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## **Community Students Learning Center names** scholarship recipients at awards banquet

By Beulah Greer **CSLC Executive Director** Saturday night, February 24 turned out to be a win-Holmes County Central

nity Students Learning Cen- classmates who participated tant," said Carter. "I encourter's (CSLC) Eighth Annual Scholarship Awards.

They were Kordel Carter, win-win situation for three first place; Jon'na Bailey, second place; and Sundea High School seniors who Sample, third place. The

in the center's annual essaywriting contest. The contest is open to graduating seniors from all high schools in the

"It was definitely an honor

age my peers to take part in it for the years to come." Bailey said placing in the contest gave her a feeling of satisfaction that her hard work paid off. Sample said, "I was

Greer if I could hug her.'

are grateful for the opportunity.

"All of the participants are winners in our book for simply participating," said Executive Director Beulah Greer of the non-profit organization.

Each scholarship participant received a gift bag.

"We are so grateful to our community and key sponsors for helping us to make this opportunity possible each year for deserving students," Greer added.

Awards were not the only thing the students received. Keynote speaker Eric L. Simmons gave them some college. I remember the first very valuable life lessons. "Stay away from dream killers!" he urged.

The Pickens native, who currently lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, also told and APAC for Corning Optithem to take care of themselves (eat right, etc.) while they are young. He also advised them to take responsibility for their education. Point, Miss, and they have "Always seek to educate one son, Jaylin.

yourselves (via internet, They all shared that they etc.). It opens doors for you; you can be in places you never thought you could be," he said.

Simmons continued, "In your life you should seek to make memories that appreciate in values, meaning they go up, not purchase things that depreciate. I don't remember the day I signed a note on a car. I don't remember the day I bought most of my suits. Those were days that I did things that depreciated over time. But I tell you what I remember, I remember when I graduated from high school. I remember when I graduated from time I was in Denmark and put my hand in the Baltic Sea."

Simmons is division quality system manager, AMER cal Communications Optical Connectivity Solutions Division. He is married to Dawn Millender Simmons of Moss



Winners along with other participants and parents pause for a photo following the banquet. Seated (from left), Kordel Carter, first place; keynote speaker Eric L. Simmons, Jon'na Bailey, second place; and Sundea Sample, third place; standing (from left), Bishop Raymon Carter, Sharon Patton, Lashanda Eubanks, Tanisha Kirkwood, Veronica Rand, Kila Anderson, Sharon Washington, Danielle Gibson, Cartrina Benson, Cianna Hooker, Shereka Sample and CSLC founders Beulah and Leslie Greer. (Photo submitted)

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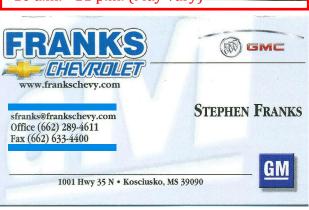
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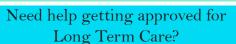
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