

# Csaszar named as STAR Student

Senior chooses science instructor Stephanie Moody as her STAR Teacher

From Staff Reports  
Greene County High School senior Shelby Csaszar was recognized on Class Night as the Class of 2017's STAR tudent. The Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition program is sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council's M. B. Swayze Educational Foundation and recognized students for academic excellence.

Csaszar was honored during the annual Education Celebration on April 27 at the Jackson Convention Center in downtown Jackson. She also had the opportunity to recognize the teacher that has had the most influence on her over the past several years during Thursday's event at the school. Csaszar selected longtime GCHS science teacher Stephanie Moody as her STAR Teacher.

Moody did not join her STAR Student at the podium during Class Night, but Csaszar made it clear how she felt about her mentor.

"Most of us will agree that Mrs. Moody was tough and did not put up with playing around in class," Csaszar said. "However, she was patient with us and could break down science in a way that was easy to understand."

"I was fortunate enough to be a student in Mrs. Moody's classroom for three consecutive semesters for Biology 2, Chemistry 1 and Chemistry 2. Because of Mrs. Moody, I was able to finalize my college decision and pinpoint a major. Thank you Mrs. Moody for all the time you invested in our class and for truly making a difference."



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GCHS STAR Student Shelby Csaszar is shown (Above) during the Class Night reception with some of the awards and recognitions she received. Csaszar was the 2017 STAR Students for Greene County High School. She is shown (Right) with former GCHS instructor Stephanie Moody, who Csaszar selected to be her STAR Teacher.



Moody told the *Herald* earlier this semester that she was humbled to be chosen by Csaszar, but not surprised at all that her former student was selected for the award.

"Shelby was always in pursuit of perfection within the classroom," said Moody, who now teaches at McLain Attendance Center. "She had an internal motivation to do nothing less than her best. She is a hard worker and worthy of the STAR Student award."

"I was humbled that Shelby recognized me as her most influential teacher. But, being recognized pales in comparison to knowing that I influenced her in a positive way."

