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McKENZIE GRADUATES 98 IN SUNDAY COMMENCEMENT



Left, Graduates during the National Anthem. Right, Macy Watkins, class president, Brady Wilkes, salutatorian, and Madison Green, valedictorian.

The Class of 2015 at McKenzie graduated Sunday, May 17 in the school gymnasium as parents and friends filled the facility to capacity.

It was the 91st graduating class from McKenzie Special School District and the 106th from McKenzie.

Students proceeded into the auditorium to the sound of Pomp and Circumstances and took their seats on the gymnasium floor.

The event was filled with tradition of the ladies reading the red colored caps and gowns while the men wore the gray colors.

Mitchell Lunn led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Christian Nunnery performed the National Anthem on the keyboard and Macy Watkins, class president, provided the remarks to welcome everyone to the ceremony.

Brady Wilkes provided the Salutatory Address and Madison Green, the Valedictory Address.

MHS Principal announced a list of scholarships and other honors prior to presenting the class to receive their diplomas.

Sheila Ridley, guidance counselor, announced each graduate's name as he or she crossed the elevated platform to receive his or her diploma from John Austin, chairman of the Board of Education, and Tim Watkins.

This year had three graduates, whose fathers are on the school board. Austin presented his son, Reed's diploma, Lance Rider presented his son, Braxton's diploma, and Jon Davis presented his son, Janson his diploma.

After all graduates received their diplomas, the class moved their tassels from left to right, sang the Alma Mater, and tossed their caps into the air in celebration.

Distinguished Scholars Include: Anna Anderson, Jon-Austin Brannon, Courtney Broadbent, Bryant Comer, Janson Davis, Rachel Edlin, Olivia Forgy, Madison Graves,



Ashley Taylor, Courtney Fowler, Becca Harrison, and Dorie Cook hold the "2015" numbers.

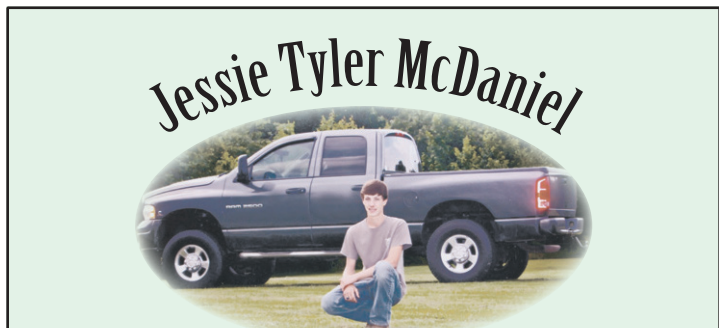
Madison Green, Rachel Kinney, Noah Lowrance, Brennan Marr, Joshua McCoy, Braden Nannney, Holly Potts, Braxton Rider, Sarah Rimmer, Nathan Smith, Holden Stanfill, Colleen Tabor, Ashley Taylor, Sarah Warren, Macy Watkins, Brady Wilkes

Graduates include: Montell Juan Adkisson, Anna Elizabeth Anderson, John Reeder Austin, Dalton Ray Barger, Bethany Dorris Barcroft, Ashton Nicole Beal, Roxanne Becerra, Zaria Ariel Bey, Jacob Bradley Birdwell, Jon-Austin James Brannon, Courtney Paige Broadbent, Colby James Bruce, Mako Joseph Bryant, Ashley Gail Bush, Samantha Marie Byers, Daniel Calderon, Michael Prentiss Carter, Lorene Morgan Cathey, Jake Matthew Chappell, Bryant Wade Comer, Dorie Eden Cook, Clint Austin Daily, Hannah Elise Davis, Janson David Davis, Edwin Denzel Dudley, Samantha Alexandria Eaton, Rachel Lynn

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Thank you to the parents that helped with homework and school projects. You made late-night runs to the store for school supplies. You attended parent-teacher conferences and took an interest in your child's dreams and hopes.

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Left, The 2015 Huntingdon graduates throw their mortarboards triumphantly. Right, Senior class president Lydia Hayes passes the torch to junior class president Allyn Swenson.

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HUNTINGDON (May 17) — HHS seniors became alumni Sunday afternoon as commencement was held. Family and friends packed the gymnasium to recognize the accomplishments of 87 students on the precipice of adulthood.

The Class of 2015 entered the gym as “Pomp and Circumstance” was played by the HHS Band. Graduate Kenneth Pruett delivered the invocation, and then graduates Reese Hopper (vocals) and Austin Baker (acoustic guitar) performed the “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Senior class President Lydia Hayes welcomed parents, family, friends, and faculty, then addressed her fellow graduates. “Four years ago, we entered the halls of this high school and began a journey together,” she said. “Today, we end that journey and take flight into our future.”

HHS Principal Dr. Jonathan Kee then announced the top ten graduates, from tenth to first, Logan Gurley, Preston Carter, Caleb Ellis, Matthew Tucker, Lydia Hayes, Reese Hopper, Kelsey Mann, Grace Hilliard, Salutatorian Melissa Dill, and Valedictorian Kara Towater.

Salutatorian Melissa Dill then delivered her address, saying in part, “We have spent years preparing for the moment we receive our diplomas, but what comes after that? Some of us are joining the work force, others are entering the military, and many of us are going to college, but regardless of the path we take, we are all about to embark on a grand adventure.”

Then, Valedictorian Kara Towater presented her remarks. The future elementary

school teacher found the words she wanted to share with her peers in a children’s book she was given by her mother a few weeks prior. She read the book, “Yay, You: Moving Up and Moving On” by Sandra Boynton, to her classmates. It begins, “Yay, you! You did it! You’re done! You made it! You’re through! Oh, what a great moment! Now what will you do? There are so many choices. The world is immense. Take a good look around and decide what makes sense...” She concluded by challenging her fellow graduates to share their greatness with the world.

Beta President Matthew Tucker then took the podium to recognize his fellow senior Beta members: Melissa Dill, Lydia Hayes, Grace Hilliard, and Kara Towater.

Special awards and scholarships were then presented. Melissa Powell presented the Lee Chance Memorial Award to Kara Towater. Jimmy Pritchard presented the C.H. Pudor Award to Brandon Baker, the D.D. Maddox Football Scholarship Award to Michael Pritchard, and the Paul Ward Sr. Memorial Scholarship to Lydia Hayes. Dr. Lee Carter presented the Ruth Rigsby Scholar of Excellence Award to Kenneth Pruett. Sgt. Gary Waugh presented the U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Award to Lydia Hayes. Jerry Boyd presented the HHS Band Scholarship to Aaron Dotson and Kendra Kozak. Glenn Morgan presented the Huntingdon Ruritan Scholarship for Kaitlyn Yundt, Victoria Davis, and Bryan Cross. Charlie Hodges presented the Lions Club Scholarship to Reese Hopper and Lydia Hayes. Louise Lewis presented the Huntingdon Eastern Star Scholarship to Madison Adams. Gina Atkins presented



Top left, Graduates Austin Baker (left) and Reese Hopper perform “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Top right, Valedictorian Kara Towater reads “Yay, You! Moving Up and Moving On” as part of her commencement address. Below, Salutatorian Melissa Dill receives her diploma.



the Ruby Tharpe Memorial Scholarship to Whitney Barnhill and Melissa Dill. Dr. Tim Tucker presented the Huntingdon Alumni Association Scholarship to Kara Towater and Matthew Tucker. Darryl Douglas presented the Huntingdon Masonic Lodge Scholarship

to Madison Adams. Jimmy Hampton presented the Jesse B. Pinkley Memorial Scholarship to Hunter Guess and Patricia Winkler. Finally, Lt. Col. Marty Towater recognized enlisted students Ethan Magee, Caleb Ellis, and Tanner Rich. The enlisted students received

a standing ovation from the large crowd.

Diplomas were then presented to the 87 graduates by Board of Education members Dr. Lee Carter and Dr. Tim Tucker and Director of Schools Pat Dillahunt.

Next, class president Lydia Hayes returned to the podium to have her fellow alumni turn their tassels, then kept the tradition of passing the torch to the junior class president, Allyn Swenson. Swenson accepted the torch, promising that the Class of 2016 would maintain the excellence and leadership if its predecessors.

The band performed the alma mater, and then graduate Preston Carter delivered the benediction. Dr. Kee made closing remarks, and the graduates tossed their mortarboards high in the air triumphantly.

