

# Hope!

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Jasminn (left) graduated this year from South Carolina Virtual Charter School. Hammon graduated from Byrnes High School in Duncan.

## Congratulations, graduates!

Online and on campus, two residents earn diplomas in 2014

We're proud to announce that two of our residents graduated from high school this year: Hammon and Jasminn.

Jasminn graduated from the South Carolina Virtual Charter School.

"The Virtual School is a relatively new school built for home-bound children," Southeastern Children's Home case worker Ashley Remick said. "Jasminn had been taking courses at the Virtual School at her previous placement. When she moved to Southeastern, it just made sense for her to continue her work at the Virtual School and finish up there."

Taking classes online was no easy feat. The nontraditional setting required a lot of self-discipline.

"Jasminn was very self-motivated," Ashley said. "Not many of our residents would have had the stamina and discipline to take online courses. In an online setting, you don't have constant communication and super-

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vision that you get in a normal classroom. Jasminn was motivated to study, and motivated to finish. She is as determined to succeed as anyone I've met."

Jasminn will enroll at Spartanburg Community College in the Fall semester.

"Jasminn wants to inspire others," Ashley said. "She wants to be the next Maya Angelou. I fully expect Jasminn will transfer to a four-year university and will get her bachelor's degree. Jasminn is a driven, goal-oriented teenager. And that's pretty rare. She just needed a chance to succeed."

Jasminn's demeanor and intelligence has not gone unnoticed.

"It's amazing how many people are watching out after her," Ashley said. "Judges, DSS supervisors, seemingly everyone that comes into contact with Jasminn understands she has the potential to be something great."

Hammon graduated from Byrnes High School, and has been a long-time resident at Southeastern.

"Hammon is a big guy. And at first everyone thought he was going to be difficult to deal with," house dad Clay Ball said. "But, we quickly found out that he had a sensitive heart, and he always wanted to change for the better. His conscience was often his best guide."

School wasn't always Hammon's first priority. Due to a number of factors, Hammon didn't enjoy school.

"Hammon is one of those teenagers who was always ready to graduate," Clay said. "He's the type of guy who just needs to find his place in the working world."

"Hammon didn't grow up with a lot of brothers and sisters. So coming to our house was a big change for him," Clay said. "But, there was no one in our house that he didn't like. He always liked going fishing and listening to country music. He always enjoyed just being one of the guys."

We're so proud of both of our graduates this year. Congratulations to both of them for a job well done.

## Resident recognized for leadership

Palmetto Bible Camp taps Billy as camper of the week

We're proud to announce that Billy, one of our residents in the Smith cottage, won Camper of the Week at Palmetto Bible Camp this year.

"Each week, a director at Palmetto Bible Camp awards a Camper of the Week trophy to the most outstanding boy and girl camper," PBC Director Sam Soper said. "The staff and I get together and make the decision at the end of the week."

This is the third year that Billy has been to camp.

"I just love camp," Billy said. "It's the one time of year where I can be myself. You're surrounded by a family of Christian folk that care about you. You get a chance to do crazy fun stuff like slip-and-slides, rope swings, and hike to waterfalls. It's pretty much my favorite place."

Last year, Billy was baptized at Palmetto Bible Camp.

"PBC will always be a special place for me," Billy said.



Southeastern resident Billy (right) pauses during a hike with other participants at Palmetto Bible Camp.

"I feel as though everyone at camp accepts me for who I am. I don't have to pretend around them. The friends I've made at camp are some of my greatest friends in the world."

Billy's houseparents were equally excited about the news.

"So often, our kids feel ostracized at school or in

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### In Honor of 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

DWIGHT DERRICK  
Ms. Nell Bailey

public," house mom Tabitha Ball said. "It's difficult for them to feel accepted. They come from nontraditional backgrounds. And even while with us, they don't feel normal because most of their friends know they live in a group home. When he found out he won, you would have thought he had won a million dollars. It meant a lot to him, but it also sends a message to all of our kids that any of them can be great."

The Palmetto Bible Camp staff was proud of Billy's attitude throughout the week, but also his growth over the past several years.

"We just thought that Billy had done an exceptional job during camp," camp director Sam Soper said. "He was a role model to the younger campers, a friend to the older campers, and a help to the staff. He was the type of kid we wish all of our kids to be like. Over the past three years, we've seen him transition from a boy to a man."

Congratulations to Billy on this outstanding accomplishment!

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# New houseparents at Lyman House and Smith Cottage

**Southeastern says "welcome home" to Nicholsons, Davises**

We're pleased to announce the addition of two new sets of houseparents at Southeastern Children's Home.

Paul and Cindy Nicholson have accepted the role of houseparents at our pre-independent living program in the Lyman house. Paul and Cindy previously worked as houseparents for Southeastern Children's Home from 1995-2001.

"I feel as though we've come home," Paul said. "It's a great group of kids to work with. Plus, we're excited to be a little closer to our grandchildren who live nearby."

Also, Johnny and Barbara Davis are our new houseparents at the Smith cottage. Johnny and Barbara have two sons that will be living with them: Lucas and Michael.

"Barbara and I are very excited to be here," Johnny said. "The entire

experience has been a blessing. It seems as if the boys have enjoyed it as much as we have. We're so thankful for all the support we've received from everyone."

Johnny and Barbara moved from Little Rock, Arkansas where Johnny served as a minister of the White Hall church of Christ and Barbara worked in a daycare. Their two boys have handled the move considerably well.

"Our son Lucas has been excited and grateful for the youth ministry at Central Church of Christ," Johnny said. "Our other son, Michael, really enjoys hanging out with all the boys in the cottage. He enjoys being part of the big family."

We are so thankful that God has placed both the Nicholson and Davis families with us.



Paul and Cindy Nicholson (above) join Johnny and Barbara Davis as Southeastern's newest houseparents.

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