

Awards

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the Greene County Board of Supervisors, who continue to support county students furthering their education. Those students are Zoey Boyd, Kaylan Brown, Skylar Burkhalter, Tiffany Busby, Ailee Byrd, Brooke Byrd, Kaylen Coleman, Dalarrus Cooper, Ryan Courtney, Kyrsten Crawford, Matthew Crawford, Caiden Daniels, India Dearman, Savannah DeVries, Tyler Dickerson, Kaden Dixon, Cameron Dunnam, Gianna Ellison, Kyla English, Jasper Everett, Anna-Claire Freeman, Taylor Garretson, Kamryn Helton, Dawson Hobby, Hart Holifield, Keaton Hollinghead, Kloey Jarvis, Braelee Jenkins, Frederick Johnson, Cole Kitchens, Dakota Kittrell, Taylor Leverette, Jamir McCann, Hayley McCardle, Matt McCoy, Ivy McLain, CariAna McLeod, Kaleb McLeod, Madison McMillan, CharLee Meadows, Kendall Merritt, Morgan Miller, Daylon Moody, Scotty Nettles, Emily Parker, Reanna Scoggins, Aubrynn Shepherd, Sha'Lekia Silas, Abbie Smith, Aidan Smith, Brittany Smith, Kendell Smith, Clair Steede, CharLeigh Stewart, Jaycie Tungett, Aidan Tyson, Brice Walley, Kayton Welford, Conner West, Oscar Whalen, Harley Whisenhut, Grant Williams, Nik Wilson, Sade' Woullard and Rhylee Younger.

Jones College representative Claire Ishee approached the podium to recognize students

receiving a scholarship from the college. Kaylan Brown-Academic Achievement, Tiffany Busby-Academic Achievement, Ailee Byrd-Full tuition CTE, Brooke Byrd - A c a d e m i c Achievement, Mykenzi Chatterton-Rising Excellence, Kaylen Coleman-Rising Excellence, Raeleigh Cooley-Rising Excellence, Ryan Courtney-Rising Excellence, Kyrsten Crawford - A c a d e m i c Distinction, Matthew Crawford - A c a d e m i c Distinction, Caiden Daniels-Academic Achievement, India Dearman-Band and Rising Excellence, Savannah DeVries-Rising Excellence, Tyler Dickerson-Rising Excellence, Kaden Dixon-Full tuition CTE, Cameron Dunnam-Rising Excellence, Gianna Ellison-Rising Excellence, Jasper Everett-Academic Achievement, Anna-Claire Freeman-Full

tuition CTE, Taylor Garretson-Band, Journalism and Academic Achievement, Justin Gibson-Rising Excellence, Kamryn Helton-Rising Leadership, Dawson Hobby-Rising Excellence, Lillyan Holland-Rising Excellence, Kloey Jarvis-Academic Achievement, Braelee Jenkins-Full tuition CTE, Frederick Johnson-Presidential, Jace Lott-Rising Leadership, Jamir McCann-Academic Achievement, Ivy McLain-Full tuition CTE, Mason McLendon-Rising Excellence, CariAna McLeod-Rising Excellence and Dr. Dayton Whites, Kaleb McLeod-Rising Excellence, Madison M c M i l l a n - R i s i n g Excellence, CharLee Meadows-Rising Excellence, Madisyn Middleton-Rising Excellence, Morgan Miller-Academic Achievement, Daylon Moody-Academic Distinction, Emily Parker-Rising Excellence, Trevor Parker-Rising Excellence, Reanna Scoggins-

Presidential, Aubrynn Shepherd - A c a d e m i c Achievement, Abbie Smith-Full tuition CTE, Aiden Smith-Rising Excellence, Brittney Smith-Band, Kendell Smith-Full tuition CTE, Clair Steede-Academic Achievement, CharLeigh Stewart-Rising Excellence, Christopher Stewart-Rising Excellence, Jaycie Tungett-Academic Achievement, Aidan Tyson-Rising Excellence, Brice Walley-Rising Excellence, Kayton Welford-Rising Excellence, Conner West-Rising Excellence and Baseball, Oscar Whalen-Academic Achievement, Nikolas Wilson-Rising Excellence, Sade' Woullard-Rising Excellence and Rhylee Younger-Rising Excellence.