2015 Huntingdon graduates were Karalyn Ann Towater (honors and distinction, Valedictorian), Melissa Ann Dill (honors and distinction, Salutatorian), Grace Elisabeth Hilliard (honors and distinction), Kelsey Marie Mann (distinction), Reese Ashlyn Hopper (distinction), Lydia Glenn Hayes (distinction), Matthew Wood Tucker (honors and distinction), Caleb Colton Ellis, Preston Lane Carter, Logan Alexander Gurley, Amber Nicole Mitchell, William David Tegethoff, Brittney Nicole Kirkpatrick, David Leamon Sparks Jr., Aaron Nicole Dotson, Alexander Elijah Reiter, Holly Diana Wood, Joshua Hayden Gilley, Jazzlyn Monay Price, Rocky Wayne Bolen, Madison Paige Adams (distinction), Coty James Cole Robinson, Hannah Olivia Boroughs, Christopher Tanner Rich, Megan Moody, Benjamin Jacob Reiter (distinction), Savanna Starr Hop-

per (distinction), Austin Lee Baker, Danielle Renee Stover, Corey Earl Reuter, Angel Rose Chaney, Peyton Webb Gates, Cotesha Lavay Pearson, Jordan Xavier Colon, Ansley Jae’Carol Blankenship, Caleb Westbrook Page, Phontasia Ann Barlow, Reginald Curtis Bigham, Patricia Ann Hicks, Blake Hunter Bourne, Kirya Simone Wilkerson, Jacob Todd Sisk, Katelyn Anna Yundt (distinction), Termaine Lonnie Buck, Natalie Michelle Perry, Daniel Brian Pannell, Maria Fernandez, Hunter Austin Turner, Amber Lynn Loggains, Logan Chase Hall, Destiny Lynnae Williams, Adrian Isaiah Rich, Anna Elizabeth Burden, Gerald Tremaine Taylor, Rachel Marie Burden, Jason Alexander Anderson, Patricia Diane Winkler, Bryce Allan Foshee, Victoria Brooke Davis (distinction), Michael Brandon Gordon (distinction), Haley Meshun Hubble, Joseph Clayton McGee (honors), Niyah Roshea Rivers, Bryan Alton Cross, Mallorie Jordan Ellis, Bradley Mathew Shear (honors), Kendra Marie Kozak, Kolton Gray McMinn, Ashlyn Renee Mallett, Kenneth Howard Pruett (honors and distinction), Zaria Tianna Sain, Davion Andre Amari Anderson, Chelsea Danielle Mathis, Donavon Shaquon Simmons, Dacia Nicole Sain, Thomas Elliot Joiner, Whitney Aaliyah Barnhill, Robert Ethan Magee, Christa Nichole Rumley, Ethan Jacob Kreuziger, Peyton Nicole Spivey, Hunter Cole Guess (honors and distinction), Michael Drake Pritchard (honors), Brandon Thomas Baker, Joshua Clayton Furr, and Nicholas Frederick Jones (honors).

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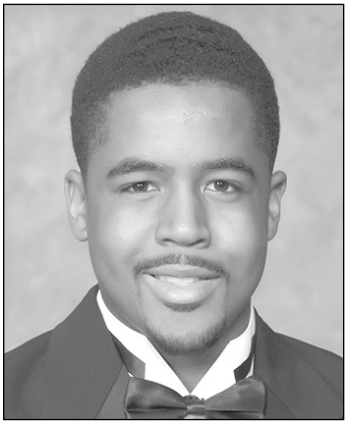
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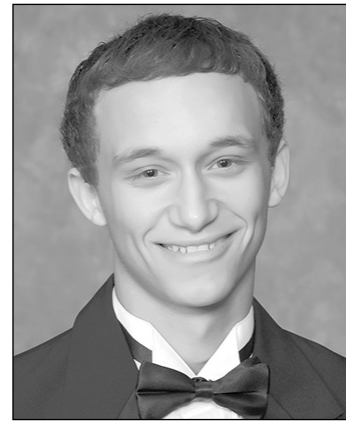
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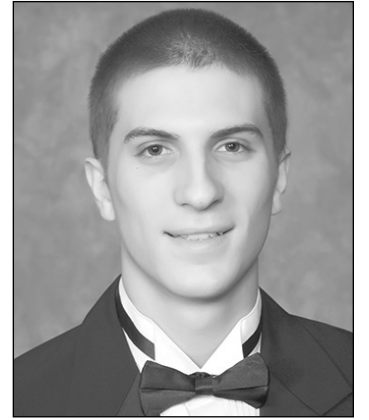
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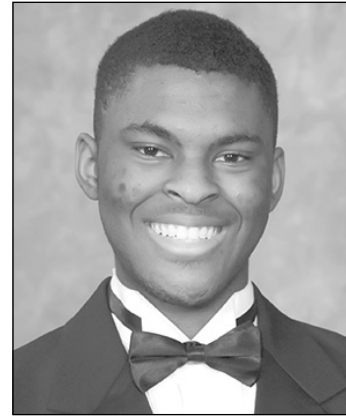
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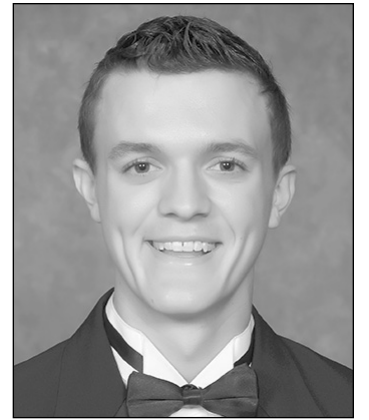
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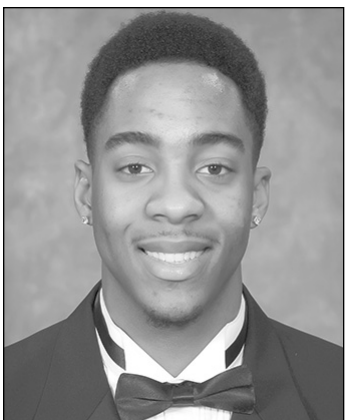
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or left school for other reasons. Educators and private organizations continue to do their part to elevate the number of students who graduate in four years. Through its Grad Nation initiative, America's Promise Alliance set a goal of a 90 percent graduation rate nationwide by 2015. Many people believe that the goal should be higher, encouraging a 100 percent graduation rate.

Good Luck Class of 2015!

When you were younger, you would pretend at being anyone you wanted to be, from a firefighter to a president and anything else you could imagine. Now that you're older, it's still that you can be whomever you want to be. So on your graduation day, dream big dreams and don't be afraid to go after them.

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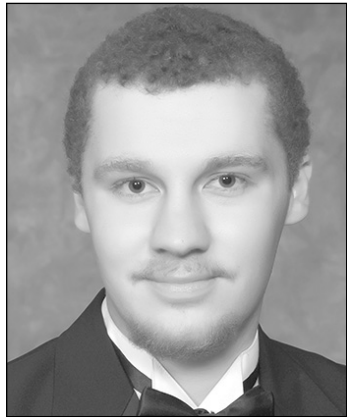
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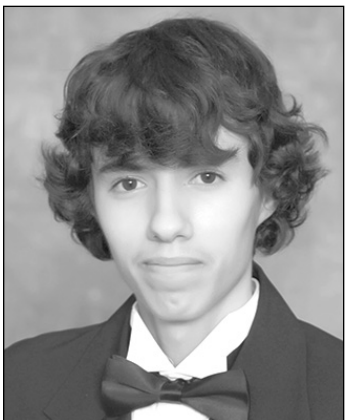
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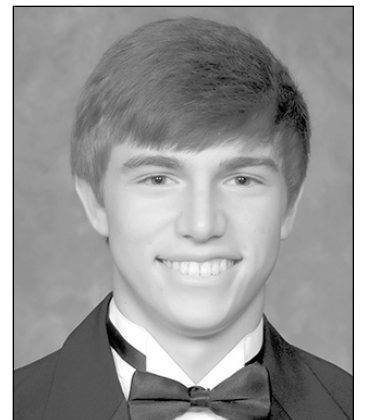
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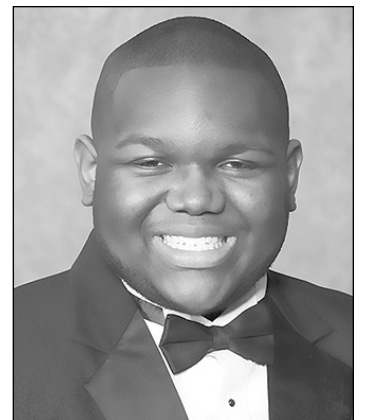
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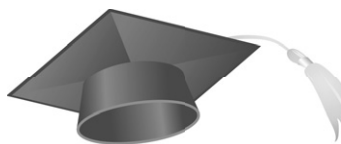
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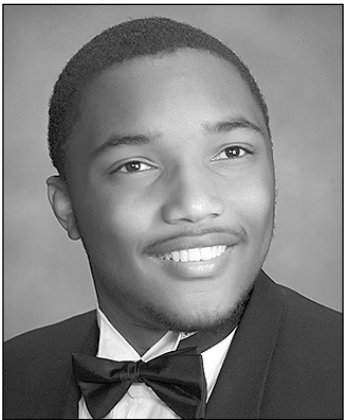


