



CUTLINE: Students who completed the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy at Southern State Community College are pictured with Commander Doug Daniels (far right). Front row Taylor Avedisian; middle row (l to r) Maggie Sykes, Lucas Overman, Connor Snaveley, Makala Bunner, Logan Robinson, and Commander Daniels; back row (l to r) Mark Brewer (guest speaker), Benjamin Bales, Kyle Flora, Garrett Wheeler, and Chase Michael.

SSCC Basic Peace Officers complete training

The cadets of Southern State Community College’s Basic Peace Officer Training Academy were recognized at a special ceremony held on May 16 at the college’s Central Campus in Hillsboro.

This celebration marks the 31st graduating class from the Academy at Southern State Community College. These graduates reside in Clinton, Fayette, Highland, and Ross Counties and join over 428 previous graduates from across southern Ohio since 1998.

“I stand in admiration of what you have done to get to this point and I am equally captivated with your decision to enter law enforcement,” said Dr. Nicole Roades, SSCC President, as she addressed the audience in attendance. “This career choice is no easy pathway. Thank you for recognizing the value of this important work and for the role you will play in promoting a sense of security for your family, my family, and the community in general.”

Student remarks were provided by Cadet Taylor Avedisian.

Mark Brewer, Deputy Sheriff for the Adams Co. Sheriff’s Office and School Resource Officer for the Adams County Ohio Valley School District, served as the program’s guest speaker.

Ten cadets were recognized for completing the program which covers the fundamentals of entry-level peace officer training and includes instruction in laws, administrative functions, firearms, human relations, criminal investigations, traffic accident investigations, traffic enforcement, patrols, civil disorders, and prisoner bookings. They have completed 740 hours in length and were required to pass 16 proficiency tests during the Academy.

Students who completed the training program include Taylor Avedisian of Highland County, Benjamin Bales of Highland County, Makala Bunner of Highland County, Kyle Flora of Ross County, Chase Michael of Highland County, Lucas Overman of Highland County, Logan Robinson of Clinton County, Connor Snavely of Highland County, Maggie Sykes of Fayette County, and Garrett Wheeler of Highland County.

Cadet Makala Bunner provided the invocation followed by Southern State's Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Erika Goodwin to offer closing remarks.

Most coursework for the training program takes place at Southern State. 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 an associate degree in Law Enforcement (<https://www.sccc.edu/academics/programs/law-enforcement.shtml>).

To learn more about the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, please visit <https://www.sccc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml>. A new academy will begin in August.

For registration information, please call SSCC at 1-800-628-7722, Ext. 2825.

###

Southern State Community College does not discriminate, in its programs or activities, against applicants, employees, or students on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin (ancestry), military status (past, present or future), disability, age (40 years or older), status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a nursing mother, status as a foster parent, genetic information, or sexual orientation. Questions about this should be directed to the Lead Title IX Coordinator, 100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133; (937) 393-3431. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Peggy Chalker, Dean of Articulation and Transfer and Director of Student Success | Title IX Lead Coordinator
100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133 | pchalker@sccc.edu | 800.628.7722, Ext. 2880

Mindy Markey-Grabill, Vice President of Human Resources | Title IX Coordinator
100 Hobart Drive, Hillsboro, OH 45133 | 800.628.7722, Ext. 2550