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From left to right: Trustee Joseph Whittington, Trustee Anthony DeFilippo, Trustee Prince Reed, College President Lynette D. Stokes, Chairman Terry R. Wells, outgoing Student Trustee Fatima Serrato, incoming Student Trustee Jamesina Collier, Secretary Janet M. Rogers, Vice Chair Vivian Payne, and Trustee Vincent Lockett at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

South Suburban College Honors Outgoing Board of Trustee Members and Welcomes New Student Trustee

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – On Thursday, April 20, 2023 South Suburban College (SSC) honored outgoing Board of Trustee members Joseph Whittington, Vincent Lockett, and Prince Reed. The SSC Board of Trustees also swore in a new student trustee, Jamesina Collier, who replaced Fatima Serrato, the previous SSC student trustee.

The collective experiences of the outgoing trustees were recognized with a small ceremony that featured plaques to honor each member's service to the SSC Board. Trustee Joseph Whittington remarked, "I am so honored to have had the opportunity to serve the SSC Board. I was mentored by awesome leaders such as our previous SSC Chairman Frank Zuccarelli, and previous Trustee Katie Jackson-Booker." Trustee Vincent Lockett expressed similar sentiments and discussed his admiration for the incoming trustees. "I now have new friends at SSC, and I am a Bulldog for life," stated Lockett. In addition, Trustee Prince Reed expressed gratitude to the board for the opportunity to serve and wished them continued success.

Jamesina Collier, the new SSC student trustee, was sworn in by Board Secretary Janet M. Rogers. The SSC student trustee is voted in through an annual student election process. This individual also receives a scholarship from the South Suburban College Foundation. Collier replaced outgoing student trustee Fatima Serrato, who is projected to graduate in May 2023.

Incoming South Suburban College trustees will be welcomed at a special Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room on the second floor of the College's Main Campus. Visit the Board of Trustees webpage to learn about the seven-member team and upcoming meetings: <https://www.ssc.edu/about-ssc/board-of-trustees/>.

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