

GCHS holds 2017 Commencement



Members of the Class of 2017 listen intently as the names of classmates are read aloud during the awarding of diplomas Friday night at Wildcat Stadium.

Diplomas issued to 154 county students as part of its 2017 graduating class

From Staff Reports

One hundred fifty four seniors were called to the podium last Friday, May 19, to receive their diplomas during Greene County High School's Commencement ceremony. The weather for the event turned out to be quite nice and concerns over the renovation of Johnny Ainsworth Field overblown as the event went off in style and without complications. In the end,

friends and family packed both sides of Wildcat Stadium / Johnny Ainsworth Field to watch diplomas being conferred to graduates by GCHS principal Scott Bray and county school superintendent Charles Breland. The GCHS Pride band led the processional for graduates to their seats with a rendition of the traditional commencement anthem "Pomp and Circumstance". After all were finally in position, Anna Denmark gave a brief history

of the Pledge of Allegiance and its significance for citizens professing 'loyalty and devotion' not just to the flag, but to the American ideal and way of life. Kole Kittrell then asked attendees to stand and led classmates, officials and guests in the pledge. That was followed by a soulful performance of the "National Anthem" by Catera Williamson. A welcome to family and guests was extended by Juli Burnett, who also extended thanks to those that helped the class members reach the milestone. "Tonight the class of 2017 will begin our journey into the real world," Burnett added. "We will be receiving our diplomas as the first step upon this path which will take us in many different directions." "Over the past four years we have forged friendships that

will last some of us the rest of our lives. We have grown together and are each leaving this place a better person for the experiences we have had. We have made our mark on Greene County High School and it is now time for us to make our mark on the world." Next, Allison Tingle read Scripture from John 15:16. The scripture from the Bible capture the very words Jesus spoke to his disciples during the last supper. Dawson Walley told those in attendance that just as Jesus had special plans for each disciple. "Just as each one of his disci-

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Congratulations
Hailey

"Trust the Lord"

"You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you"

Philippians 4:13

Hailey,

I am so proud of you and I know you have a bright future ahead of you.

We Love You!
Grandma Barb & Uncle Josh

Class of
2017

Congratulations
Shelbie

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one single step!

We Love You, Your Family



David McGwire Denmark gives a 'thumbs up' sign as he makes his way to his seat during the processional of graduates at Friday night's Commencement at Greene County High School.

Onward & Upward

Wishing our
Class of
2017
graduates
much success
and happiness
on the road
ahead.

Robert Colby Deakle

Thanks for setting the example with your hard work and dedication. We're very proud of you.

Congratulations!

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DREAM BIG
& WORK HARD
AND REMEMBER YOUR
ROOTS, MANNERS &
THE WAY HOME!

LOVE YOU ALWAYS,
MOM, JAMES, NIK,
NANA & PAWPAW

ETHAN WILSON