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Abbeville Mayor Ryan Blalock Speaks at Wallace Community College – Sparks Campus Commencement



Eufaula Graduates (L to R): Samantha Crouch, Rhonda Jackson; Dr. Linda C. Young, Wallace Community College president; Ryan Blalock, mayor of Abbeville; Ashley Battle, and Martima Penn.



Pictured (L to R): Jeffrey Fortson, Midway; Robert Youngblood, Midway; Dr. Linda C. Young, Wallace Community College president; Ryan Blalock, mayor of Abbeville; and Korderrius Penn, Union Springs.



Pictured (L to R): Pamela Dyson, Shorterville; Samantha Rollins, Abbeville; Dr. Linda C. Young, Wallace Community College president, Ryan Blalock, mayor of Abbeville, and Joshua Jackson, Abbeville.



Clayton Graduates (L to R): Christine Warren and Avery Grubbs; Dr. Linda C. Young, Wallace Community College president; Ryan Blalock, mayor of Abbeville; and La'Crystal Johnson.



Pictured (L to R): David McElroy, Georgetown, GA; Dr. Linda C. Young, Wallace Community College president; and Ryan Blalock, mayor of Abbeville.



Dr. Linda C. Young and Twanda Banks, Sparks Campus Alumnus of the Year.

Eufaula, Ala.—Wallace Community College – Sparks Campus held commencement ceremonies at the Eufaula Community Center May 10. Abbeville Mayor Ryan Blalock gave the keynote address. Wallace President Linda C. Young presented the WCC Sparks Campus Alumnus of the Year award to Twanda Banks.

Mayor Blalock is a graduate of Abbeville Christian Academy and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Troy University. He began his business career in the textile industry with WestPoint Stevens and joined Great Southern Wood Preserving in 2004. He won the mayoral election in his first bid for public office.

Blalock serves on the Southeast Alabama Gas Board of Directors, Superintendent of the Abbeville Water and Sewer Board, Chairman of the Abbeville Library Foundation Board, Vice-Chairman of the Henry County Economic Development Authority, and Secretary Treasurer of the 2nd Congressional District of Alabama. He also participated in the 2010 Alabama Leadership Institute.

Alumnus of the Year Twanda Banks graduated from Wallace Community College – Sparks Campus in 1994. She served for eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves and twelve years in the Alabama Army National Guard. Her service included two deployments to Iraq. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration from Grantham University, where she is scheduled to graduate in August of this year. She is the Quitman County Board of Education Technology Director and is responsible for district networking and infrastructure.

Banks is on the Educational Trust Fund Committee, First Missionary Baptist Church, and serves as Youth Director. She volunteers as Friendship Association Assistant Youth Advisor. She has also been involved in the Quitman County Civic League for twelve years, as well as the Quitman County YMCA.