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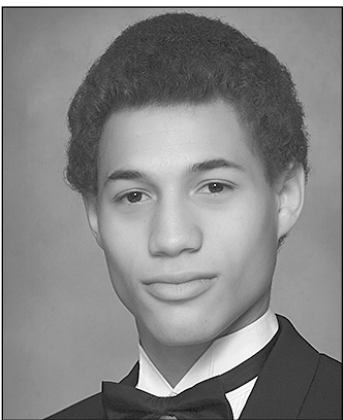
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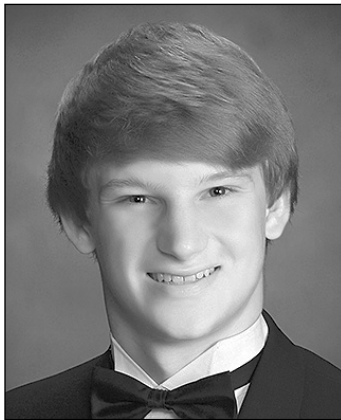
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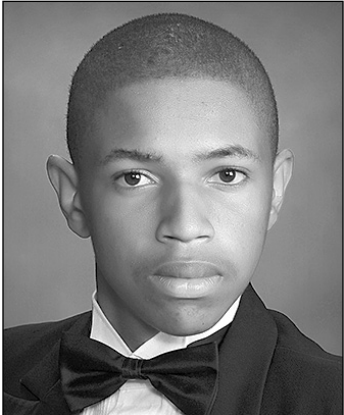
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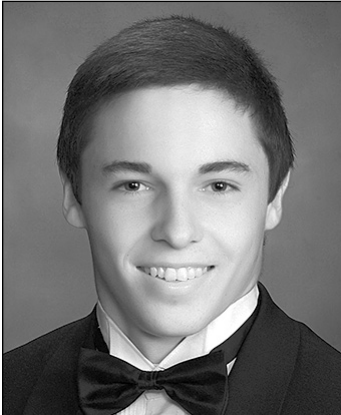
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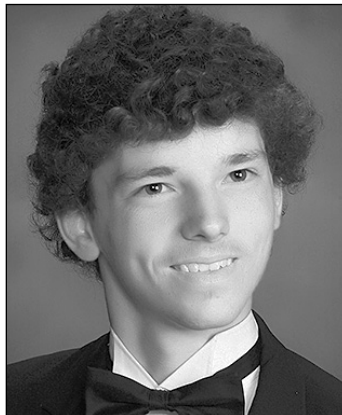
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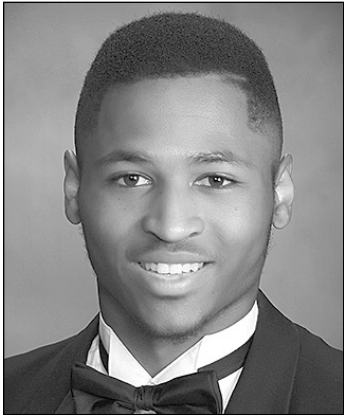
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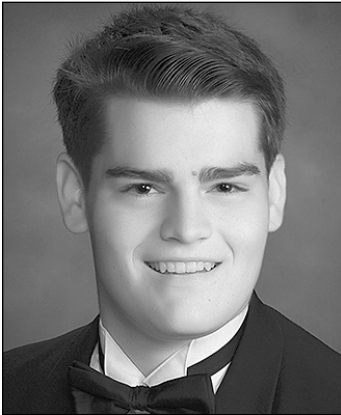
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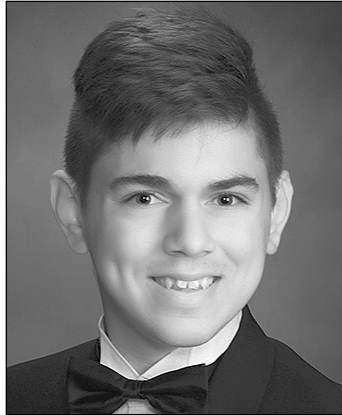
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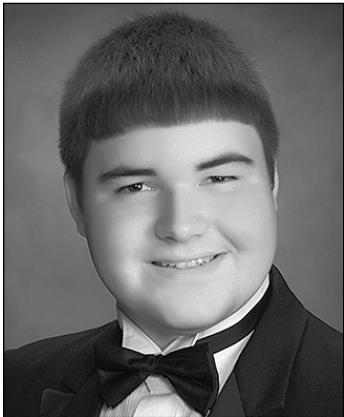
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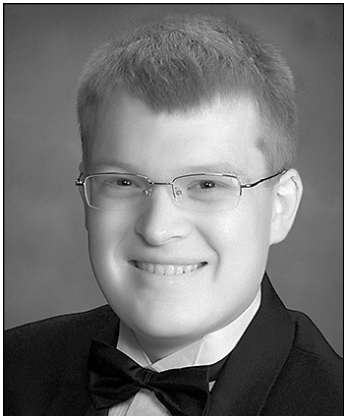
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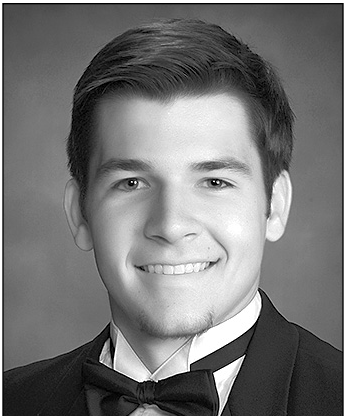
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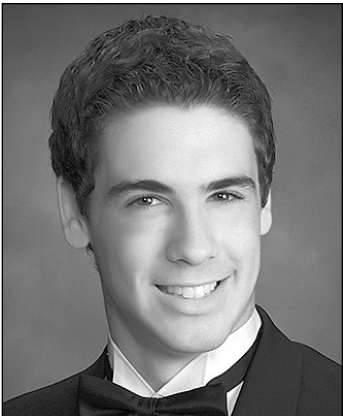
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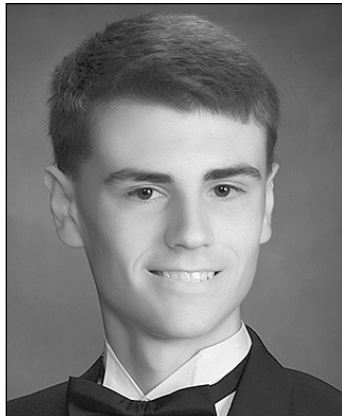
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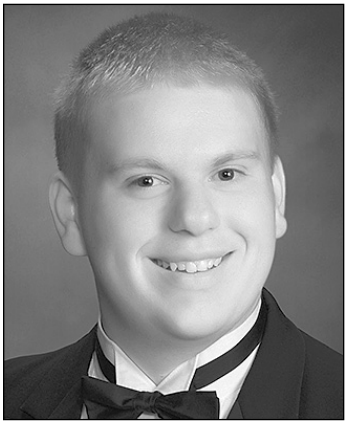
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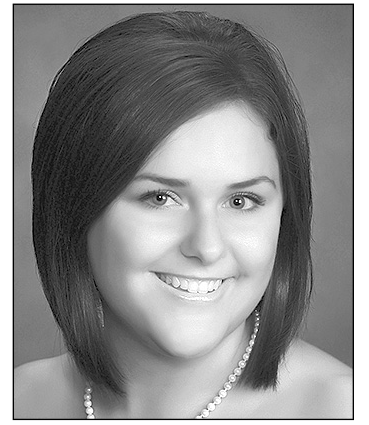
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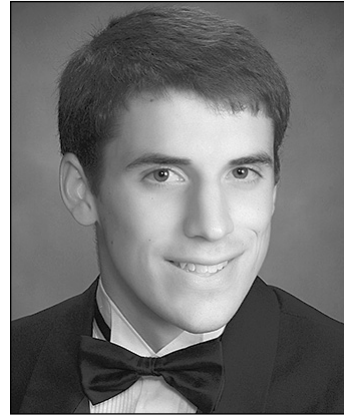
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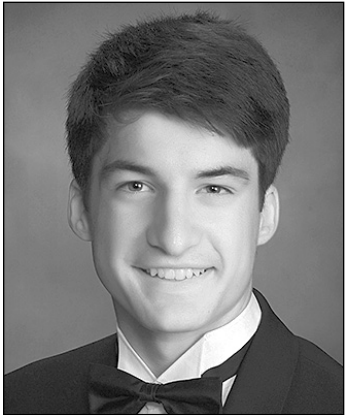
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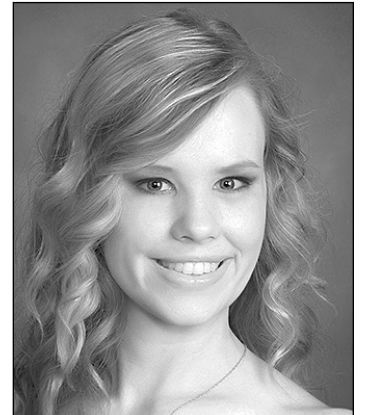
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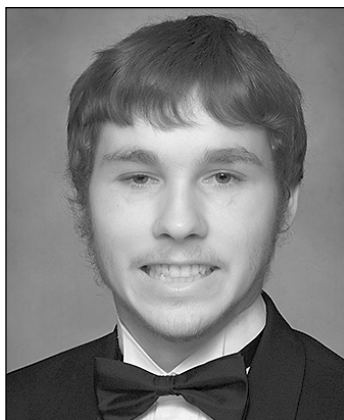
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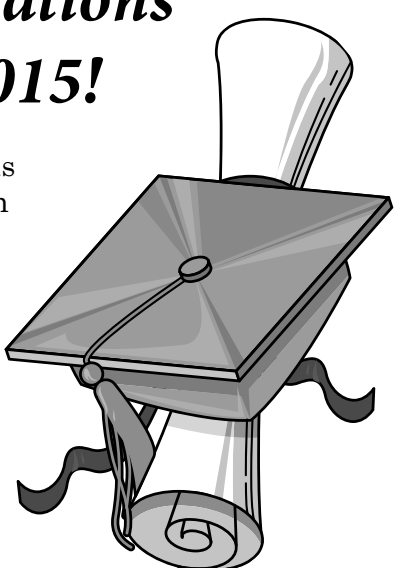
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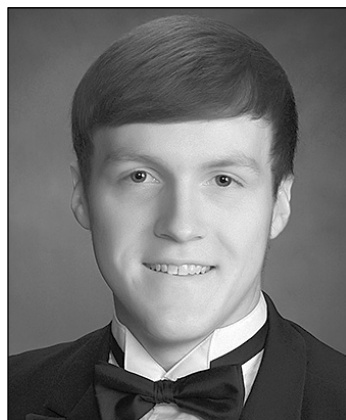


