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SHELTON STATE GRADUATE CREDITS INSTRUCTORS WITH SUCCESS

Tuscaloosa, Alabama – Surrounded by a group of his former instructors the week after his graduation, former Shelton State Community College student Sam Schuckert shared fond classroom memories, stories about his grandfather, and his gratitude to each faculty member for the role they played in preparing him for the future.

Schuckert, a former homeschool student, arrived at Shelton State two years ago having never interacted with a teacher. “I grew up using teaching textbooks, so I never really had a true student/teacher interaction,” he said. Though he wasn’t sure what to expect, he would soon develop an appreciation for these relationships. “Every one of my instructors has meant something to me and has helped me.”

Whether it was being the third in his family to have the same math instructor, an “extra-mile” scholarship application review experience with his English instructor, or a life lesson from his art instructor, Schuckert was able to offer specific examples of how faculty and staff influenced him during his time at the College. “I even remember a staff member trying to help me figure out what was wrong with my car,” he recalled.

Schuckert, a recipient of an associate degree in science, credits all his instructors equally in preparing him for his next chapter in nursing school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “Naturally, they taught information specific to a course, but they have been instrumental to my development both academically and as an individual. They’ve prepared me for more.”

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