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The 2022 Dinah Culbreath Wayne EAGLE Awards Leadership Institute was held in Atlanta in March. Charley "Jaycee" Scott from Swainsboro represented the Southeastern Technical College (STC) Adult Education program.

EAGLE is the first statewide program in the nation that recognizes and rewards excellence among students enrolled in adult education programs. This student recognition program is designed to create greater awareness of educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster greater involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

Jaycee received her High School Equivalency (HSE) in December 2021 and is enrolled in the Business Technology program at Southeastern Technical College. She works full-time for the College as the admissions assistant and front desk receptionist on the Swainsboro Campus.

"The day I decided to enroll in STC's Adult Education program was the best decision I could have made. I did not know I would meet so many people who would make me feel welcome, offer guidance, and support me to make my journey successful," said Jaycee. "Having fallen behind in school due to medical scares, I would not be where I am today without this program. Giving up on my education was not an option."

The EAGLE Leadership Institute recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of each of the EAGLE delegates and provides professional development sessions focused on increasing leadership, communication, and life management skills.

Ms. Susan Cross, Executive Director of Adult Education commented, "Jaycee is a very bright young lady who is committed to being successful in her educational goals. We are so proud of the job she did representing our program in Atlanta and for her commitment to a successful future."

Jaycee said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to represent STC as the EAGLE delegate and compete with students from around the state. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had and I learned so much. The thing that has stuck with me the most is that everyone's story is different and no matter what we have been through or what we may be going through, we should never give up. There is always hope and a second chance! Everyone has the opportunity to succeed, no matter their age or circumstances. I am so thankful for the friendships I gained as part of this event. I will forever cherish the memories and forever be grateful for the Adult Education program and Southeastern Tech. STC has so much to offer. I earned my First Responder Certification, so I am now also enrolled in STC's EMT program."

Jaycee was nominated for the EAGLE award by Annette Merier, Adult Education Instructor in Swainsboro.

"Jaycee was willing to work diligently to achieve her goals and she is always willing to help others if she can. She attended Adult Education classes regularly and participated consistently. She will not let any circumstances hinder her progress. For example, despite having surgery, she was back in classes on crutches the next week. Being an exceptional student, having a great personality, and giving back to the community is important. Because Jaycee possesses all these qualities, I believe that she was a great choice to represent

Southeastern Technical College as an EAGLE delegate,” said Ms. Merier.

The Technical College System of Georgia through its Office of Adult Education sponsors the annual Dinah Culbreath Wayne Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Leadership Institute.

Accompanying Jaycee in Atlanta were Executive Director of Adult Education Susan Cross, EAGLE Coordinator Precious Landaverde, and Adult Education Instructor Annette Merier.

For more information on High School Equivalency at Southeastern Technical College, visit www.southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

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