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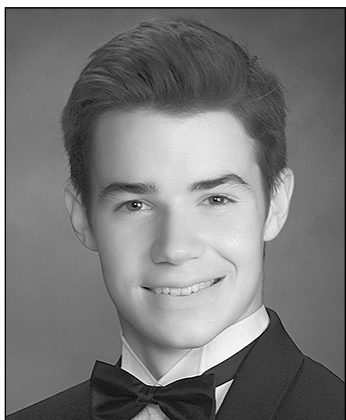
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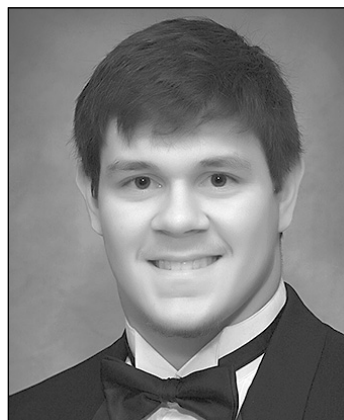
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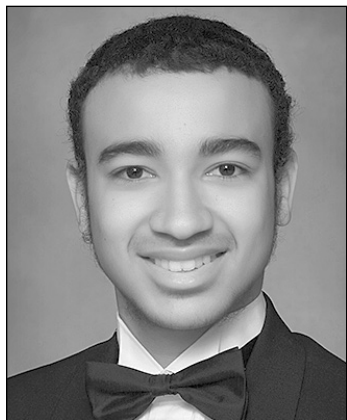
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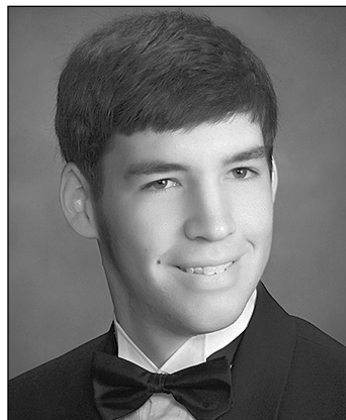
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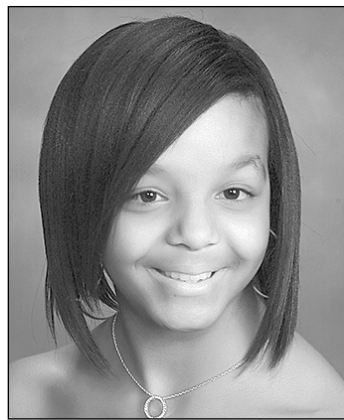
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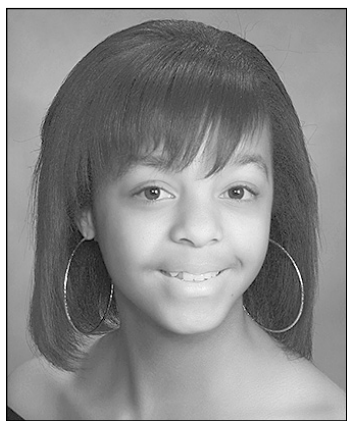
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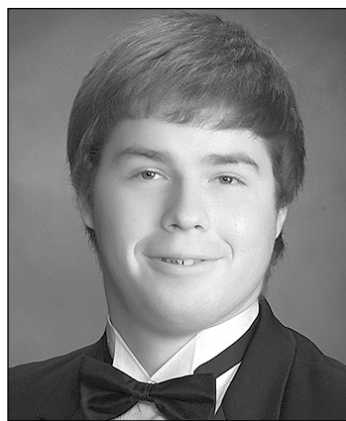
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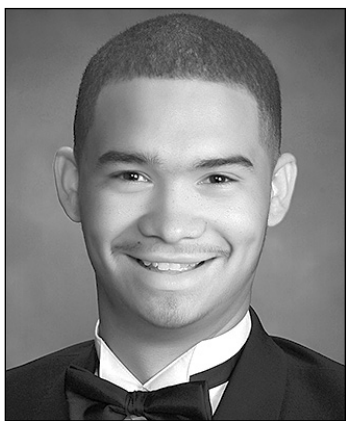
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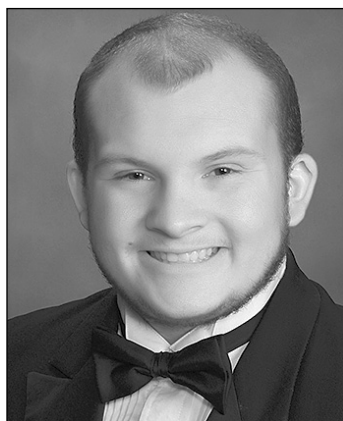
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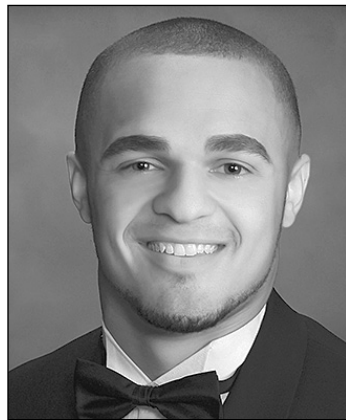
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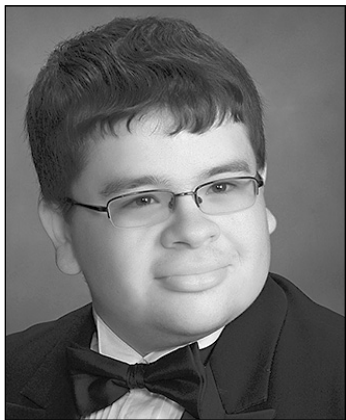
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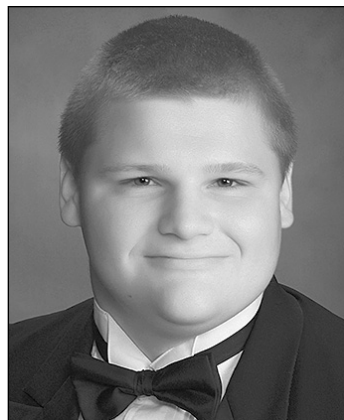
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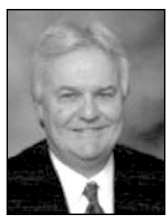


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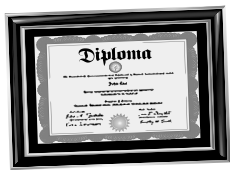
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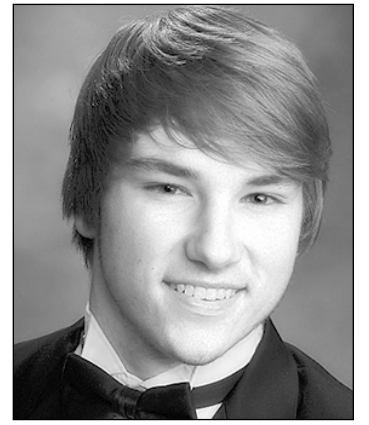
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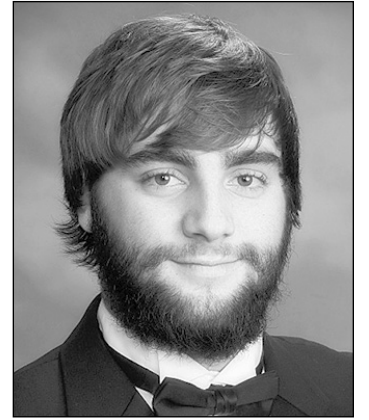
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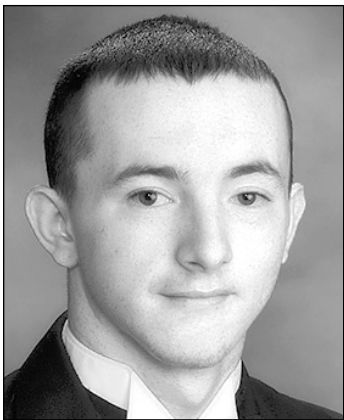
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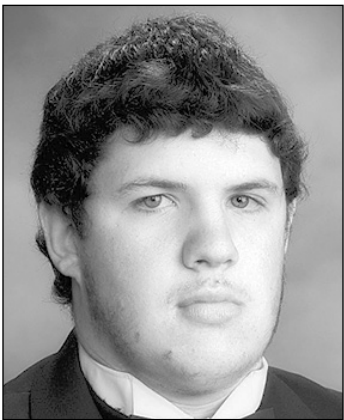
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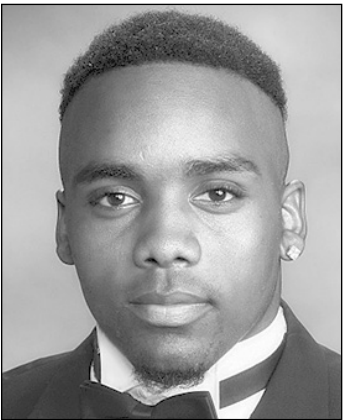
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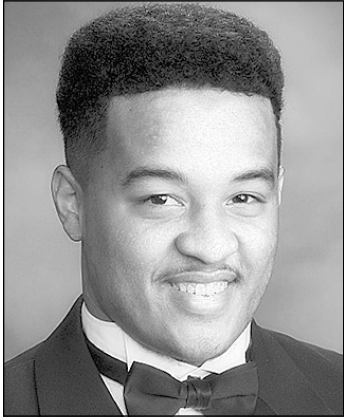
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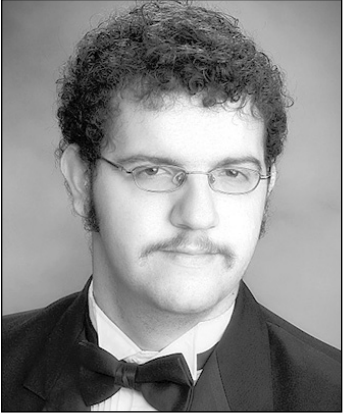

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Many high school graduates continue their educations once high school ends. Thousands upon thousands of students trade in their hall passes and senior sweaters for syllabi, electives and core classes in college. Recent graduates increasingly recognize the importance of a college degree, as holding a degree has become essential in today's competitive workplace, since having any advantage can mean the difference between establishing a stable career or struggling to make ends meet.

