Southwest Grad stats

class of 2013

Most Senior Graduate (fall 2012)
Name: Mrs. Raye Haynes
DOB: May 20, 1939
Age: 74

Among the 2012 fall candidates eligible for graduation, Mrs. Raye Haynes is Southwest’s most senior graduate walking the stage. She is receiving an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts, Child Development and plans to transfer to California State University, Dominguez Hills. At Dominguez Hills, Raye wants to study International Studies and Education with dreams of one day opening her own day care.

Raye is originally from Fort Worth, Texas where she is the oldest of four siblings. She moved to California in 1945 and graduated from Manual Arts High School in 1957. She grew up near downtown Los Angeles. The widowed mother of two adult children, Sharee, 48 and Felicia, 42 has five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Raye’s husband attended Southwest and obtained his Associate in Arts degree in 1976.

When she’s not studying, Raye keeps busy staying in shape.

“I work out at the gym four times a week. I swim and I jog on the treadmill. I work out a lot walking and jogging at Manhattan Beach.”

Reflecting on her proudest moments, Raye says:

“I am most proud of my children and the fact that they’ve gone to school, and that they’ve elevated themselves academically. I am also proud of my granddaughter who attends Purdue University. She is abroad in Ghana, Africa as part of her studies in African-American history. That’s what I am most proud of.”

Raye has a heart for children and young people and wants to use her education to impact the community.

“I cherish our young people going to school and elevating themselves. When I look around and see our children growing up and becoming heads of departments and having good jobs – that’s what makes me happy.”