



CUTLINE: SSCC alumnus Dr. Michael Carver (right) addressed the 596 members of Southern State Community College's 2012 graduating class during the June 8 commencement exercises.

Carver addresses largest graduating class in SSCC history

Southern State Community College's 37th annual commencement exercises were held June 8 in the Patriot Center on SSCC's Central Campus in Hillsboro. A total of 596 students applied for degrees or certificates as part of the largest graduating class in the college's history.

Selected as the 2012 commencement speaker, alumnus Dr. Michael Carver started his educational journey at Southern State as a post-secondary enrollment option (PSEO) student, completing college coursework while still in high school. He earned his associate degree from Southern State, transferring afterward to Bowling Green State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology, and both his master's degree and doctorate in history.

How do I summarize the sum total of your recent achievement in the span of a brief speech? Quite simply, I can't, said Dr. Carver. Instead, I invite you to contemplate the deeper meaning of this milestone you've reached. It is evidence of your willingness to take risks; it's proof of your intellect; it confirms your willingness to engage in some very hard work; and it further speaks to your a