Many graduates also recognize the importance of choosing a major that translates well in the job market. Certain majors have historically been more popular than others among students. However, popular majors do not always make the best choices for jobs. The following are some of the popular majors and also majors that present the best track record for success and financial security.

Popular Undergraduate Majors

- **Business Administration:** According to the National Center for Education Statistics, of the 1,650,000 bachelor's degrees conferred between 2009 and 2010, the greatest numbers of degrees were given in the field of business, and those numbers remain quite steady. Business administration graduates can find work in various industries.

- **Psychology:** From psychologists to school therapists, the possibilities for work in the psychology field abound, making this a popular choice for college students. Psychologists study how the mind works and what causes human behavior, but a psychology degree can land graduates work in some surprising fields, including advertising and public relations.
- **Health:** Degrees in nursing and medicine will always be in demand. Medical careers continue to be some of the most stable, and the need for doctors and nurses grows with every passing year. In addition to medical degrees in the traditional sense, biologists and molecular scientists can be employed to research diseases and operations of the body and even research the connection between humans and the environment.
- **Education:** With every generation of children comes a new crop of students who need to be educated. This makes education yet another popular career path.
- **Communications:** Holding a communications degree opens up various career paths. It is a broad degree that can lead to careers in journalism, marketing, broadcasting, or television production.
- **Computer science:** Computer hardware and software continue to play integral roles in daily life. Career opportunities in computer science include

working on everything from robotics to developing applications for tablets and mobile phones.

Best Majors for Finding Work

Some of the more stable and well-paying college majors are not necessarily the most popular ones among students.

- **Education:** Teaching careers continue to be some of the most prevalent and stable. The field of education is essentially recession-proof, as there will always be a demand for educators in one capacity or another. Students looking for a stable, moderately paying career can consider earning a degree in education.
- **Engineering:** Engineers are some of the best-paid and most highly-coveted workers. Engineering careers cover many disciplines. Mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, general engineering, and civil engineering are just some of the careers engineering majors can pursue.
- **Math:** Math and computer science majors should also be successful finding jobs. These number crunchers hold careers that span computer coding to math professors to corporate analysts.

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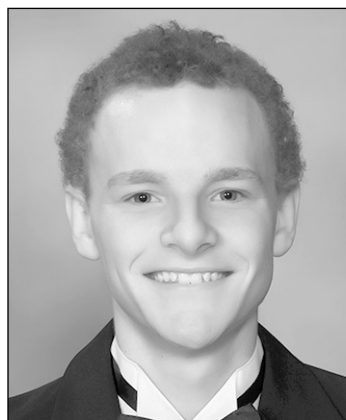


