

The late Bowman Mayor Marion Glenn, Jr., saw an opportunity to help the citizens of the town of Bowman overcome challenges for individuals attempting to rebuild their lives, including number of jobseekers lacking soft skills, transportation issues, backgrounds, lack of high school diplomas/GED, all of which are significant employment barriers. By partnering with the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) to offer the Back to Work program, he could improve and boost the whole community.

Throughout the years the Town Hall of Bowman has been located in various places around town but currently resides in the former Bowman Elementary School where numerous renovations have been performed. The building now occupies space for the Bowman Town Hall, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Allendale, and Bamberg (OCAB) Action Agency, and South Carolina State University's 1890 Program.

Mayor Glenn, Jr. opened the town hall doors to DEW staff and they were given full access to utilize computer rooms and additional space with internet access. During the six week intensive boot camp-style job training program, DEW staff trained participants in areas such as soft skills, diversity in the workplace, conflict in the workplace, resume writing, financial management, interviewing skills and dress for success. They also took a work-ready assessment to determine skills and strengths as well as identify job types for which they are most suitable. Today's Back to Work certificates are passports to a more productive life for these graduates who are now prepared to tackle barriers to employment.

Town of Bowman Mission Statement: The Town of Bowman government delivers essential services that contribute to the well-being, safety, and quality, of life of its citizens. In doing so, we seek to meet the collective needs of our citizens. We strive to provide "Quality Service and Solutions, Mutual Respect, and Unity with the Community to reach a positive and productive goal for a common cause.

We thank, recognize and remember Mayor Glenn for his leadership and vision that has brought us here today.



## Graduation Ceremony

131 Poplar Street, Bowman, SC

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

10:00 AM



# Graduates

- Rashad Asberry
- Stefano Brown
- Robin Brown
- Timothy Brown
- Tamara Jones Byrd
- Terek Daniels
- Contessa Glover
- Antonio Green
- Angela Jamison
- Demario Julien
- Tyris Owens
- Marquis Robinson
- Ryan Williams
- Christopher Willis

## Back to Work Graduation

*Tameka Johnson and Jeanette Franklin, Presiding*

- Processional.....Back to Work Students
- Welcome.....Marquise Robinson
- Prayer.....Ryan Williams
- Purpose.....Demarion Julien  
Tamara Byrd
- Introduction of Speaker..... Keith Byrd
- Speaker.....Senator John W. Matthews, Jr.

### Presentation of Certificates

- Highlight of Program.....Contessa Glover

### Graduates Presentation

- Graduate Remarks.....Terek Daniels  
Stephano Brown

Closing Remarks

### Reception