



Senior Class President Zayne Robertson is shown welcoming guests to Class Night ceremonies for the GCHS Class of 2021 on May 27 just before offering an opening prayer asking God to bless the event.

Class Night filled with awards, scholarship announcements and special recognitions

School revels in opportunity to recognize Class of 2021 for achievements

— From Staff Reports —

The Greene County School District administration, the GCHS faculty and staff and students of the GCHS Class of 2021 were thankful to be able to welcome family and friends to a night of celebration and recognition for the graduating seniors.

This year’s graduating class has faced several hardships while trying to navigate life and school in the midst of a global pandemic. This class watched in 2020 as their predecessors had to forego the traditional events like Class Night, hopeful that things would return to some normalcy before it was their turn. They persevered through the challenges of school in the shadows of Covid-19, and on Thursday, the day before their commencement, got to celebrate their accomplishments of the past four years.

The event began with graduates Lawson Merritt and Mykal McLeod leading the traditional processional of seniors into the GCHS gymnasium as bearers of the United States and Mississippi flags. Once all seniors were seated, Class Secretary Brittany Brown, Edee Havard and Abigail Carney walked to the podium to begin the ceremony under the watchful eye of Class President Zayne Robertson, who stood behind them. Brown spoke to classmates and guests about the Pledge of Allegiance and its meaning, noting that the words profess a loyalty and devotion not only to the flag, but also a way of life... the American ideal. She said we should honor the flag, “never forgetting the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world”.

Havard then led attendees in

“Pledge of Allegiance”, which was followed by Carney’s singing of “The National Anthem”.

Class Vice President Anna Kate Wood followed the trio at the podium and welcomed all in attendance. Wood said while she and her classmates have been anxiously anticipating the moment, it was also a time of mixed emotions.

“This is a very special event,” Wood said. “Even though this night is bitter-sweet for all of us.”

“As we come here to celebrate our journey together, we are filled with joy, pride and anticipation, but we also know that, very soon, we will go our separate ways.”

After Wood’s welcome, Robertson stepped forward and was joined at the podium by classmates Da’Kyriah “Kat” Garrett, Caleb Stanford and Rylie Turner. The group read scripture and gave a brief devotional, followed by an invocation.

Garrett said her scripture came from 2 Timothy 1:7-9 and 12-13. The scripture says “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of

the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”

Caleb Stanford began the devotional after the scripture reading.

“In these verses, the Apostle Paul encouraged the young Timothy with words that are still fitting for us today, especially as we stand here at our Class Night,” Stanford said, “on the edge of leaving GCHS to fulfill our dreams and make our mark on the world.”

Stanford said Paul first reminded Timothy that we were created with the spirit of power, love and a sound mind. Each person has their own unique characteristics that equips them “to take on our future without fear but with all ability to face any

obstacles we encounter.” Stanford reminded his classmates they were all created for a purpose.

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Congratulations


We are so proud of you and your accomplishments and looking forward to seeing what your future holds.

CLASS OF 2021

Lawson Davis

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Love, Dad & Mom



To Our Wise Graduates...

We wish you health, good fortune and happiness as you begin a new chapter. Continue to work hard, and success will follow.

Congratulations Class of 2021!

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Leakesville United Methodist Church



Shown Above Are Our 2020 GCHS Graduates Olivia Eubanks and Lakyn Edwards; 2020 Elementary School Completer Madilynn Edwards; along with 2021 Middle School Graduate Ethan Helms; Elementary School Completers Madilyn Eubanks, Raylee Holland and Lily Helms; and Kindergarten Graduate Sawyer Phillips (not pictured).

These Student were honored with a luncheon on Sunday May 16th at The Leakesville United Methodist Church.

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Sunday School - 9 a.m. ~ Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.

Blessings from the People of the United Methodist Church



Crystal Johnson (Left) is shown presenting the T.T. Johnson Scholarship to Makyah Denson during Class Night ceremonies at GCHS last week. This was among numerous awards and scholarships announced during the event.