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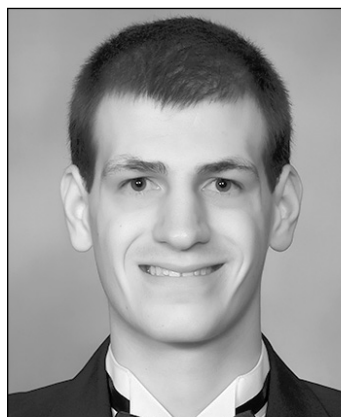
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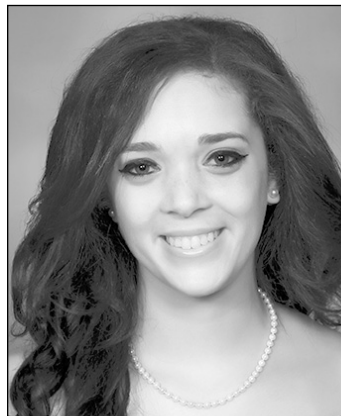
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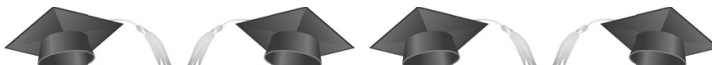
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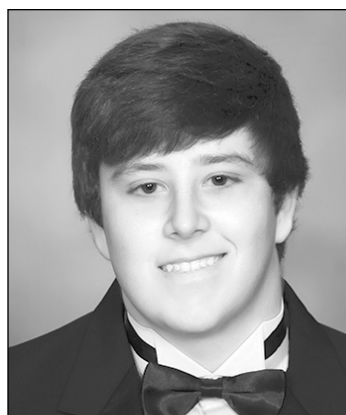
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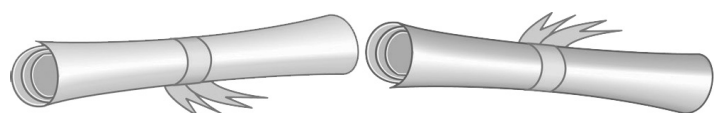
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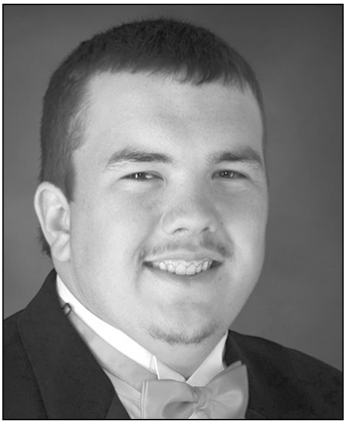
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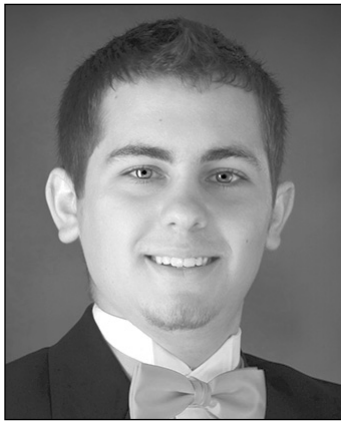
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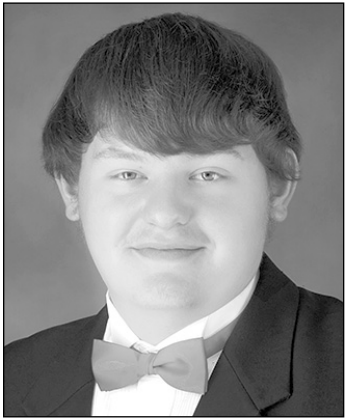
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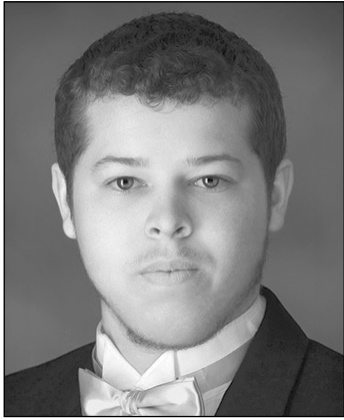
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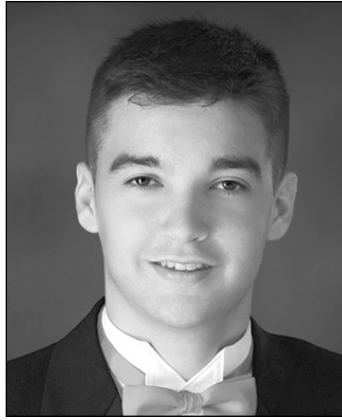
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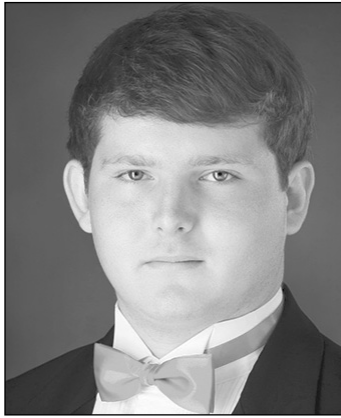
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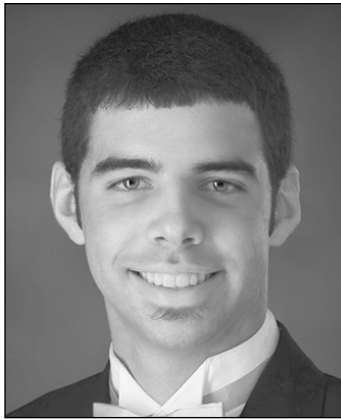
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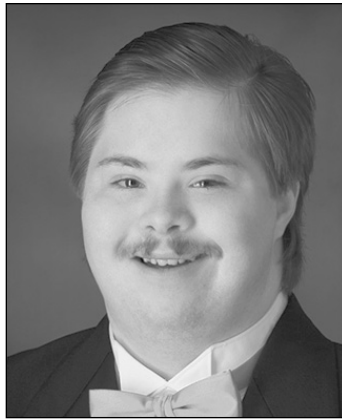
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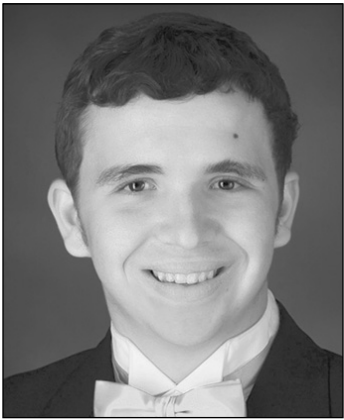
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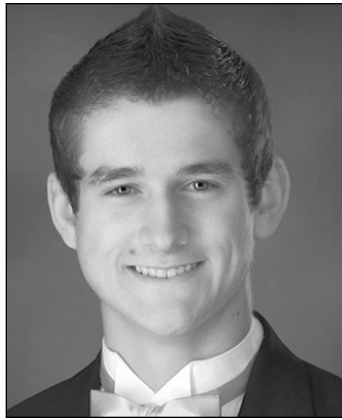
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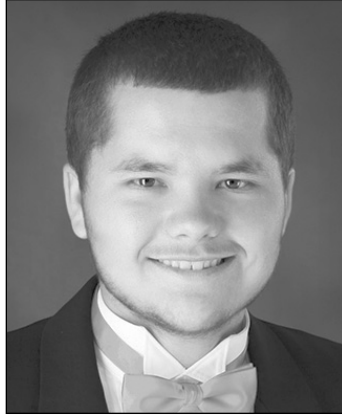
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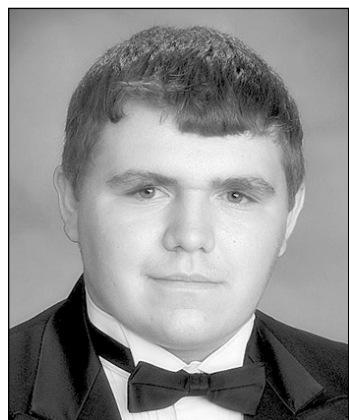
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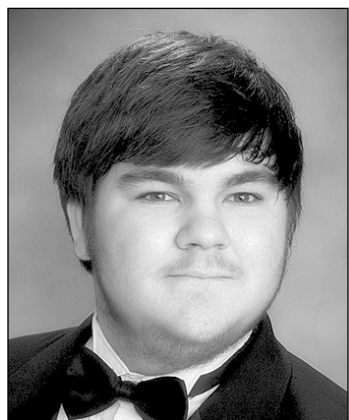
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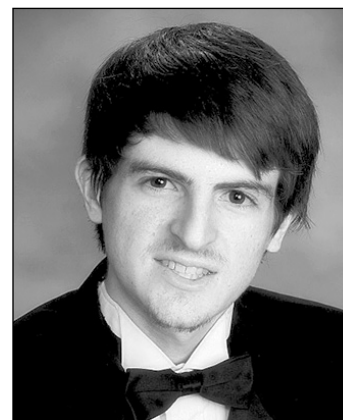
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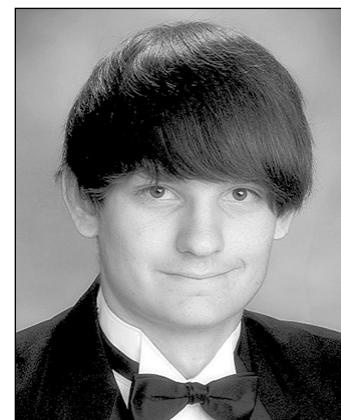
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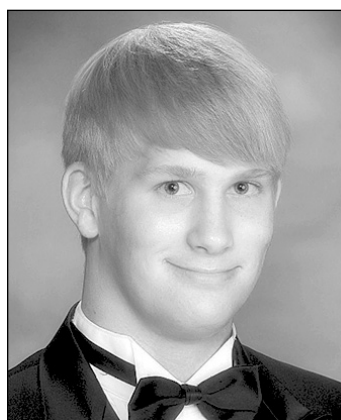
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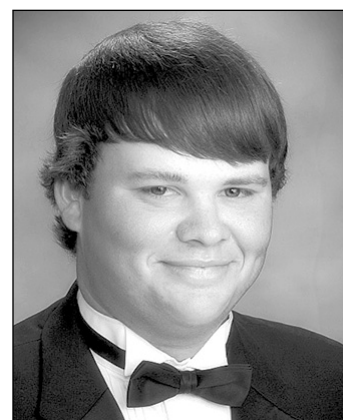
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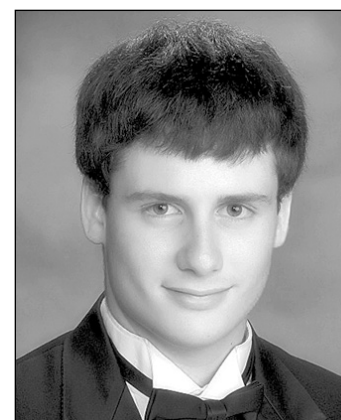
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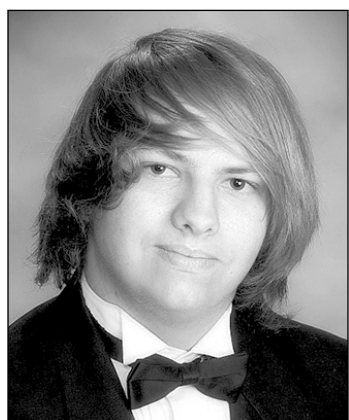
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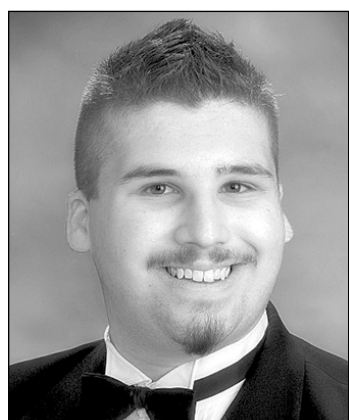
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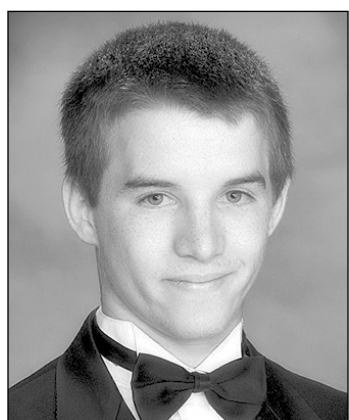
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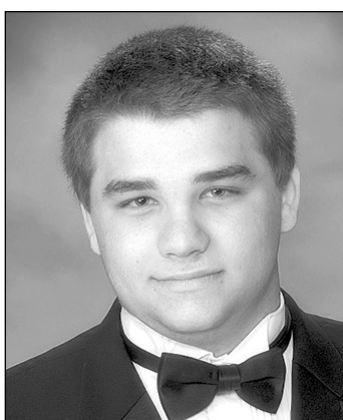
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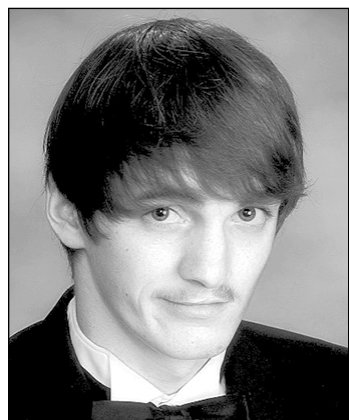
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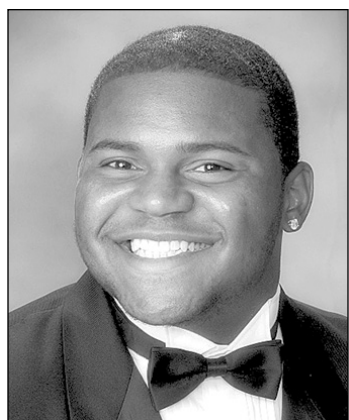
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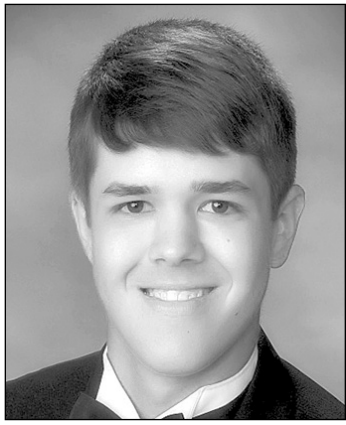
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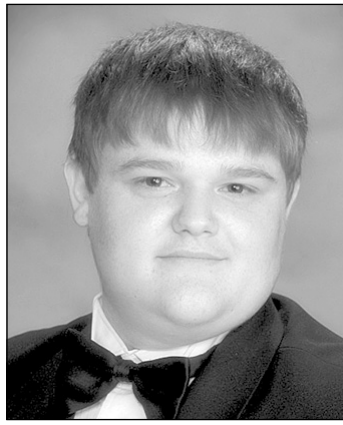
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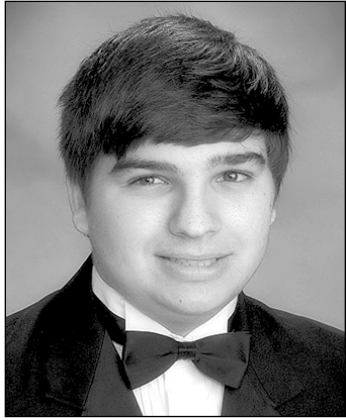
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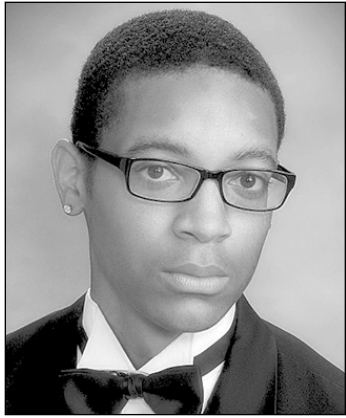
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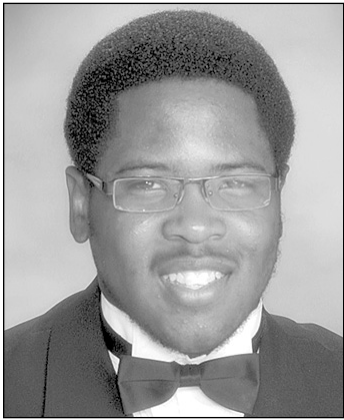
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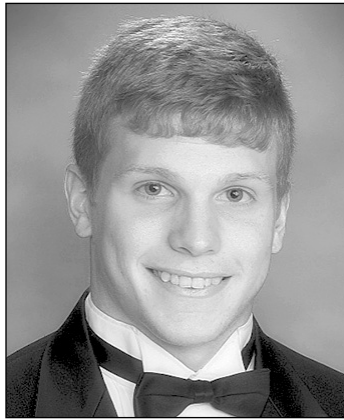
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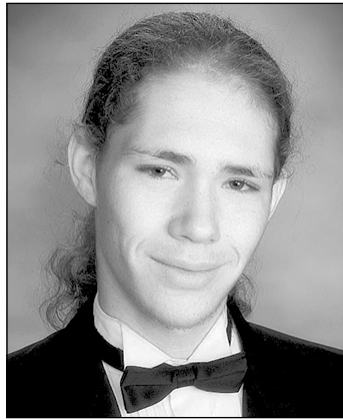
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WEST CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 66



Left, We did it! West Carroll Class of 2015 tosses their mortar boards skyward. Right, West Carroll Principal Lex Suite congratulates Maryville football scholarship signee Michael Lynn Huff Jr.

