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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# 14 Local Residents Graduate from Citizens' Academy

**WOODBINE, GEORGIA – June 22, 2018** – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the recent graduation of 14 local residents from the Spring 2018 Citizens' Academy Class. The graduation ceremony took place in Woodbine on Thursday, June 21, 2018. All graduates were presented with a Certificate of Completion.

The Citizens' Academy is an 11-session interactive program designed to familiarize the general public with the roles, services, and operations that comprise their Camden County Government. The program focuses on educating residents, business owners, and interested persons who work in Camden County about how the daily County Government operations contribute to building a better community.



Harry O'Hanley (left) and Dan Piemont from ABL Space Systems speak to Citizens' Academy participants and County Administrator Steve Howard (far right).

Each week, staff from various departments spoke to the class about their roles and responsibilities with Camden County Government. As part of the class, students toured and visited the Camden County Courthouse, the Public Safety Complex in Woodbine, and the Emergency Operations Center in Kingsland.

As a part of the Graduation festivities, participants saw a presentation from County Administrator and Spaceport Camden Project Lead, Steve Howard, about the space history of Camden County and the plans for Spaceport Camden. Special guests ABL Space Systems

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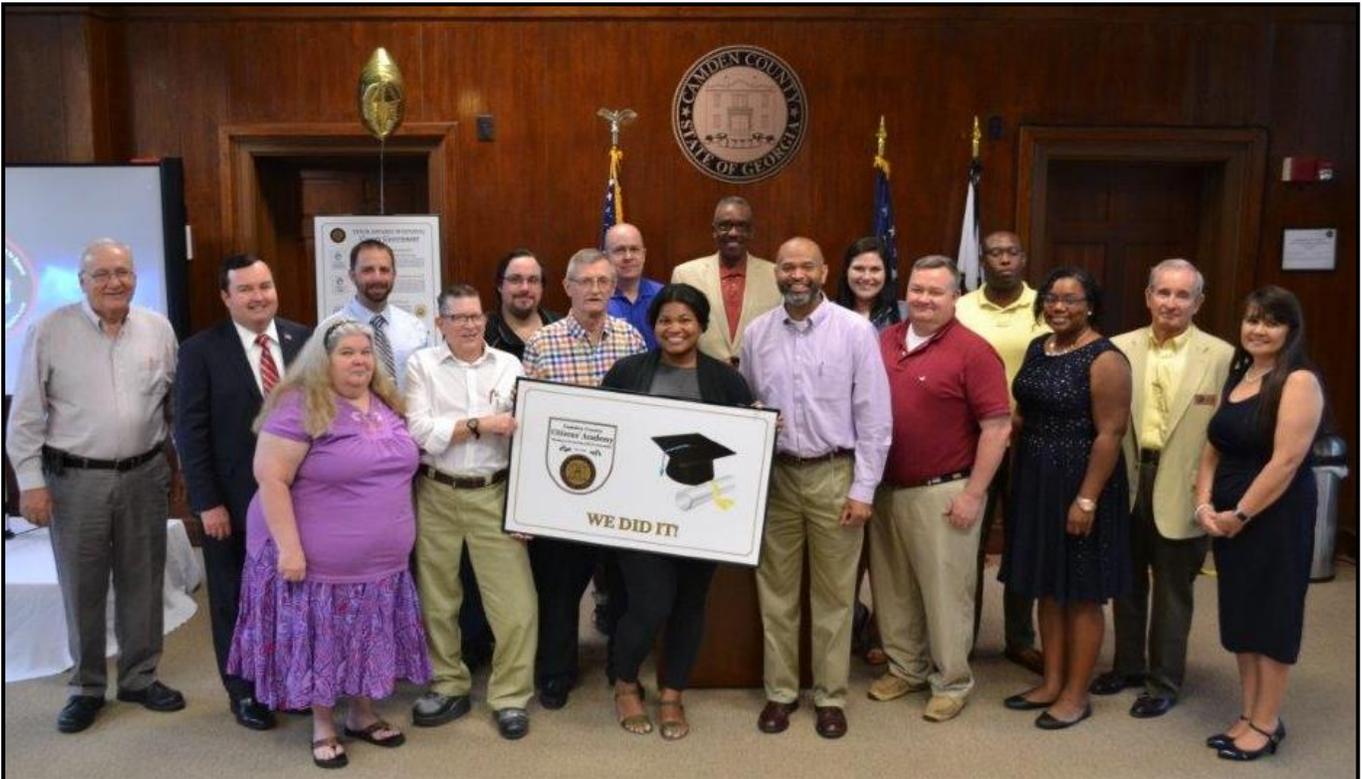
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CEO, Harry O'Hanley, and CFO, Dan Piemont, skyped into the Graduation to discuss the company's plans for Camden County.

County Administrator Steve Howard said the Citizens' Academy plays a vital role in reaching our local community. "This is an opportunity for class members to get a thorough, in-depth look at their county government and the dynamic role it plays in their lives. I would encourage every citizen to consider participating in future classes."



From Left: Commissioner Lannie Brant, County Administrator Steve Howard, Barbara Scott, Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright, Sidney Scott, Chris Chauncey, Don Koski, Troy Johnson, Tiffany Gossett, Gramling Spivey, Shawn T. Lewis, Lindsey Dunn, Kevin Knight, LaMar Stokes, Sheryta Melton, Commissioner Chair Jimmy Starline, and Heidi Barfield.

The program is offered at no charge to Camden County residents. Chick-fil-A of Kingsland, Georgia Power, and TDS Telecom sponsored this year's Academy. If you would like to learn more about participating in a future class, visit: [www.camdencountyga.gov/CitizensAcademy](http://www.camdencountyga.gov/CitizensAcademy).

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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