

SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED IN LANDAU EUGENE MURPHY JR'S NAME

LOGAN, WV, USA, October 19, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Southern WV Community and Technical College surprised America's Got Talent winner, Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. with a special announcement at his Anniversary concert this past Saturday night.

Southern President Dr. Pamela L.
Alderman joined Landau onstage
during his performance. "We have a
special surprise for you (Landau) and
everyone else," Alderman said.
"Southern is now offering a scholarship
in your name for non-traditional students."



Landau with Dr. Pamela L. Alderman, Southern President and Bill France, Director of Communications

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Landau Eugene Murphy Jr, Logan native and America's Got Talent winner dropped out of high school. "It's never too late to achieve your goals," Murphy said. "I am honored that the college decided to offer this scholarship to students who decided to come back to college later in life."

The scholarship is for any non-traditional student in need of financial assistance who is enrolled in a degree-seeking program at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Priority consideration will be given to non-traditional students. Attach to the application an essay, 300 to 500 words, explaining how a college education will assist you in achieving your goals.

Alderman said she is proud to be partnering with Landau. "He has been such a great ambassador for education and our community. We couldn't happier to make this scholarship in

his name available to our students."

Murphy first burst onto the national conscience as the Sinatra-and-soul singing season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent" with his incredible voice, undeniable charisma, and unparalleled showmanship. And a decade later, he's still going strong.

This year, Landau released <u>"Landau Live in Las Vegas"</u> his pre-pandemic recording at Ceasar's Palace that includes several never-before-released tracks. It's Landau's take on the Great American Songbook as well as classic R&B, all backed by this long-time band, with guest background vocals by former Temptations and Four Tops lead singer, Theo Peoples.

Following last night's performance, Landau greeted friends and neighbors in the front hallway with hugs and handshakes. "This is my favorite part of the night," he said. "There's nothing like a hometown crowd. They see me up on stage tonight. Tomorrow

Landau earned his GED during the pandemic, three decades after he dropped out of high school

they will see me in Walmart. I love being from Logan, West Virginia and I'm still proud to call it home."

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