By Ernie Smothers
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ATWOOD (May 14) — As West Carroll High School's marching band played the beautiful processional "Pomp and Circumstance", a capacity crowd stood silently as the WCHS Class of 2015, led by school administrators and faculty, walked together for the final time into the school's gymnasium.

Following opening comments by WCHS Principal Lex Suite and invocation by Class of 2015's Michael Lynn Huff Jr., WCHS Class of 2015 President Stephney Lanay Foster welcomed attendees.

She said, "Welcome proud parents, siblings, and loved ones of our graduates. Welcome dedicated faculty and staff. And welcome and congratulations to the Class of 2015! The day we have looked up to for so long and thought would never come is finally here. We have anticipated this moment for so long now that it is close to overwhelming."

Quoting Proverbs, Chapter three, verses five and six from the Holy Bible, she continued, "Throughout our lives we've always focused on what's ahead or what happened yesterday instead of focusing on what's in front of us. As we are in our final moments of being seniors, let us take the time to enjoy the present. Each of you has made an impact on my life and I will never forget the memories we have shared as a class. I wish you all the best in whatever you do. Remember, with

God on your side, you can accomplish anything."

During her Salutatorian Address, Doris Evelyn Meredith Brown praised school administrators, faculty members, and parents for helping her and her classmates persevere.

Addressing her classmates, she said, "We have all have our own hopes for the future that we have spent an immense amount of time planning and preparing for this past year. We've all been so eager to move on to the next chapter of our lives, yet now that the time has come, many of us have found that we are not ready to move on. It is important to remember that whenever there is a meeting, a parting is sure to follow. However, this parting needs not last forever. My final words of encouragement are Namaste and good luck."

During his upbeat speech, Class of 2015 Valedictorian Lane Harold Lusk said, "The day we have been waiting for thirteen years is finally upon us. The journey getting here hasn't been easy, though. We encountered our first real struggle in the first grade when nap time was taken away from us. And, just when you thought school lunches couldn't get any worse, Michelle Obama came into our lives. Because of her, our daily menu options consisted of whole grain pizza, whole grain carrots, and whole grain mystery meat. Thanks Obama!"

The crowd laughed and applauded.

Continuing, Lusk said, "Graduation is both an exciting and

frightful event because we are faced with the reality that this is the last night we will all be in the same room together, but it is also the night that kick starts whatever journey we decide to take with our lives. As seniors in high school now, we look back and laugh at the things we used to worry about. When we are seniors in nursing homes, we will look back and laugh about the things worry about now. Take the time to smell the roses and appreciate what you have. As Elbert Hubbard once said, "Don't take life too seriously, because nobody gets out of it alive."

Suite announced the following top ten graduates: 1-Lane Harold Lusk; 2-Doris Evelyn Meredith Brown; 3-Duncan Cameron Stratton; 4-Meghan Elizabeth Markin; 5-Shayla Patrice Clark; 6-Hannah Elizabeth Holt; 7-Samantha Madison Barrow; 8-Anna Lisa Rickard; 9-Rhiannon Michelle Gray; 10-Matthew Porter Jones.

Upon presentation of seniors by West Carroll Special School District Director of Schools Eric Williams, Suite, with the assistance of WCSSD School Board President, Jimmy Halford, presented diplomas to the following West Carroll Class of 2015 graduates: Kellan Walker Arnold, Kodie Wayne Baker, Abigail Lee Barrentine, Samantha Madison Barrow, Hunter Austin Bennett, Nicholas Thomas Blackwell, Bethany Carol, Lynn Bolin, Joshua David Brasher, Doris Evelyn Meredith Brown, Casey Daniel Bush, Joseph Dylan Campbell, Dylan Shane Chesser,

Shayla Patrice Clark, Madalin Rebecca Coleman, Sabrina Lynn Davis, Tawnee Cheyenne Davis, Adria Marie-Kay DePriest, Annie Marie Emert, Rebecca Lynn Falkinburg, Jesse Hill Ford, Stephney Lanay Foster, Dennis Logan Gentry, James Dalton Gibson, Jon Leroy Gordon, Michael Henry Gordon, Rhiannon Michelle Gray, Justin Ray Hollowell, Hannah Elizabeth Holt, Jaliah Atiya Horton, Michael Lynn Huff Jr, Katie Brooke Hurley, Hannah Ripley Johnson, Matthew Porter Jones, Cierra Maxine Kirby, Justin Anthony Kraemer, Iyonna Laster, Morgan Ashley Lawrence, Lexi Jo Little, Lane Harold Lusk, Meghan Elizabeth Markin, Esmeralda Janet Martinez, Billie Deon Angelina Shay McClain, Dustin Wesley McCord, Dannielle Melody McDonald, Desmond Travon Melton, Emani Symmone Melton, Jamesa T. Melton, Seth Wayne Moling, Payton Paige Murphy, Andrew James Newbill, Alexandria Morgan Phelps, Chelsea Marie Pritchard, Nathaniel Eliot Richardson, Anna Lisa Rickard, Chauncy Levelle Roberson, Taylor Thomas Shaw, Alysia Marlana Shear, Amanda Marie Smith, Duncan Cameron Stratton, Elaynna Nichole Voris, Alicia Monette Wade, Jerrica June Wade, Christopher Dalton Weaver, Hailey Dain Whitmore, Serinity Lee Williams.

Following benediction by Joshua David Brasher, WCHS Class of 2015 graduates tossed their mortar boards skyward before being embraced by family and friends.



Above, West Carroll Class of 2015 Salutatorian Doris Evelyn Meredith Brown President Stephney Lanay Foster, and Valedictorian Lane Harold Lusk. Below, West Carroll Class of 2015 graduate Christopher Dalton Weaver celebrates with his parents, Chris and Kelly Weaver.



CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 35

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CLARKSBURG (May 15) — Commencement for the Clarksburg High School Class of 2015 was held Friday night in the gymnasium. 35 seniors took the walk to receive diplomas and close out a 13-year chapter in their lives.

The ceremony began with the processional, and then Director of Schools Tony Tucker welcomed friends and family. Next, slideshow was played, showing each senior, followed by a video message by each thanking parents, family, and friends for their years of support.

Class Historian Hunter Peterson spoke, saying in part that the class was more like a family and that the school would never be the same without them. After his speech, he paused and took out his cell phone to take a selfie with his fellow seniors.

Salutatorian Faith Douglas presented her speech next, saying in part, "I hope you not only never forget this place and what you have accomplished here, I hope you will look back and be proud of how far you have come."

Finally, Valedictorian Ashten Simpson delivered her address, saying in part, "Graduation is a door that welcomes us to a new beginning. Beyond that door is a completely different world, a



The Clarksburg High School Class of 2015 tosses mortarboards high into the air in celebration.

world that is constantly changing, with new challenges around every corner that we must face. Sometimes, when we are faced with these adversities, we are going to be able to face them head on and conquer them. Other times we are going to stumble and fail in the presence of a new challenge. When this happens, we must always remember that nothing is impossible to accomplish as long as you work hard and believe in yourself."

Next, special awards and schol-

arships were presented. Stokes Surveying Scholarships were awarded to Kallie Berry and Sarah Rickman. Waylon Seagraves Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Abbie Carden, Jacob Coulter, Mason Coulter, Ryan McDaniel, Andrea Peterson, Hunter Peterson, Ashten Simpson, and Brooke Webb. The Ray and Wilma Smith Scholarship was awarded to Abbie Carden. The Jan Gurley Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Faith Douglas. The AmVets Post 33 of Parkers Crossroads Scholarship

was awarded to Trevor Gooch. Scholar Athlete awards were given to Ryan McDaniel and Sarah Rickman. Senior Service awards went to Sarah Rickman and Shawn Tucker. The FirstBank Scholarship was awarded to Ashten Simpson. The Clarksburg High School Alumni Service Scholarships were awarded to Ashten Simpson and Shawn Tucker. Chosen as the 2014-15 Clarksburg High School Student of the Year was Abbie Carden.

The top ten in the class, from

tenth to first, were Trevor Gooch, Sarah Rickman, Alexis Lankford, Leah Halter, Joshua Douglas, Stephanie Lowery, Abbie Carden, Hunter Peterson, Faith Douglas, and Ashten Simpson.

Following the presentation of diplomas was a Clarksburg tradition of graduates presenting roses to their parents. When Sarah Rickman received her roses, it was announced by Director Tucker that she would be presenting a rose to her sister, Tessa, in memory of their late mother, Tabitha.

The commencement ceremony ended with the singing of the alma mater and the tossing of the mortarboards.