Dickson made his way to the podium to announce scholarship recipients from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Those recipients were Aubrynn Shepherd-\$3,000 for

Academic Excellence, Kaylan Brown-\$3,000 for Academic Excellence, Morgan Miller-\$1,500 for Academic Excellence and two dancers who will continue dancing with the Perkettes-Jaycie Tungett and Lilly Holland. Dickson continued by recognizing CharLee Meadows, who earned a full-tuition softball scholarship from Pearl River Community College. Jamir McCann was awarded a \$28,000 Second Century Scholarship from Millsaps College.

Anthony Walley was awarded a football scholarship from Adrian College, a private liberal arts college in Adrian, Mich., valued at \$52,000.

CariAna McLeod was awarded the University of South Alabama Jaguar Dream Scholarship and the Jaguar Achievement Scholarship.

Dickson continued with scholarship announcements from William Carey University. The WCU Trustee Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$18,000 was presented to Kyrsten Crawford and the WCU

Presidential Scholarship was presented to Kloey Jarvis. Ramsey Thrasher from the University of Southern Mississippi presented scholarships to Kloey Jarvis and Brooke Byrd. Annie Watts with the University of Mississippi presented Tiffany Busby and Frederick Johnson with scholarships.

Principal Bray returned to the podium to congratulate the GCHS Class of 2022.

"Tonight has been an amazing night of recognition for the Class of 2022," Bray said. "You have worked hard to achieve this."

Senior Dalarrus Cooper made his way to the podium to once again thank guests for attending their awards night and welcomed guests to join graduates for a reception in the school cafeteria following the awards program.

The program was closed with a benediction offered by Jasper Everett.



Photo by RUSSELL TURNER / Herald Editor

GCHS graduate Jaycie Tungett was all smiles as she and classmates exited the school gymnasium following Senior Class Night festivities on May 26.

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night, this was the greatest place to be.

In fact, several memories have been made on this field. Homecoming, trunk or treat, beating the teachers in powderpuff football, and now- our Graduation. It is definitely clear that this event has been the most exciting of them all.

If you are curious about what wildcat life is like here at Greene County High school, let me give you a little perspective from a soon-to-be alumni. I would like to invite you to close your eyes and picture this. You enter the school early in the morning and you are welcomed in by a smile from the heart and soul of our school, Mrs. Kay. You then walk into the cafeteria, grab your breakfast, then quickly sit down at the table with your friends to talk about events from the previous or upcoming day. When the bell rings you make your way to class but you are probably stopped in the hallway by a high five or a quick conversation with everyone's favorite janitor - the one and only Bubba. You spend your entire day going from class to class getting the opportunity to learn math, science, english, history, or even ASL from some of the best teachers in Mississippi.

Now open your eyes- this was our schedule for roughly 700 days of our life. Now close your eyes again and go to sleep because that's what each student is ready to do right now.

These past four years have been incredible, but part of our time here has been any-

thing but normal or easy. We faced great effects from things that were going on within our world.

The COVID-19 global pandemic majorly changed the ways that things were done in the classroom and on the playing fields. Some teams had to come to a halt and others had to completely end their season. We had to adapt to learning behind a screen, missing vital moments of interaction with others in a classroom. Once we were able to return to school, masks and remaining six feet apart became our new "normal". We had almost forgotten what each other looked like under those masks.

But through all of this, Wildcat spirit stood strong and our students and staff persevered. Our sports teams continued to work, earning more awards and representing our school with dignity. GCHS athletics receives a tremendous amount of support from fans all over the county. Thanks to this support, our sports teams have had the chance to continue to work towards and achieve their goals. One of these many goals was becoming District Champions and it has been reached by our soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and softball teams many times throughout the past 4 years. There is no doubt that these students are extremely dedicated to both their athletics and academics.

Class, the people who are sitting around you are the same people who you have spent

most of your life with. These are the people that we have grown up and created some of the greatest memories with-kind of like a family.

However, after today we will all leave this campus and go our separate ways in life. No matter where we all go, we must never forget where we each came from. Once a scared and confused freshman, now a fearless and strong high school graduate, still a little confused but ready to conquer the world.

Now is our time to make our own history. Our future starts today. To Greene County High School, it has been an honor to be speaking before you today and to have been a part of Wildcat nation for the past four years of my life.

To the Class of 2022, thank you for all of the incredible memories and I will never forget the time we spent together. And lastly, to the world, are you ready to see some history being made?

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