

Believe in yourself and be passionate about all you do

Good evening family, friends, faculty, and my fellow classmates of the 2021 graduating class! I would like to begin by congratulating my peers on this huge accomplishment. We have achieved a major milestone in our lives. Today is a day that we have all been looking forward to for many years. I am truly honored to be a part of such an amazing group of people.

Many of us here tonight have grown up together. Some of us have known each other since the very first day of school, while others have joined us throughout the years. I can honestly say that I have formed some of my greatest friendships right here at the high school. I am forever grateful for the memories I have made with each of you.

I can still remember the very first time I walked through the doors of the high school. It feels like it was just yesterday. I was extremely nervous. I probably still looked like I was about ten years old. As soon as I entered though, I felt so wel-

come. Since that first day, I have grown so much as a person. I have learned so much, and I have also overcome challenges and faced many of my fears. In fact, I am facing one of my fears right now – public speaking! I encourage each of you to never let your fears hold you back from living your life and making memories.

Dear friends, today is a bittersweet day. I cannot help but feel sad that our time at Greene County High School is coming to a close; however, I know that we all have bright futures ahead of us. Some of us are headed to college, while some of us will be beginning our careers. Allow me to give you a word of advice: do not dwell in the past, and do not focus on the future. Live your life in the present and don't let these precious moments slip away too quickly. Make the most of every minute that God blesses you with!

Friends, always remember to believe in yourself. You can do anything you set your mind to. Seek passion in all that you

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do. It is hard to move forward and be successful if you are not passionate about what you are doing. Find what you love, and do what makes you happy. I believe each of you will do amazing things, and I cannot wait to see where your future takes you.

Fellow graduates, I want to encourage you to rely on God to direct your paths. He has a plan for your life, and all you have to do is submit to it. If you want to have a successful future, then you need to follow Him wherever He leads. Place your faith in the Lord rather than in yourselves. He loves you, He will never leave you, and He is the greatest friend you could ever have.

There are so many people here who have dedicated their time and energy to the fulfillment of each of our individual

goals. I want to thank each and every one of the teachers and faculty members who have taught us, cared for us, loved us, and led us toward this goal. Each of you have made a tremendous impact on our lives. I also want to recognize the families here tonight who have been such a large part of our success. Without you, we could not have made it this far, and your love and guidance is greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank my own mama and daddy for not only giving me life, but for teaching me how to live it. And to the rest of my family, thank you for your abundance of love and support as well.

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow graduates for all of the laughs and great memories that I will be able to look back on for years to come. Now is the time to move forward, but you never have to move on – always remember where you came from!

Once again, congratulations to us – the graduating class of 2021!

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Good evening, My name is Caleb Stanford and I am the historian of our class. As the historian, it is my responsibility to remind you of the important things that the class of 2021 has been a part of. I would like to begin this speech with a verse from the Bible. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” The Bible tells us not to dwell in the past or get our minds so caught up in past memories that we can't move forward into the future. But just one last time let's reminisce about all the things we have done together before we move into our bright, new futures.

The class of 2021 has accomplished and been through many significant events, as well as achievements.

- A or B rated school the last four years;
- Our Lady Cats basketball team made the state playoffs every year and had two sweet sixteen appearances;
- Our Wildcat baseball team made it to the 3rd round of the playoffs in 2019, and into the first round of the playoffs this year;
- During our time at

GCHS, our Girls Softball team won district Champions and made it to the 2nd round of the Playoffs which hasn't happened since 2009;

- Our Boys' Soccer team made it into the 2nd round of the playoffs for the first time ever. And from our Boys' Soccer team– Lawson, Andrew and Rylie were named to the 2021 All District team;
- During our time at GCHS, the first ever Volleyball team was established;
- Our girls' powerlifting team has produced a two-time state champion;
- Our Skills USA 3-person Welding team and the Skills USA Opening and Closing, 7 officer Team were State winners and they all traveled to Louisville, Ky., to compete in the national competitions;
- Our Robotics team won first place in state competition; and
- And we become the fourth high school in the state of Mississippi to offer ASL as a world language.

Despite all of these achievements, we know that we didn't quite get the normal high school experience. People say that the class of 2020's seniors were robbed of their final year. While this is true, I would say that ours may have

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been worse. While last year's class lost their Senior year, both our Junior and Senior years were all but stripped away. After we returned from Covid, it was nowhere near how it used to be. Many people in our class chose to participate in distance learning and for those of us who did come in person came back to an entirely different school environment. We had to wear masks every day, and weren't allowed to socialize as we had before. We had games and events canceled and whole classes quarantined for weeks at a time. But even with all these obstacles, we made the best out of the hand that we were dealt. And even though it wasn't the senior year we always imagined we would have, it is the senior year we got and we will always remember it.

This brings me back to the scripture I quoted at the beginning of my speech, “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams

in the wasteland. So while our high school experience wasn't all we had hoped for, let's not dwell on the past but look forward to the new thing that awaits us.

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