

Awards, and special recognitions and tons of scholarships celebrated during Senior Class Night

Impressive achievements of the Class of 2022 on full display during special night

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The Greene County High School Class of 2022 gathered last Thursday night to celebrate the achievements in and out of the classroom and to celebrate their years together as classmates, teammates and friends.

The awards ceremony began with Ivy McLain giving a brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance and saying, “Let us remember our duty, our honor, and our country by never forgetting the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.”

Taylor Garretson led her classmates and guests in the pledge, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Kandie Ham and Caitlyn Harvison.

Kaylan Brown thanked the audience and welcomed Jaycie Tungett to the podium, where she welcomed family, friends, guests and the faculty and staff of GCHS.

“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,” Tungett said. “Because of this, we also face this night with a bit of sadness. You, our family, friends, teachers and administrators, have been there for us along the way, and we truly appreciate your presence here tonight to celebrate this moment with us.”

Cameron Dunnam approached the podium to share a scripture from the book of James (1:16-17),

reminding them that “every good and perfect gift is from above.” Dunnam said of his classmates, “This class has done many wonderful things. There are many individuals who have accomplished much. However, what we are truly celebrating tonight are the accomplishments of God. We are living proof of His glory, and the gifts that He gives from above.”

CariAna McLeod added to Dunnam’s words by reminding her classmates to not be deceived by the temptation to think they have achieved these accomplishments on their own. The accomplishments they have received thus far and those in the future are from God, to who the glory belongs.

“Why?” McLeod asked. “Because James tells us He is our constant.”

Reanna Scoggins continued the devotion by reminding her class that God has been with their class each step of the way, and He will continue to be there through each of their steps, no matter which direction life takes them.

“As we enter into the next phase of life, there is no doubt there are going to be ups and downs, but, as James reminds us, God doesn’t change with those ups and downs.”

“As we move forward in life, let us take courage and let us take hope in the fact that God is for us and he is our constant.”

Frederick Johnson offered the invocation.

CharLee Meadows took the podium and thanked all those who have played a part in helping get each senior to this milestone in their lives. Meadows thanked Superintendent of Education Charles Breland and the Greene County Board of Education for providing a quality education then thanked the staff and faculty at GCHS and the GC Vo-Tech Center for making their four years of high school special. Meadows also thanked schools around the county—Leakesville, McLain and Sand



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GCHS graduates Keaton Hollinghead and Thomas Craig are shown being congratulated by Sgt. Brock Christian during Class Night for their enlistment into military service as part of the Army National Guard. The duo was given a standing ovation by those in attendance, as were Air Force enlistees Emilee Pearce and Aiden Tyson when they were recognized for their decisions to serve their country in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Hill- for building their educational foundation.

“Last, but certainly not least, we would like to say a very special thank you to our parents, grandparents, guardians and family members. We would not be here today without all of your love, support and guidance.”

Principal Scott Bray approached the podium to once again welcome guests and congratulate the Class of 2022. Bray, along with Assistant Principal Ricky Dickson, then began presenting awards and scholarships to this year’s seniors.

Bray opened by announcing the Greene County High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian Frederick Johnson, who throughout his four years of high school maintained the highest grade point average of his class. Reanna Scoggins received the second highest award by being named the GCHS Class of 2022 Salutatorian and Taylor Garretson was announced as the class Historian, having earned the third highest average.

Bray moved in front of the podium while Dickson announced the remaining Top Ten class members – Ailee Byrd (4), Cameron Dunnam (5), Ivy McLain (6), Brooke Byrd (7), Aubrynn Shepherd (8), Kaylan Brown (9) and Jasper Everett (10).


The GCHS 2022 Star

Student was announced as Frederick Johnson, with recognition to Coach Dale Kimble for being selected by Johnson as the 2022 STAR Teacher.

Dusty Turner moved to the podium to announce the GCHS Class of 2022 Hall of Fame inductees who were named for their embodiment of the Wildcat spirit. Those receiving this honor and the teachers that positively

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**WE LOVE YOU**  
*Sweet Girl*  
and are so proud of you!

*Taylor*

*We hope your dreams and aspirations take you to the most special places your heart has ever known. Always remember you have in you the strength, patience and passion to reach for the stars and change the world.*

**LOVE,**  
Mom, Dad & Hunter

**Congratulations to our graduate!**

*Kaden*  
**DIXON**

*We are so proud of you!*

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**and to the Class of 2022**



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Greene County graduate Gia Ellison is shown receiving a certificate from GCHS Assistant Principal Ricky Dickson during Senior Class Night festivities the night before graduation at the school. The certificate was part of the acknowledgement of Ellison earning the prestigious Distinguished Academic Endorsement to her diploma. Ellison was one of only four 2022 GCHS graduates to earn the honor. The others, Frederick Johnson Jr., Ailee Byrd and Cameron Dunnam, were also recognized.

**Congratulations Class of 2022**

*I am honored to represent my friends and neighbors as your Dist. 43 State Senator.*

*I appreciate your trust & support as I work to represent your interests in Jackson.*

*I am also proud to serve as the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.*

*While we still have work to do, I feel good about the direction we are going in making education a top priority in Mississippi.*



**Dennis DeBar**  
★  
State Senator - Dist. 43

*My family & I congratulate all our area’s graduates and wish them great success in the future.*