

# High school seniors comprise 6 percent of PTC spring graduating class

It happens more often than one might think, but it never ceases to impress when young high school students practically earn their higher education certificates and associate degrees before their diplomas. Twenty-three (23) of these young people did just that recently during Piedmont Technical College's Spring Commencement Exercises.

In all, more than 375 students graduated May 2 from PTC. Accordingly, high school students comprised some 6 percent of PTC's latest graduating class. That's nothing to sneeze at.

This spring commencement marked the historic launch of PTC's Job-Ready Guarantee, and each graduate crossing the stage received a card outlining the college's quality promise.

"Starting today, we become the first college in the state to make a commitment to our technical program graduates," PTC President Dr. Ray Brooks told the assembled graduates. "Our Job-Ready

Guarantee is our promise that, as a Piedmont Tech graduate, you can be confident you are entering the workforce with the right skill set to succeed on the job. And if you find you don't have the necessary training to perform the job tasks you learned with us, we will retrain you at no cost to you or your employer. We feel that strongly about the quality of our programs. And we hope this new initiative serves to strengthen your pride in today's accomplishment."

**Laurens County Graduates**  
Clinton – Brayden Thomas-Cole Gibbs, associate in applied science, major in occupational therapy assistant; Iram Noe Gutierrez Alvarado, associate in applied science, major in criminal justice; Lindsay B. Nelson, associate in applied science, major in nursing; Katelyn Renee Owen, associate in applied science, major in nursing; and Christopher Cameron Wilkes, associate in applied science, major in criminal justice.

Gray Court – \*Mancel Scott Brewington Jr., associate in applied science, major in early care and education; Katelyn Nicole Patterson, associate in applied science, major in criminal justice; \*\*\*Andre Renardo Singleton Jr., associate in applied science, major in computer technology, programming concentration; and John Vernon, associate in applied science, major in mechatronics technology.

Laurens – Amanda Jennings Addy, associate in applied science, major in veterinary technology; \*\*Alexis M. Lombardo, associate in applied science, major in criminal justice; Courtney Mease, associate in applied science, major in nursing; \*\*\*Katlin Elizabeth Owens, associate in arts; Stacy Hatfield Pfeifauf, certificate in office technician; Seth Piegrass, associate in applied science, major in nursing; Nancy A. Ramsey, associate in applied science, major in nursing; Mary Ellen

Santiago, associate in applied science, major in administrative office technology, legal concentration; Jamie L. Walden, associate in applied science, major in nursing; and \*Serena Westmoreland, associate in applied science,

major in administrative office technology, accounting concentration.

Mountville – \*\*William C. Bishop, associate in science; and \*Justin Michael Whelchel, associate in science.

Waterloo – Bradley S. Barber, associate in applied science, major in business administration; and Diane H. Cape, associate in applied science, major in business administration, office management concentration.

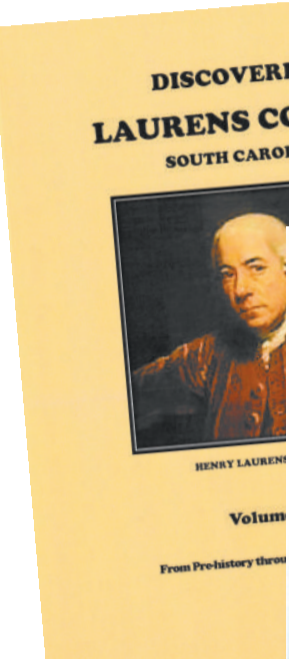


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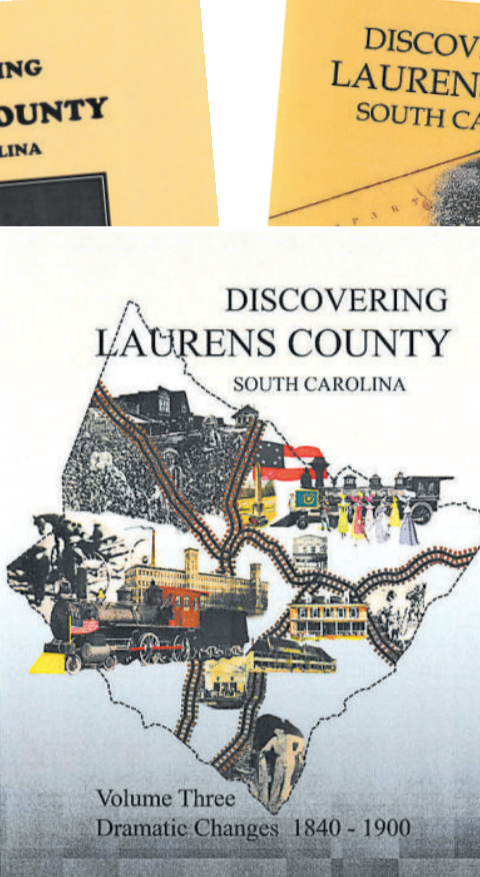
**CERTIFIED** — Newly certified firefighters were introduced Monday night at the Clinton City Council meeting. They included, from left, Daron Vincent, Hasting Stewart, Clayton Ward, Will Sickles and Austin Youngblood.

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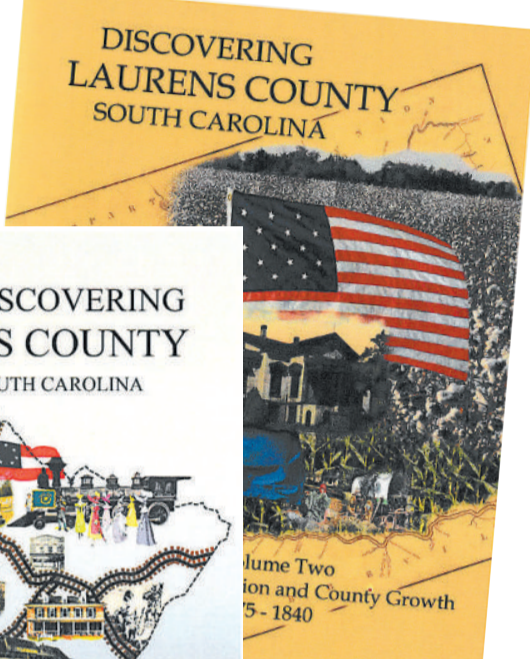
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