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Lake-Sumter Community College's 46th Annual Commencement this Friday

LEESBURG (May 1, 2009) - Six hundred and seventy-seven students will become alumni of Lake-Sumter Community College's Class of 2009 this Friday, May 8, when they are honored during the school's 46th Annual Commencement.

Students who have completed two-year degree and certificate programs during the summer and fall terms of 2008 and 2009's spring term were invited to participate. This year, approximately 200 have decided to do so in front of a full-house of family members, friends and LSCC faculty and staff.



Tulsiedat "Victor" Mangar will be LSCC's Student Commencement Speaker this Friday.

Sophomore Tulsiedat "Victor" Mangar, through a nomination and an audition before a selection committee, was chosen as LSCC's 2009 Student Commencement Speaker. Born in the South American state of Guyana, he grew up in New York City, until his family moved to Clermont when he was sixteen. Mangar joined the South Lake Campus Student Government Association "to become involved with LSCC and represent the students." He was not only its executive secretary and the vice chairman of the college-wide SGA, but also the assistant coordinator for Florida Junior Community Colleges Student Government Association's District 2, which represents the eight Central Florida colleges. The 20 year old will be awarded his Associate in Arts diploma this Friday, then plans to transfer to the University of Central Florida as a business major.

Guest Commencement Speaker Lalita Booth, once a homeless high school dropout and single mom who couldn't find a job, is planning to attend Harvard this fall. The 27 year old Seminole Community College graduate and soon-to-be alumna of UCF not only has turned her life around, but also did so with a 4.0 grade point average. She has earned coveted national scholarships from the Jack Kent Cooke and Harry S. Truman foundations that will total into the six figures, and has become a bit of a media sensation. *Florida Trend Magazine* put her in its "Floridians Who Will Change the World" issue, while *Glamour* magazine touted her as one of "America's Next Top Role Models." Now married and living in Sanford with her eight-year-old son and husband, she will earn her degree from UCF the day after being LSCC's Guest Speaker. Graduating with dual majors in accounting and finance from University Honors programs, she has earned numerous recognitions, including memberships in Golden Key, Tau Sigma, Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda academic honor societies and UCF's Order of Pegasus, its highest honor. Booth is paying-it-forward as the founder and program director of the Lighthouse for Dreams Financial Literacy Program that teaches disadvantaged young people the importance of financial literacy, as a teacher for Junior Achievement, and as a mentor of troubled youth through the Community Education Partners E-Pals program. She will soon be in Boston, working toward master's degrees in public policy and business administration. Her goals? She hopes to effect change in poverty policy on a national level.



LSCC's Guest Commencement Speaker Lalita Booth

LSCC's Commencement starts at 7 p.m., in the Leesburg Campus Convocation Center. Regrettably, due to capacity restrictions, admission tickets are required. The Ceremony can be viewed live on LSCC's website at www.lsc.edu, under "Quick Links," then "LSCC-TV." Hit the yellow bar at the top of the page to allow Active X.