2015 Clarksburg graduates were Kallie Cheyenne Berry, Cody Tyler Byrum, Abbie Priestly Carden (honors and distinction, Tennessee Scholar), Ashley Faith Cary, Jacob Tait Coulter, Mason Brooke Coulter, Benjamin Austin Crews, Toshua Isaiah Croom, Courtney Noelle DePriest, Bradley Lane Derryberry, Faith Marie Douglas (distinction, Salutatorian), Joshua Cody Douglas (honors), Hunter Scott Garner, Matthew Logan Giersch, Trent Cole Gooch, Trevor Taylor Gooch, Luther Dylan Gurley, Leah Deann Halter, Dalton Lee Hollowell, Katrina Danielle Jackson, Alexis Shelby Lankford (honors), Stephanie Nicole Lowery (distinction), Ryan Keith McDaniel, Sebastian Nathanael Melson, Andrea Grace Peterson, Steven Hunter Peterson (distinction), Jack Dalton Preshern, Kennedy Addison Pritchard, Sarah Isabella Rickman (Tennessee Scholar), Steven Tracy Rosser Jr., Ashten Taylor Simpson (honors and distinction, Tennessee Scholar, Valedictorian), Shawn Markus Lawrence Tucker (honors), Jacob Lee Walker, Brooke Shannon Webb, and Matthew Chase Williams.



Above, Speakers at the Clarksburg commencement (l to r): Class Historian Hunter Peterson, Salutatorian Faith Douglas, and Valedictorian Ashten Simpson. Below, Class Secretary Sarah Rickman presents a rose to her sister, Tessa, in memory of their late mother, Tabitha Rickman.





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HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON GRADUATES 47



Left, Showtime! 2015 Central graduates prepare to toss their mortarboards. Middle, Central Class of 2015 Salutatorian Kordell Stone Young, Class President Allison Laine Young, and Valedictorian Brandon Lee Hilliard. Right, Class of 2015 graduate Dalton Lee Sellers and his mom, Sheryl Sellers.

By Ernie Smothers
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BRUCETON (May 15) — A large assembly of family, friends, teachers, school administrators and media joined Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central High School seniors inside the school gymnasium for the CHS Class of 2015 graduation ceremony.

Following senior processional into the gym to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstances played by the Central High School Band, invocation by Class of 2015 member Nathaniel David Grimm, and the playing of the National Anthem, Class of 2015 President Allison Laine Young welcomed attendees.

She said, "Members of the board of Education, Superintendent Duncan, Principal Gilmer, faculty members, family and friends; the Class of 2015 would like to welcome all of you to our graduation ceremony. Tonight we gather for one last time as the Class of 2015. This day marks the end of sharing common highs and lows, laughter and tears, dreams and fears."

Quoting Jeremiah 29:11 from the Holy Bible, Young concluded, "As we begin each day of this new chapter of our lives we may often face difficult choices in deciding what God has planned

for us. We will make mistakes, but remember that God is still there! He is always behind us saying 'This is the way, walk in it.' We just need to be sure that we are listening! Good luck and God bless!"

The Class of 2015, led by senior Cabe Ivory Sala, sang the Bill Withers classic, "Lean on Me."

CHS Principal Tim Gilmer recognized Honor Scholar Graduates, distinguished by the wearing of a gold tassel, who had taken the most rigorous classes offered at CHS and scored an 18 or above on the English section of the A.C.T., a 22 or above on the mathematics section, a 22 or above on the Reading section, and a 23 or above on the Science section average for four years. They were: Brandon Lee Hilliard, Dalton Lee Sellers, and Grace Alexandria White.

Continuing, Gilmer recognized Allison Laine Young as a Graduate of Distinction. To earn the honor, a student must maintain an overall B average or above in high school and participate in the at least one of the following: participate in at least one of the Governor's Schools, participate on one of the state's All-State Musical organizations, attain a composite score of 31 or higher on the A.C.T., earn 12 or

more semester hours of transcripted postsecondary credit.

Gilmer announced the following Class of 2015 Top Ten: 1-Brandon Lee Hilliard; 2-Kordell Stone Young; 3-Grace Alexandria White; 4-Devon Wade Coble; 5-Carly Faith Jernigan; 6-Brittany Michele Taylor; 7-Christina Michelle French; 8-Dalton Kee Sellers; 9-Allison Laine Young; 10-Alexis Michelle Reynolds.

During Salutatorian's Address, Kordell Stone Young addressed his fellow classmates, "Today is no small feat. Graduating today is perhaps the most significant and life altering achievement most of you can claim to this day. Never hesitate to recognize how proud each and every person here today is for you to complete such a long and difficult task. Having worked for over thirteen years for just this moment, it is hard to ignore the determination, perseverance, patience, hard work and even sacrifice that embodies itself in the attitudes of every graduate."

He continued, "Throughout my years in high school, not only have I gained knowledge of the subjects I have studied, but I have learned many other lessons as well. Gaining intelligence is not the only purpose of school. School has helped to

build priceless social skills, as well as, instilled a value to succeed. I don't know about you, but when I see others performing well I take it as a challenge to try my best as well."

He concluded, "Instead of following the path of past generations and graduating classes, I challenge you to make your own path."

The risks are always present, but the battle makes the win so much sweeter. For me, it is neither about the money nor the notoriety of a position, but rather whether I can make a difference and love what I do. Thank all of you for the memories. We made it!"

During Valedictorian's Address, Brandon Lee Hilliard said, "I had hoped for years that I wouldn't be in this position because I was terrified of speaking. Somehow I'm here. So, now that I have you all here, I want to talk about two things. Firstly, I want to talk about words. Words are powerful. They can lift you up, they can tear you down, they can inspire and electrify. Words can make peace, and words can make war. We should all learn to use our words."

He continued, "Now I want to talk about actions. Actions are the foundation of integrity. Who we are as individuals is

defined by our actions. We may say whatever we feel is necessary, but our actions show our true intent. Actions are powerful, and it may take many good actions to repair the damage of a single bad one."

He concluded, "So, now that we are here at the turning point in our lives, we must choose. Will we choose to be men and women of words, or will we live by our actions? From this moment on, our actions will define us. Actions will test the odds and let us succeed. Remember this day, and remember to take action. This is only the beginning."

The Class of 2015 then sang R. Kelly's, "The World's Greatest."

Following presentation of awards and special honors, Central Director of Schools David Duncan presented the Class of 2015 to the Board of Education.

Duncan and Central School Board member Vicki Brown, mother of Class of 2015 graduate Dylan Foster Brown, presented diplomas to the following Class of 2015 graduates:

Kassidy Grace Addair, Kelci Jo Bartles, Hunter Lee Birdwell, Austin James Bond, Courtlen Reece Broomfield, Dylan Foster Brown, Hannah Nicole Cantrell, Jayme Lynn Christman, Devon Wade Coble, Briana Taylor Cole,

Megan Leanne Comer, Tyler Lee Cook, Matthew Thomas Dillingham, Mary Beth Edwards, Gabrielle Danielle Forgunson, Christina Michelle French, Hailey Lorene Glosson, Alexas Leigh Goodwin, Hunter Jess Griffin, Nathaniel David Grimm, Brandon Lee Hilliard, Maddolyn Marie Hoffner, Shelby Nichole Hughtart, Carly Faith Jernigan, Trystan Isaiah Johnson, Hayden Drew Jordan, Brandon Shayne King, Dalton Leslie Noles, Cory Blake Pardue, Demathis Marikicus Parker, James Terry Ray, Alexis Michelle Reynolds, James Dewayne Rogers, Cabe Ivory Sala, Evan Michael Scronce, Dalton Lee Sellers, Becky Marie Stanek, Ashley Celeste Stockdale, Brittany Michele Taylor, Van Michael Wadley II, Adam Ryan Walker, Tara Daphne Ward, Grace Alexandria White, Andrew James Willis, Kaelin Dwayne Willis, Allison Laine Young, and Kordell Stone Young.

Following the singing of the Alma Mater and closing prayer by Courtlen Reece Broomfield, Class of 2015 graduates formed two receiving lines before casting their mortar boards skyward in celebration.

GLEASON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 28



Left, Group photo of the entire class of graduates. Right, Hannah Lokey, salutatorian, Spencer Stewart, valedictorian, and Keaton Collins, class president.

Gleason High School graduated 28 students during the Friday, May 15 ceremonies in the gymnasium.

The Students marched two-by-two into the gymnasium. GHS Principal Trish Price, Assistant Principal Lee Lawrence, and School Board Member Lindell Roney were seated on the elevated platform, where he graduate received his or her diploma.

Class President Keaton Collins welcomed everyone to the ceremony. His address was followed by a video presentation of each of the graduates showing

ing their baby photos and their graduation photos.

Following the video, Hannah Lokey, salutatorian and Spencer Stewart, valedictorian, presented their speeches.

Mrs. Price announced individual awards for the students and their future plans just prior to the presentation of diplomas.

One senior, Cody Williams was unable to attend because he is still recuperating from a mid-school year car accident.

Another classmate was remembered. Samuel Colt Stafford died in a house fire several years ago.

Graduates include: Jesse Dixon Adams, Keaton Thomas Collins, Christopher William Copeland, Hunter Allen Corum, Mercedes LaDawn Eaton, Haley Brianna Edmiston, Jacob Hartford Gatewood, Holly Martina Gurley, Jacob Harrison Horn, Ian Brooks Legends, Hannah Elizabeth Lokey, Mia Taryn McCain, Timothy Mark McKenzie, Jasmine Nicole McKinney, Moriah Marie Mize, James Rance Morris, Harrison Claude Radford, Atlanta Reannea Morgan-Smothers, Spencer Cale Stewart, Marcus Hunter Summers, Courtney Nicole Taylor, Jasmine Nichole Taylor-McHaney, Justin Ray Todd, Samantha Marie Veliz, Hunter Chase Walker, Heather Grace Whitworth, Robert Cody Williams, and William Alec Zills.



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