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CUTLINE: Forty students join 977 before them as graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program at Southern State Community College during a pinning ceremony celebrating (front, l-r) Laura Hart, Marci Mickle, Diane Brenner, Rose Marie Scott, Joni Karla Carson, Ryan Battista-Pride, Cailee Christman, Kristen Shaffer, Megan Reyes-Rosales, Cayla Lindberg, Charity Hilgeman, Carmella Biscoe; (second row, l-r) Rebecca Gross, Haley Blake, Jessica Clutter, Paula Scott, Melinda Wise, Crystal Case, Cynthia Bauer, Bridget Bowman, Destiny Meddock, Diana Smith; (third row, l--

dy Vanhoose; (fourth row, l-r) Heilery Mefford, Tim Lewis, Mitchell McManis, Darren Polley, n Henderson; (back, l-r) Nelson Tharp, Shelby Murphy, Brooke Hayner, and Josh Villars.

SSCC's Associate Degree Nursing program graduates 40

Forty graduates of Southern State Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program were recognized during a recent pinning ceremony at the college's Central Campus in Hillsboro.

Graduate Diana Smith opened the evening ceremony with a recitation of the nurse's prayer, which was followed by the welcome and introductions by graduate Jessica Clutter.

"We're proud—and grateful—for the career field you have chosen," said Dr. Kevin Boys, SSCC President, who welcomed the guests and congratulated the students on their accomplishments in the nursing program.

Dr. Julianne Krebs, director of Southern State's nursing program, introduced the college's nursing faculty and staff. "Join us in the excitement and joy as we celebrate the passage of these graduates into the nursing practice," said Dr. Krebs.

Following the welcome and introductions, the Jacobson Memorial Scholarship Award was presented. In 2000, a scholarship was established to honor JoAnne Jacobson, who taught for the college's nursing program from

1986-96. The Jacobson Memorial Scholarship Award is presented to a nursing student during the ADN pinning by members of the Jacobson family. First-level nursing student Sydney Cornwell was awarded this year's scholarship.

During the pinning of graduates, friends and family members of nursing students were welcomed to join their loved ones on stage and present the graduates with the Associate Degree Nursing graduate pins.

Graduate Mitch McManis led the lighting of the candle while the ADN graduates recited the Florence Nightingale Pledge. Closing remarks were delivered by graduate Ryan Battista-Pride.

The 2013 graduating class includes, from Adams County, Heilery A. Mefford of Seaman, and Darren Lee Polley* of Seaman; from Brown County, Ryan Battista-Pride# of Georgetown, Bridget A. Bowman* of Ripley, Joni Karla Carson of Williamsburg, Cailee Christmas of Winchester, Brittany Marie Click of Georgetown, Pamela K. Henderson of Higginsport, Charity L. Hilgeman* of Winchester, Shana Lynette Jackson*# of Ripley, Destiny M. Jodrey* of Winchester, Timothy Roland Lewis# of Mt. Orab, Mitchell S. McManis*# of Bethel, and Katharine M.