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19 Local Residents Graduate from Citizens' Academy

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – June 21, 2019 – The Camden County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the recent graduation of 19 local residents from the Spring 2019 Citizens' Academy Class. The graduation ceremony took place in Woodbine on Thursday, June 20, 2019. All graduates were presented with a Certificate of Completion.

The Citizens' Academy is a 10-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.

Each week, staff from various departments and offices 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.



David Rainer (far right) speaks about the space industry at the 2019 Citizens' Academy Graduation.

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 guest David Rainer, a Camden County High School Graduate and a Division Manager for NASA in Safety and Mission Assurance, spoke to the class about the changes in the space program since the Space Shuttle program ended and the role that Spaceport Camden could play in the space industry.

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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: County Administrator Steve Howard. Bob Nason, Wendy Barbe, Jim Barbe, Margaret Rose, Felicia Robinson, Commissioner Chair Jimmy Starline, Commissioner Ben Casey, Barbara Hahn, Commissioner Lannie Brant, Yvette Burch, Tyler Richardson, Jack Richardson, Hilarie Haack, Jack Richardson, Janice Casey, Deputy County Administrator Shawn Boatright, and Kevin Barkley. Not pictured: Miriam Crespo, Kelvin Harris, Joseph C. Michaels, Kyle Rapp, Zachary Rodgers, and Cody Smith.

The program is offered at no charge to Camden County residents. 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.

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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