

Seniors offer some advice to juniors for successful final year

To mark this year's milestone in the lives of Lincoln County High School seniors, The Lincoln Journal asked them this question: "What advice would you give the junior class to make their senior year at LCHS successful?"

The Journal appreciates those students willing to share their answers, which appear below:

Sydney Radford - The advice that I would give to the junior class would be "don't blink." Enjoy every little moment of it because it truly goes by faster than you think.

Mackenzie Martin - To the upcoming senior class: work hard

and stay focused. Also enjoy your last year of high school, you never know what could happen. Don't let the negative days bring you down. Always stay positive!

Alea Riviere - You might feel that you have a bunch of time left in the school year to finish your work, but do not waste time playing around while you could be finishing your work on time. Take time on your college applications and work hard!

Beatrice Jackson - Focus on school. It may be tiring or tough but focusing on your grades and school will help you better your fu-

ture. Don't forget to have fun when you can. Your senior year is your last year so make it the best! Make sure you are mentally healthy. School can be draining, especially with a job; so, make sure to check if you are mentally healthy. Focus on what makes you happy versus what makes others happy. You only have yourself, so focus on you.

Jenna Kinzle - Work hard and include yourself in many activities. The year will go by quicker than you think.

Madi Welch - The advice I would give to the rising seniors is to become more involved. Attend sport-

ing events and cheer on your classmates. Participate in spirit week. Enjoy your last year of high school! Make every minute count!

Crissy Treadwell - All I have to say is just continue being you and don't let anyone tell you what you can and can't do with your life. If for some reason you don't have your whole life story planned out before graduation, it'll be just fine. You'll have plenty of time to figure it out so there's no reason to be stressing about it. Just keep your head in the game because it's almost over.

Sasha Sullivan - Practice good time management and don't pro-

crastinate.

Ethan Leclerc - Try new experiences. Don't turn them down because of shyness or awkwardness. It'll only lead to regret later.

Colby Hoyt - To not get lazy. They still have another year of hard work ahead of them and I suggest they enjoy this period in their life. After high school, they will be thrown into the working force called society, and it isn't all fun games, so work hard and enjoy being a teenager!

Michael Bowen - I think the

best advice I could give to the underclassmen is don't take anything for granted and enjoy everything that high school and sports bring to you.

Kristen Wigginton - Apply for scholarships early!

Brooks Lively - Enjoy every moment because it goes by in the blink of an eye! You're going to miss it.

Ethan Leclerc - Don't be scared to try a new experience. You only live once, after all.

Gianna Anderson - Start scholarships ASAP!

Graduation set for 8 p.m. Fri.

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Deason, is the daughter of Timothy and Deborah Deason. She has one sibling, Jade Deason Reed.

While attending LCHS, Deason has been a member of the Beta Club for four years, student council for two years, and FCA for two years. She played varsity softball for four years and varsity soccer for one year.

"My favorite memories were made playing softball at LCHS," she commented. "I am very proud of all we were able to accomplish our senior year."

As a student at LCHS, Deason received the Lincoln-Wilkes Retired Educators Association Award for four years and was named STAR Student her senior year.

She is a member of the Republican United Methodist Church.

After high school, Deason plans to attend Lander University to major in chemistry and later attend pharmacy school. She aspires to become a pharmacist so that she will be able to work in the medical

field while having a wide range of environments to work in and also a variety of areas in which to specialize.

Deason chose to study at Lander University "because of its small size, beautiful campus, and its location close to home." Lander also has a great success rate for students being accepted into medical school.

"I am grateful for the opportunities to get ahead in college while still in high school," she said. While attending LCHS, she completed 12 college courses that she will be able to use toward her degree at Lander University. Lander's acceptance of Deason's dual enrollment credits also played a role in her decision to continue her education there.

"I am very thankful for the time I have spent as a student at LCHS, making memories, and becoming prepared for my next steps toward my desired career. I feel that LCHS has done an excellent job preparing me so that I will be successful in my future endeavors," Deason said.

Poland will be guest speaker at History in the Park tonight

Author and Lincolnton native Tom Poland will discuss "Growing up in Lincolnton and Vanishing Rural Georgialina" in the Lincoln County Historical Society's History in the Park Series Thursday night, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the May House at the Lincoln County Historical Park.

Many know of Tom through his weekly feature-length articles which appear in each edition of The Lincoln Journal, The News-Reporter, and many other rural newspapers. His website theme at tompoland.net sums it up best, "May my words preserve this land, the South, its people, and way of life."

"I write a weekly column for newspapers and journals in Georgia and South Carolina about the South, its people, traditions, lifestyle, and a changing culture," Poland said. "Whenever I come across an old store or farm or an abandoned Southern mansion, I understand how fortunate I am to see the past in person." He thinks of himself as a blue-collar historian. Moon pies, Lucky Strike, and Orange Crush form treasured memories on his journeys. For his talk, he'll address those themes as well as anecdotes of growing up in Lincolnton and he'll share sights from Southern backroads.

"Tom's stories often bring tears to my eyes. His explorations of roads less traveled showcase the subtle beauty of our disappearing rural lifestyle," Program Director and Past President Gary Edwards commented. "These are the types of explorations that many of us want to do, but he actually does them, and then he writes about them so we all can enjoy. His focus on this topic is totally consistent with the purpose of our Historical Society so it's great to have him as part of History in the Park. I've heard him speak several times and I know it will be interesting and exactly on the mark for our series. It will be a great talk."

Poland grew up in Lincoln County, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in journalism and education. He taught at the University of Georgia, Columbia College, and the University of South Carolina. His work appears in books and magazines, journals, and newspapers throughout the South; he has written 14 books, one play, and over 2,000 articles. He's a member of the S.C. Humanities Speaker's Bureau, and in October 2018, Governor Henry McMaster conferred the Order of the Palmetto - South Carolina's highest civilian award - upon him. He now lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

The History in the Park talks are held at the Lincoln County Historical Park, 147 Lumber Street, Lincolnton, Georgia, on the first



TOM POLAND

Thursday of the month through November, skipping July. "We'll have this talk in the Pavilion, with plenty of room for social distancing and instead of our traditional desserts, we'll have pre-packaged snacks and bottled water and soft drinks. We might even have some Moon Pies," Edwards said.

There is no admission fee, however the Lincoln County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are gladly accepted. For more information, contact President Don Thomas at dpdastro@aol.com or Edwards at 757-831-9556.

Insurance policy renewed

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county's health insurance policy with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield with a zero percent increase in rates.

Also discussed was an ordinance change, a policy on the naming of roads and buildings, and a live structure burn policy. After a brief conversation on each, changes will be made and presented at a later date for continued review before final adoption.

DPH reports on COVID-19 cases

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County was reported at 524 with twenty-five reported fatalities as of the 3 p.m. posting by the Georgia Department of Public Health on Monday, May 31.

Neighboring Wilkes County lists 676 cases and twenty-three deaths, McDuffie County reports 1710 cases and 42 deaths, Columbia lists 11,169 cases and 165 deaths, and Richmond County reports 20,313 cases and 423 deaths.

Also reported as of 3 p.m. Monday, 896,081 Georgians had tested positive for COVID-19. Of those patients, 63,770 were hospitalized, and 1 death has been reported.

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