

DRESDEN HIGH SCHOOL TOP 10



Kaitlyn Courtney
Valedictorian



Catrina Delaney
Salutatorian



Zander Alley



Marissa Parks



Donovan Davis



Jacqueline Ellis



Austin Garrigus



Zulema Serrano



Kelly Meeks



Kayla Hayes

KAITLYN COURTNEY

Kaitlyn Courtney is the daughter of Hogan and Cynthia Courtney of Dresden, Tennessee. During her four years at Dresden High School, she has participated in numerous school and community activities. She has been an active member of the local SkillsUSA chapter, serving as Vice President her freshman and sophomore years and as President her junior and senior years. She has also been a member of the Beta Club for all four years, and her senior year she served as Secretary. She has been a member of Mu Alpha Theta for years, and her senior year she served as Vice President. Kaitlyn was selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's School of the Arts on partial scholarship in June of 2015. She has also attended art classes at the Robert E. Lee Academy of the Arts once per week on full scholarship since her sophomore year. In her junior year, she was awarded second in the state of Tennessee for the World Air Games Art Contest. She was recently awarded first place in the Iris Festival Art Contest in the drawing category and adult age division. She was also voted the most creative senior girl. In addition to her participation in numerous clubs and school activities, she also works part time at a local restaurant.

Kaitlyn has been awarded the University Scholars Scholarship and the Endowment for the Arts Scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to major in Art after graduation.

CATRINA DELANEY

Catrina Hope Delaney, "Catey," is the daughter of Ricky and Cathy Delaney of Dresden. Catey has been an active participant in numerous clubs and sports during her four years of high school. She was a 2-year cross-country athlete, going to state competitions each year and also receiving recognition as a Tennessee All-West team member sophomore year. She is a four year member in Beta Club, and served as the Beta Club President her senior year. She has been a member of Mu Alpha Theta for the two years it's available, junior and senior years, and served as secretary her senior year. She was the Vice-President of her class junior year, and a student council member senior year. During her sophomore year, Catey was given the opportunity to be a part of the First State Weakley County Youth Leadership Program (2014-2015), and it was one of the best high school experiences she had. She was also a graduate of the 2015 Young Scholars Academy at UTM. She was a part of the DHS annual staff and vocals and theater member senior year. Another achievement is being a HOSA member where she

earned 5th place in medical spelling and 2nd place in pathophysiology at regional competitions freshman and sophomore year respectively. HOSA helped her to decide to go into the medical field. She had also participated in Baptist Memorial Hospital Crash Course Camp her sophomore year which allows prospective medical students to experience working in a hospital for one week and plans to attend the camp again the summer of 2016. Catey will be attending Freed-Hardeman University in the fall and major in Nursing. During her spare time, Catey attends the Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts each week for painting and drawing, and she also enjoys the musical arts. She is also an active member at Liberty Church of Christ where she has participated in numerous events such as Lads to Leader and Challenge Youth Conference.

ZANDER ALLEY

Zander Alley is the son of Bonnie Hickman and Steve Alley of Dresden, Tennessee. He has participated in several activities at Dresden High School. For the past three years he has been a part of the Weakley County Youth Coalition, and he served as president during senior year. He has also served on student council as a representative in sophomore and junior year and as vice president in senior year. Since junior year he has worked as an after school peer tutor. He was also a statistician for the Lady Lions basketball team during senior year. Zander was awarded the school's DAR Good Citizen Award as chosen by the Dresden High School teachers. In the summer of 2015, he attended the Governor's School for the Humanities. He was also awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. This fall he plans to attend Vanderbilt University and major in Human and Organizational Development.

MARISSA PARKS

Marissa Paige Parks is the daughter of Meredith Winstead and Craig Parks of Houston, Texas. During her years at Dresden High School, Marissa was an active member in numerous clubs and organizations. Marissa was a member of the DHS FFA Chapter her first three years of high school, obtaining her Discovery, Greenhand, and Chapter FF A degrees. She became a member of the Beta Club her junior year and continued being an active participant during her senior year, attending the National Beta Convention in Nashville. Another club that Marissa enjoyed participating in was Mu Alpha Theta, which she was a member of her junior and senior years, the only two years the club is offered. Marissa served as president of Mu Alpha Theta her senior year, showing her interest in mathematics. One of her favorite events to look forward to each year was the TMT A High School Math Competition held at UTM,

which she competed in all four years of her high school career. She won second place overall in the geometry division her sophomore year at the competition and views this as a major accomplishment in her academic career. However, though she has an interest in mathematics, biology is the subject that interests her the most. Her biology classes sparked her interest in studying living organisms, and she hopes to pursue a career in Marine Biology or Wildlife Biology in the future. She has been accepted into the University Scholars Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin and plans to major in biology.

