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## **TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER GRADUATES OVERCOME BARRIERS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS**

*MORE THAN 70 STUDENTS GAIN SKILLS TO ENTER OR RETURN TO THE WORKFORCE*

SMYRNA , Tenn.— Dozens of young men and women with significant disabilities, including traumatic brain injury, mental retardation and blindness, accepted their graduation certificates from the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (TRC) in Smyrna today. All of the students are determined to improve their lives and enter or return to the workforce.

The 74 new graduates took advantage of the diverse programs offered at TRC, including Building Maintenance, Business Education Training, Food Service, Custodial Training and Warehouse Training.

TRC's mission is to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services in a positive and productive learning environment. The services offered at TRC assist individuals in achieving their highest level of functioning so they can live and work as independently as possible.

“Graduation is the highlight of a student’s time at the TRC,” said DHS Assistant Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services Andrea Cooper. “The hard work done by both students and staff is recognized at the ceremony, but the true reward is when our students land their first job and earn that first paycheck.”

The Tennessee Rehabilitation Center is a state-operated comprehensive rehabilitation facility. It is one of only eight such centers in the nation. Services are provided on campus, and the majority of clients live on site while receiving services. The length of programs offered at TRC varies, depending upon the individual client’s interest, abilities and needs. TRC is part of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

TRC serves more than 1,300 individuals with disabilities each year. Since opening its doors in 1977, TRC has served more than 30,000 Tennesseans.

For more information about TRC, the Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Tennessee Department of Human Services, visit [www.tn.gov/humanserv](http://www.tn.gov/humanserv) .

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The following is a list of TRC graduates by county and program:

First Name	Last Name	City	County	Program Area
Brenda	Stokely	Kingston Springs	Cheatham	VIS
Chitoka	Light	Tulahoma	Coffee	Business Ed
Robert	Jones	Tulahoma	Coffee	VIS
Aaron	Carman	Alamo	Crockett	Building Maintenance
Andrew	Dellolio	Crossville	Cumberland	JOBS
Nathan	Davis	Goodlettsville	Davidson	Auto Detail
Daniel	Lee	Madison	Davidson	Auto Detail
Chris	Turner	Nashville	Davidson	Auto Detail
Chauncellor	Sims	Goodlettsville	Davidson	Business Ed
James	Harris	Old Hickory	Davidson	Food Service
Andrea	Duffy	Nashville	Davidson	Building Maintenance
Jessica	Dennis	Nashville	Davidson	JOBS
Carrie	DePauw	Brentwood	Davidson	JOBS
Jerome	Henry	Hermitage	Davidson	JOBS
Lauren	Jones	Hermitage	Davidson	JOBS
Blaine	Perry	Nashville	Davidson	JOBS
Darius	Roper	Nashville	Davidson	JOBS
Brittney	Wills	Madison	Davidson	OT/PT
John	Mathews	Nashville	Davidson	TBI
Patrick	Otey	Nashville	Davidson	TBI
Christian	Harris	Nashville	Davidson	JOBS
Stephanie	Adelman	Nashville	Davidson	JOBS
Kristina	Kreutzer	Charlotte	Dickson	JOBS
Karissa	Cumberland	Newbern	Dyer	Warehouse
Candi	Ford	Bradford	Gibson	JOBS
Brittany	Cothron	Pulaski	Giles	JOBS
Michael	Reeder	Mosheim	Greene	TLS
Kayla	Blagg	Morristown	Hamblen	Auto Detail
Travis	Clawson	Chattanooga	Hamilton	Groundskeeping
Haikeem	Ragsdale	Chattanooga	Hamilton	JOBS
Jonathan	Butcher	Stewart	Houston	Auto Detail
Ross	Kerr	Jefferson City	Jefferson	JOBS
Jarrold	Hodges	Knoxville	Knox	Groundskeeping
Karlie	Herbst	Knoxville	Knox	JOBS
Ashley	Woods	Powell	Knox	TLS
Kristie	Shafton	Tiptonville	Lake	Food Service
April	Holt	Kelso	Lincoln	Food Service
Richard	Likens	Lafayette	Macon	TBI
Michael	Coleman	Cornersville	Marshall	Building Maintenance
Jasmine	Gales	Columbia	Maury	Food Service
Ricky	Head	Williamsport	Maury	JOBS
Jose	Ortega	Mt Pleasant	Maury	OT/PT
Ricky	Barker	Niota	McMinn	Building Maintenance
Terry	Jordan	Sweetwater	McMinn	JOBS
Ashley	Curtis	Vinore	Monroe	Commercial Cleaning
Adrean	Burks	Clarksville	Montgomery	Commercial Cleaning
Greg	Mercer	Cookeville	Putman	OT/PT
Ryan	Mench	Greenbrier	Robertson	JOBS
Jevon	Parman	LaVergne	Rutherford	Building Maintenance
Jason	Goodman	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	JOBS

<b>Sidney</b>	<b>Tucker</b>	<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>OT/PT</b>
<b>Charleen</b>	<b>Dillard</b>	<b>Smyrna</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>TBI</b>
<b>Shawntellua</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>LaVergne</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>TLS</b>
<b>Crystal</b>	<b>Sanders</b>	<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>VIS</b>
<b>Ellen</b>	<b>Sanders</b>	<b>Murfreesboro</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>VIS</b>
<b>Jamar</b>	<b>Burton</b>	<b>LaVergne</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Shannen</b>	<b>Mizell</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>Food Services</b>
<b>Janishia</b>	<b>Pope</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>Food Service</b>
<b>Winfred</b>	<b>Moore</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>Groundskeeping</b>
<b>Laurie</b>	<b>Hobson</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Tawany</b>	<b>Bell</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>OT/PT</b>
<b>Jerry</b>	<b>Hughes</b>	<b>Memphis</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>TLS</b>
<b>Christy</b>	<b>Cook</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>Sumner</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Alex</b>	<b>Sayle</b>	<b>Covington</b>	<b>Tipton</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Steven</b>	<b>Hopkins</b>	<b>Spencer</b>	<b>Van Buren</b>	<b>OT/PT</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Stanley</b>	<b>McMinnville</b>	<b>Warren</b>	<b>TBI</b>
<b>Joey</b>	<b>Wiseman</b>	<b>Johnson City</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>TLS</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Stevenson</b>	<b>Martin</b>	<b>Weakley</b>	<b>Commercial Cleaning</b>
<b>Heather</b>	<b>Bynum</b>	<b>Spring Hill</b>	<b>Williamson</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Williams</b>	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>Williamson</b>	<b>TLS</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<b>VanCleave</b>	<b>Brentwood</b>	<b>Williamson</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Newberry</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Auto Detail</b>
<b>Kayla</b>	<b>Rogers</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>JOBS</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>Harris</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>JOBS</b>

**JOBS**— Job Objectives & Behavioral Services  
**TLS**— Transitional Life Skills  
**OT/PT**— Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy  
**VIS**— Vision Impairment Services  
**TBI**—Traumatic Brain Injury

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