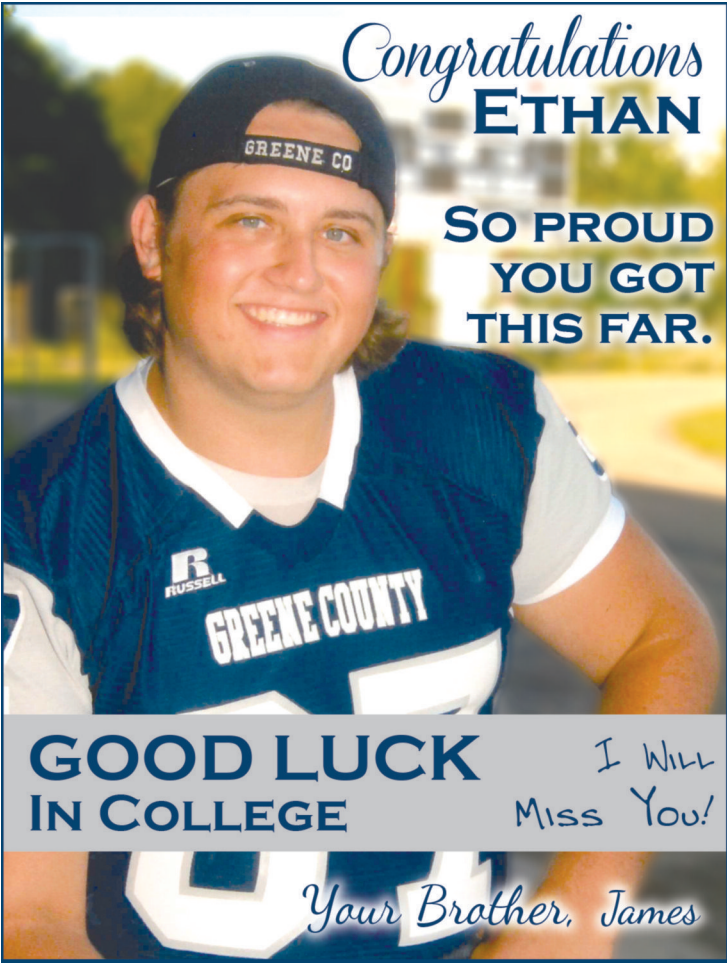
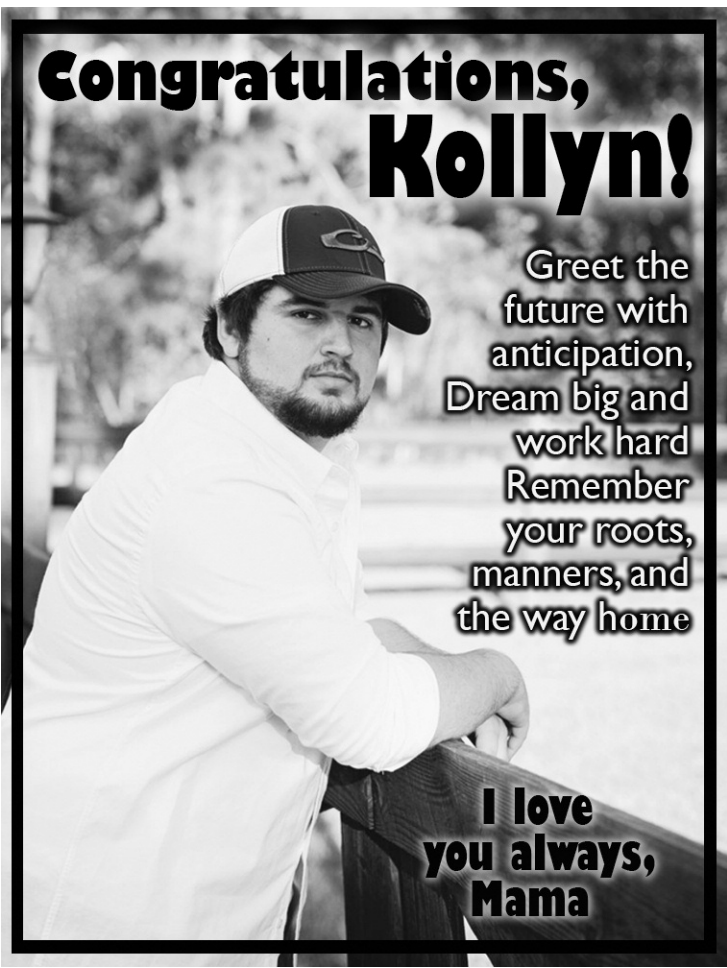
STAR students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both ACT scores and scholastic averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Vickie Powell of Jackson, Vice President, Foundation Programs.

"The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors," Powell said.

Over 500 STAR Students and STAR Teachers received recognition from MEC's Swayze Foundation at the celebration. The top 20 STAR Students – the ALL-STAR Scholars – and their STAR

Teachers will be presented scholarship awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation. The highlight of the Education Celebration will be the naming of the Mississippi ALL-STAR Student for 2012-2013 school year, winner of the coveted \$24,000 Cook Foundation scholarship.

Additional local support for the STAR program is provided by MEC members from communities across the state.



# Eubanks graduates from math and science school

Special to the Herald

Once again this year, Greene County has a student graduating from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

Caleb Bennett Eubanks of Leakesville is the child of Stacey and Shelley Eubanks and participated in commencement exercises May 20 in Rent Auditorium on the campus of the Mississippi University for Women.

Eubanks plans to attend the University of Mississippi beginning this fall to pursue a degree in accounting. Before attending MSMS, Eubanks

was a student at Greene County High School.

So far, the 118 students who make up the MSMS Class of 2017 have been offered in excess of \$28 million in scholarship funds and have accepted nearly \$9.5 million.

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science is the states only public, residential high school specifically designed to meet the needs of the state's most academically gifted and talented students. Founded in 1987 by an act of the Mississippi legislature, MSMS is housed on the campus of MUW in Columbus.



Caleb Eubanks

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*Wishing you a wonderful future!*