DONOVAN DAVIS

Donovan Davis is the son of Randy and Jennifer Davis. He is a member of the DHS track team, has been captain of the OHS cross country team for four years and has advanced to State Cross Country Championship all four years. Donovan is a member of Beta Club, FBLA, DECA, Skills USA, Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta, Weakley County Youth Coalition, and Tennessee Scholars. He will be attending Texas A&M University, majoring in Petroleum Engineering. Donovan has been offered academic scholarships from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Harding University, Colorado School of Mines, and Carnegie Mellon University. He has earned merit-based scholarships from the Tennessee Concrete Association (\$100), National Beta Club (\$1,000), and Young Entrepreneurs Foundation (\$2,000). Texas A&M University has offered the follo wing scholarships: Opportunity Award Scholarship (\$1,000), Lechner Scholarship (\$10,000), and Waiver of Non-resident Tuition (\$18,592 per year).

JACQUELINE ELLIS

Jacqueline Ellis is the daughter of Dwayne and Karen

Ellis of Gleason, TN. During her four years at Dresden High School, Jacqueline has participated in numerous school and community activities. Jacqueline has played basketball and softball all four years and has participated on the newly formed track team this year. She has earned several awards including Top 10 and Honor roll all 4 years, All District and All District MVP in Basketball her Junior year, All Region in Basketball her Junior and Senior year, Super Senior in basketball her senior year and set a record for third in the school for 3 pointers made in her career. Jacqueline has been very active in several clubs including Beta Club, FCA, FFA, Mu Alpha Theta, D Club, Youth Coalition, and OHS Student Council. Jacqueline holds the position of Treasurer this year in Student Council. Jacqueline has also been involved in many volunteer activities including helping coach the Little Dribblers team last year and this year, and assisting coach a small girl's league softball team. She has volunteer at Avalon Hospice all four years baking treats for patients, assisting with Memorial Services and activities at local nursing homes for hospice residents. In addition to her school and community involvement, Jacqueline has also begun working at a local dentist office after school. She is an active member of Moore's Chapel Baptist Church in Greenfield. After graduation, Jacqueline plans to attend The University of the South in Seawane, TN where she will major in Biology with an emphasis on Marine.

AUSTIN GARRIGUS

Austin Garrigus is the son of Wendy and Kevin Doughty of Dresden, Tennessee, and Bobby A. Garrigus of Newbern, Tennessee. In his four years at Dresden High School, Austin has participated in the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, & Skills USA. He has held officer positions in Skills USA for

the last three years. Austin has maintained his grades throughout his high school career, earning him a place in the top ten of his class all four years. He is an active member of Bible Union Baptist Church. Upon graduation,

Austin will train to become an Avionics Test Station and Components Specialist in the United States Air Force.

ZULEMA SERRANO

Zulema Serrano Alvarado is the daughter of Fernando Serrano Rivera and Margarita Alvarado Freyre of Palmersville, Tennessee. Zulema is active in many clubs including the Beta Club, Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), Skills USA, Mu Alpha Theta, the DHS Book Club, and the DHS Chorus. She holds officer positions in HOSA and SkillsUSA; this year, she serves Co-Secretary of HOSA and Vice President of Skills USA. Zulema has competed in the regional and state conferences of HOSA, Skills USA, and the Beta Club. She has competed in the HOSA Regional and State Conferences and has placed in the regional conferences for three years in medical terminology. In her junior year, she competed in the healthcare issues exam at the HOSA National Conference in Anaheim, California. Zulema was also a member of the Skills USA quizbowl team that competed and placed third in the Skills USA State Conference her junior year. In her senior year, she placed first in the Spanish II Division for the Beta Club State Conference. After graduation, Zulema plans to attend Bethel University and major in Biology.

KELLY MEEKS

Kelly Meeks is the daughter of Gath and DeDe Meeks of Palmersville, Tennessee. She has been involved in many school and community activities during her time at Dresden High School. She has been a member of BETA, FCCLA, FCA, and Student Council for four years. She has

also been involved in FFA and Mu Alpha Theta for two years. She is currently serving as the parliamentarian of the HOSA club, which she has been a member of for four years. She is currently serving as the Senior Class Vice-President. She participated in Youth Leadership Weakley County her sophomore year and was elected by her classmates as the chairperson. Kelly was also chosen to participate in Girls State her junior year. She has volunteered at many Ronald McDonald House Charity's fundraisers throughout the years. She has also volunteered with the Iris Festival through the Bicycle Rodeo and face painting. She has also been to World Changers for the past two years and plans to return this summer. She is also an active member of Palmersville Baptist Church. Kelly will begin Murray State University as a sophomore in the fall and major in Middle School Education with an emphasis on math and English.

KAYLA HAYES

Kayla Hayes is the daughter of Lea Ann Hayes and Shannon Hayes. Kayla has been a member of the DHS Lady Lions Softball team for four years. She has been selected as All-District all four years, as All West Tennessee her sophomore and junior year, and has served as Captain her senior year. Kayla was also a member of the DHS Lady Lions Basketball team her freshman, sophomore, and junior years and made All-District her sophomore and junior years. While attending Dresden High School, Kayla has been active in Beta Club, FCA, D Club, and Student Council, serving as FCA and Student Council President her senior year. Kayla was also selected as Homecoming Queen and Miss DHS by the student body. Kayla is a member of Dresden First Baptist Church and attended World Changers. After graduation, Kayla will attend Bryan College on a softball scholarship and plans to major in Exercise Health Science and minor in Business.

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