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# Issue Paper

**DATE:**

May 10, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

**Consider/Approve** student Selena Clayton's request to graduate early on June 3, 2024 from Simon Kenton High School for her to attend Gateway in Fall of 2024.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

08.113 Graduation Requirements

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

Selena Clayton first enrolled at Simon Kenton as a senior in September 2023 as a student in foster care. Upon checking enrollment history, she should have been listed as an 11th grade student, since she began high school in fall of 2021. Selena has had 11 different school placements since entering her 9th grade year due to numerous disruptions of housing in the foster care system. During these placements, Selena completed coursework above and beyond the grade level requirements, which qualified her to be a senior under the credit requirements of Simon Kenton.

Selena has completed all necessary coursework to qualify for graduation from Simon Kenton High School. She has been accepted and plans to enroll at Gateway in fall of 2024. One of the requirements for enrollment is graduation from high school.

Simon Kenton has received documentation of the student's official name change which explains the discrepancy of her name between the post-secondary institution and the school.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval to** allow Selena Clayton to graduate early on June 3, 2024 so she can enroll at Gateway in Fall of 2024.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Craig Reinhart, Michael Adkins

**Principal/Administrator**

**District Administrator**

*Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.*

*Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.*

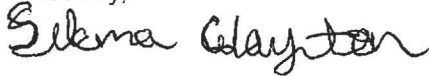
Dear Board of Education,

Hello, my name is Selena Clayton, student at Simon Kenton High School. I am requesting permission to graduate early from Simon Kenton High School so I am able to enroll full time at Gateway in fall of 2024.

My background story is a little different from most students. I have been through the foster care system and was slated to graduate this year from my previous district. That placement was disrupted, and my foster parents in Kenton County have recently adopted me. Simon Kenton and KCSD have different requirements that made it difficult to graduate early due to my enrollment date.

However, I have a passion for pursuing radiology and the Gateway to NKU pathway is available to me. I have been accepted into the program for fall pending my high school diploma. I thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Selena Clayton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Selena Clayton



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500 Technology Way  
Florence, KY 41042

**Edgewood Campus**  
790 Thomas More Parkway  
Edgewood, KY 41017

**Urban Metro Campus**  
516 Madison Avenue  
Covington, KY 41011

Gateway Community & Technical College  
is an equal educational and employment  
opportunity institution.

November, 2023

Celena Richardson  
10709 Windbrook Court  
Independence, KY 41051

Dear Celena:

Re: Celena Richardson - ID #002993616

We are happy to offer you admission to Gateway Community and Technical College and are pleased you have chosen the Associate in Arts program as you prepare for your future.

Your next step is to submit the below document(s) so you can schedule classes with your Advisor.

1. Send us your final high school or GED transcript\*

\*GED completers are required to schedule a placement test.

Schedule Testing online at: <https://gateway.kctcs.edu/admissions/placement-testing/index.aspx>  
or call (859) 442-4115.

2. Submit official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges. You can order transcripts online by going to the National Student Clearinghouse:

<https://studentclearinghouse.org/>

On behalf of the entire college, I extend a warm welcome. We believe you have much to contribute to our community and look forward to having you at Gateway.

With Congratulations,

Andre Washington  
Associate Vice President of Enrollment  
Office of Admissions  
859-441-4500