

A woman in a black graduation gown and cap stands on a wide set of stone steps inside a grand, classical building. She is looking upwards and to the right. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangle with a white border is centered over the image, containing the text 'FSS GRADUATIONS' in a white, serif font.

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MARS HILL UNIVERSITY 1856



DEJA
BENTON



We are proud to recognize Ms. Benton's achievements in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

Through dedication, resilience, and commitment to growth, she has made significant progress toward long-term self-sufficiency, including increasing her credit score from 605 to 700.

She has also achieved multiple professional milestones, including earning a Doula Training Certificate, successfully completing the Nurse Aide Written and Skills Exam, and becoming a North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist.

Success
Stories

In addition, she strengthened her career readiness through resume development, completion of the “Ready” Nonprofits Training Program, and participation in multiple OnTrack financial literacy courses, leading to successful employment in her field.

Her accomplishments reflect her perseverance, leadership, and continued commitment to personal and professional success.



THOMAS BORROSCO





Mr. Borrosco has maintained steady subcontractor employment with Secure Restoration while expanding his skills through certifications, including HVAC and OSHA Forklift Training. He also made meaningful progress toward financial stability by improving his credit through OnTrack.

Beyond his personal achievements, Mr. Borrosco contributed to the Klondyke community's recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene, showing compassion and leadership during a critical time.

He is also an entrepreneur and skilled craftsman, operating Tree Love Woodworks. His custom furniture has been featured in Fine Home & Design Magazine and showcased in multiple Asheville-area showrooms, highlighting his creativity and business potential.

Mr. Borrosco's journey reflects perseverance and progress. We commend his dedication and proudly celebrate this well-earned milestone.





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MUSTAKEM

We proudly recognize and celebrate Ms. Mustakem for successfully completing the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Despite early challenges, she remained committed to building a better future for herself and her family.

During the program, she achieved a major milestone by earning her high school diploma through an online adult education program. She has maintained steady employment with The Plug Smoke Shop and strengthened her financial knowledge through OnTrack courses.

Ms. Mustakem has also taken important steps toward independence and discovered a passion for supporting others through her work as a Certified Doula.

Her journey reflects resilience, determination, and growth. We proudly celebrate this well-earned milestone.





THANK YOU