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## **SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE CLASS HOLDS 89<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – South Suburban College hosted its 89th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 21, 2017 in the SSC Fitness Center/Fieldhouse on the Main Campus located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

This year's Commencement Speaker was SSC alumnus Jarrett M. Adams, Attorney, Innocence Project, NY. After serving nearly 10 years for a wrongful conviction, Jarrett was exonerated with the assistance of the Wisconsin Innocence Project. As a first step, Jarrett literally walked back into college from his mother's house in South Holland and earned his Associates Degree from SSC in 2009. From scholarship to passing the New York bar exam on his first attempt in 2016, Jarrett has used the injustice he endured as inspiration to become an advocate for the underserved and uncared for.

This year South Suburban College awarded over 550 degrees and certificates to graduating students, in addition to many more transferring students who are finishing up their two years at SSC. Approximately 225 students walked at the ceremony. Among this year's graduates was LaWanda Flennoy, one of three generations of family celebrating their graduations together. Flennoy's two oldest daughters, Paris and Amari, graduated from college this month. Her youngest, Jade, finished high school, and granddaughter Brooklyn graduated from kindergarten.

Registration for the fall semester at SSC is now in progress. For more information about all of SSC's programs, admissions and registration, please visit [www.ssc.edu](http://www.ssc.edu) or contact the Admissions Office at (708) 210-5718.

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