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**SEVEN COMPLETE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY AT NSCC**

*ARCHBOLD, OHIO –* Seven graduates from the Northwest State Community College Law Enforcement Academy were honored last evening during a special ceremony. The class successfully completed both the state certification exam and the physical fitness requirements of the program. All seven graduates have also passed the 200-question Ohio Peace Officer Training Association (OPOTA) Certification examination, which is a requirement to become a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio.

**The following graduates were recognized:**

Defiance County: Alex Jackson (Ney), Sabra Shumaker (Defiance), Jacob Vicic (Defiance)

Fulton County: Thalia Perez (Archbold), Evan Rufenacht (Archbold), Aaron Young (Archbold)

Henry County: Chase Laver (Napoleon)

**Several students from the graduating class received additional recognition:**

Top Gun Award: Alex Jackson

Top Driver Award: Jacob Vicic

Top Test Score Award: Jacob Vicic

Deputy Allen D. Ohlrich Outstanding Cadet Award: Evan Rufenacht

The Northwest State Community College Law Enforcement Academy is an eight-month program that is offered annually. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A new class is forming now and is scheduled to begin in August. For more information on the academy, contact the NSCC admissions team at 419.267.1320 or visit **NorthwestState.edu** online.

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**Front Row L to R: Shumaker, Perez, Laver**

**Back Row L to R: Rufenacht, Vicic, Young, Jackson**