern State Community College's Basic Peace Officers Training Program were recognized at a special ceremony held December 16 at the college's Fayette Campus in Washington Court House.

Four cadets were recognized for completing the six-month program which covers the fundamentals of entry-level peace officer training and includes courses in laws, administrative functions, firearms, human relations, criminal investigations, traffic accident investigations, traffic enforcement, patrols, civil disorders and prisoner bookings. Students earn 16 college credit hours which may be applied to the law enforcement associate degree program at Southern State. The new cadets join approximately 289 cadets before them since the program started in 1997.

Students who completed the training program include Ryan O. Coleman, Kelly L. Grogan, Cambriah J. Shelton, and Chansellor D. Stroud. All four members of the graduating class have since successfully passed their state certification examinations.

Commander Robin A. Roche presented the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy awards. Perfect attendance awards were presented to Ryan Coleman and Chansellor Stroud

An award for outstanding academic performance was presented to Cambriah Shelton.

In recognition of outstanding psychological survival fortitude, Kelly Grogan was presented the Fighting Spirit Award, in memory of Sgt. Tim Fryer.

In recognition of outstanding handgun performance, Chansellor Stroud was presented the Top Gun Award, in memory of Dep. Harry Smithson.

In recognition of maintaining outstanding physical condition, Ryan Coleman was presented the Physical Fitness Award, in memory of Davide A. Soprano.

Most coursework for the training program takes place at Southern State's Fayette Campus in Washington C.H. Instructors are recruited from various state, county and local law enforcement and corrections agencies. In concert with the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, Southern State also offers associate degrees in Assets Protection & Loss Prevention, Criminal Justice, Cyber Security & Forensics, and Law Enforcement.

To learn more about the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, please visit www.sscc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml. For registration information, please call 1-800-628-7722, ext. 5615.