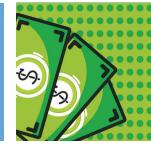


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Central Holmes holds graduation ceremony after COVID reschedule

Staff Report

In May seniors decided to in hopes of having a somewhat traditional service.

On June 26, students got their wish. Central Holmes Christian School held its commencement exercises in the gymnatorium. The ceremony was modified to comply with the social distancing and other guidances.

Guests were met at the front door with a temperature check. Most attendees also wore masks. Each student's family had a row of seats separated by six feet.

The graduates sat together on the stage. The invocation was given by Allison Ragan Brown. After the blessing, Jasmine Windom, salutatorian, and Hannah Malone, valedictorian, delivered their retrospective and inspiring speeches.

The benediction was given by Samuel Pacey Thompson. Neil Marshall, school board president, declared all the students eligible for graduation. The awards and scholarships were presented by Christi Morgan, school counselor, and Tony Banks, former CHCS headmaster.

Award recipients include: **Student Service Awards** Henley Hester (Student

Official run-off returns released

mary run off results for the Tuesday, June 23 elections have been released. Fiftyeight ballots were cast with three absentee ballots yet to be counted.

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2nd Congressional District: Thomas L. Carey - 15 Votes/25.86 %; and Brian Flowers - 43 Votes/74.14%.

Council President) and Hannah Malone (Honor Society postpone their graduation President); Holmes County services until the end of June Herald Science Award - Ragan Brown; The Woodson **Earle Mathematics Award** - Hannah Malone; Holmes County Bank recognizes the valedictorian and salutatorian each year by presenting scholarship awards - Hannah Malone (valedictorian) and Jasmine Windom (salutatorian); The Clara Watson History Award - Hannah Malone; The Bank Plus Award - Wykece Johnson; The **Eagle Scout Award - Pearce** Edwards; The Kim Hathcock Callahan Character Award - Christyn Allen and Nicole Winstead; The **Dawn Ellison Allen Award** for Academic and Athletic Achievement - Morgan Bigbee; The Outstand-Award - Henley Hester; The Lexington Masonic Lodge recognizes the highest average in four years of English - Jasmine Windom; The Lexington Masonic Lodge recognizes the highest average in four years in business courses - Hannah Malone; The J.E. "Bubba" Cunningham Scholarship - Pearce Edwards; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. awards a scholarship for outstanding participation in its Annual Debutante Scholarship Pageant - Jasmine Windom; The Payton Netherland Memorial Scholarship - Pearce Edwards: The Katelyn **Breeze Winstead Memorial** Award - Christyn Allen and Nicole Winstead; The Lexington Rotary Code of Ethics Award - Henley Hester.

> Graduate list inside (Continued on page 3.)

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ing Student Achievement The Goodman Police Department stopped by Monica's Learning Center on Thursday, June 18, to provide the students and staff with masks, sanitizer and nutritious treats in an effort to keep the community safe and healthy during The Jesse "Dan" Edwards the COVID-19 crisis. Chief Willie Mack (pictured back row right) and Officer John Teague (pictured back row left) Award - Pearce Edwards; visited with students from Monica's Learning Center. Pictured above are students from Monica's Learning Center (from left): Karson McGee, Hylan Hodges, Marylann Nelson, Karmen Young, Londyn Williams, Harmony Flaggs, Mason Redmond, Hasyn Hodges, Quran Woodard and Dylan Johnson. (Photo Submitted)

Look away, Dixie: Mississippi to lose rebel emblem from flag

Associated Press

Mississippi lawmakers the Confederate battle emblem from the state flag, more than a century after white supremacist legislators adopted the design a generation after the South lost the Civil War.

votes in the House and Sen- ues and monuments.

Each chamber had broad bipartisan support for the landmark decision. Republican Gov. Tate Reeves has said he will sign the bill, and the state flag will lose its official status as soon as he acts. That could happen "in coming days," said his spokeswoman, Renae Eze.

Mississippi has a 38% voted Sunday to surrender black population — and the last state flag with the emblem that's widely seen as racist. The state faced mounting pressure to change its flag as weeks of international protests against racial injustice in the United States Spectators cheered and have led to the toppling or applauded after the historic removal of Confederate stat-

> After an emotional day Sunday, legislators hugged each other — even those on opposing sides.

> Democratic Rep. Robert Johnson of Natchez choked back tears as he told reporters that he has seen white colleagues develop more empathy about how the Con-



Rep. Jason White, R-West, introduces a bill to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the Mississippi flag, Sunday, June 28, 2020, at the Capitol in Jackson, Miss. The bill passed and heads to the Senate.

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)

federate symbol is painful to and feel the same thing that him and other African Amer- I've been feeling for 61 years

"They began to understand

of my life," Johnson said.

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