

# Torres to Compete for Dinah Culbreath Wayne EAGLE Award

Manuel Torres has been chosen to represent Southeastern Technical College (STC) Adult Education at the Dinah Culbreath Wayne EAGLE Leadership Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2023.

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), through its Office of Adult Education, sponsors the annual Dinah Culbreath Wayne Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Leadership Institute.

The Leadership Institute honors students who have demonstrated superior achievement in adult education classes and programs,” said Kim Tanner, STC EAGLE Coordinator.

EAGLE students recognize the importance of education and will help promote adult education in Georgia.

College winners have to have completed or be enrolled and/or on track to either complete GED, HiSET, or Career Plus/Dual Achievement prior to enrollment in a TCSG College. ESL and EL/Civics students must have obtained citizenship and are pursuing post-secondary education. The state winner must activate the scholarship within one semester of receiving the State EAGLE Award.

“Manuel has exhibited his leadership skills while enrolled in the Adult Education program in Vidalia,” said Susan Cross, Executive Director of Adult Education. “He has completed three-fourths of his High School Equivalency (HSA) testing and works full-time to help his mother.”

The EAGLE Award is the first statewide program in the nation that recognizes and rewards excellence among students enrolled in Adult Education programs. The EAGLE recognition program is

designed to create greater awareness of educational opportunities that are available in local communities across the state and to foster greater involvement in lifelong learning pursuits.

Since its inception in 1993, the EAGLE Award program has recognized more than 1,600 outstanding students across the state. In 2021, the TCSG State Board re-named the award the Dinah Culbreath Wayne EAGLE Award program in memory of long-time adult education supporter and state board member Dinah Culbreath Wayne.

This tuition scholarship provides the EAGLE winner with funding for enrollment into one of TCSG's colleges, not to exceed two consecutive years. The scholarship is entirely sponsored and funded by the local technical college that the EAGLE winner chooses to attend.

The Technical College System of Georgia Foundation, through the Brenda Wise Scholarship, approved a supplemental scholarship, which would also be awarded to the annual statewide EAGLE Award winner to cover the cost of books, fees, and other educational expenses.

Pictured: STC's 2023 EAGLE Student Manuel Torres