

GCHS Hall of Fame grows by 11 thanks to Class of '22

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Eleven members of the GCHS Class of 2022 solidified their legacies at the school with their induction into the GCHS Hall of Fame.

Earning this honor were recent graduates Garret ‘Bunkie’ Henderson, Taylor Garretson, Conner West, Ivy McLain, Cameron Dunnam, CharLee Meadows, Dalarrus ‘Squirt’ Cooper, Brooke Byrd, Keaton Hollinghead, Jaycie Tungett and Frederick ‘Day Day’ Johnson.

GARRETT CHASE HENDERSON

Affectionately known as ‘Bunkie’, Henderson was popular among his classmates and the GCHS student body, but earned the respect of teachers and staff based on an achievement Supt. of Education Charles Breland said isn’t likely to ever be repeated – perfect attendance for the entirety of his grade school career. That’s right, from kindergarten through his final day at GCHS, Garrett Henderson didn’t miss a day.

“But, perhaps even more of an accomplishment is that every single day, Bunkie makes a positive impact on someone at school,” the GCHS Yearbook proclaimed. “His contagious personality is unmatched and he is exactly the same person every day.”

IVY MARLENE McLAIN

Ivy McLain had a good academic career at GCHS, but is best known, according to the Yearbook staff, for her personality and caring nature.

“Ivy McLain is one of the most caring people you will ever meet,” the caption under her Hall of Fame photo reads. “Ivy has never had one set of friends, because everyone calls her friend.”

“She always has a smile... and is a willing helper in and out of the classroom.”

TAYLOR ASHLYN GARRETSON

The GCHS Yearbook staff called Garretson “the definition of class” added that she is always promoting and serving her community. Garretson made a name for herself with

her involvement in school and community organizations and proudly represented Greene County as its Distinguished Young Woman, earning that title during her junior year. A lifelong lover of dance, Garretson was a fixture and team captain for the Sassy Cats dance program. She did all those things while taking advanced classes throughout her time at GCHS and finishing third in her class to earn the title of Class Historian.

CONNER SLADE WEST

Many in the community are familiar with West because of his prowess as a student athlete. He was 4-sport athlete for the Wildcats, standing out on the football and baseball fields, the basketball court and as an original member of the school’s e-sports program. West was also a strong student in the classroom, which will serve him well as he continues his education and baseball career at Jones College.

“Conner is also a student of the game,” the Yearbook states. “He is coachable and constantly trying to improve his skills on the field/court. Through multiple injuries, Conner perservered and never gave up. We are so glad Conner is on our team.”

CAMERON BRETT DUNNAM

One of the most well-rounded students to ever walk the halls at GCHS, Cameron Dunnam excelled in the classroom and as a student-athlete. One of only four members of the class to earn the prestigious ‘Distinguished Academic Endorsement’ on his diploma, Dunnam was a leader on and off the field as a Wildcat.

“Cam has played football and baseball throughout high school and spent countless hours serving in organizations such as Beta and Wildpat,” the Yearbook states. “His passion to help others is a characteristic that will be greatly missed at GCHS.”

CHARLEE ANNA MEADOWS

CharLee Meadows was a well known Wildcat before she ever attended a single class at the school. She made a name for herself as a member



The 2022 inductees in the Greene County High School Hall of Fame are (L-R) Garrett ‘Bunkie’ Henderson, Taylor Garretson, Conner West, Ivy McLain, Cameron Dunnam, CharLee Meadows, Dalarrus ‘Squirt’ Cooper, Brooke Byrd, Keaton Hollinghead, Jaycie Tungett and Frederick ‘Day Day’ Johnson Jr.

of Lady Wildcats’ softball team in junior high school and that grit and determination, which the Yearbook says is unique among her peers, followed her throughout her time at the school.

“She is a student-athlete that excels at everything she does,” the Yearbook states. “She has remained successful in honors classes, while she worked hard and showed out at softball.”

Meadows is set to remain a Wildcat as she plans to play softball at Pearl River CC beginning this fall.

DALARRUS JEVONTAE COOPER

Known by classmates as ‘Squirt’, Dalarrus Cooper might be smaller in physical stature than some of his classmates, but he made up for that throughout high school with a ‘huge’ effort in the classroom and playing fields.

“You always know what you are going to get from Squirt – his best effort,” the Yearbook proclaims. “He gives all of himself in everything he does. He is a joy to be around, and his contagious smile will be missed next year.”

HILLARY BROOKE BYRD

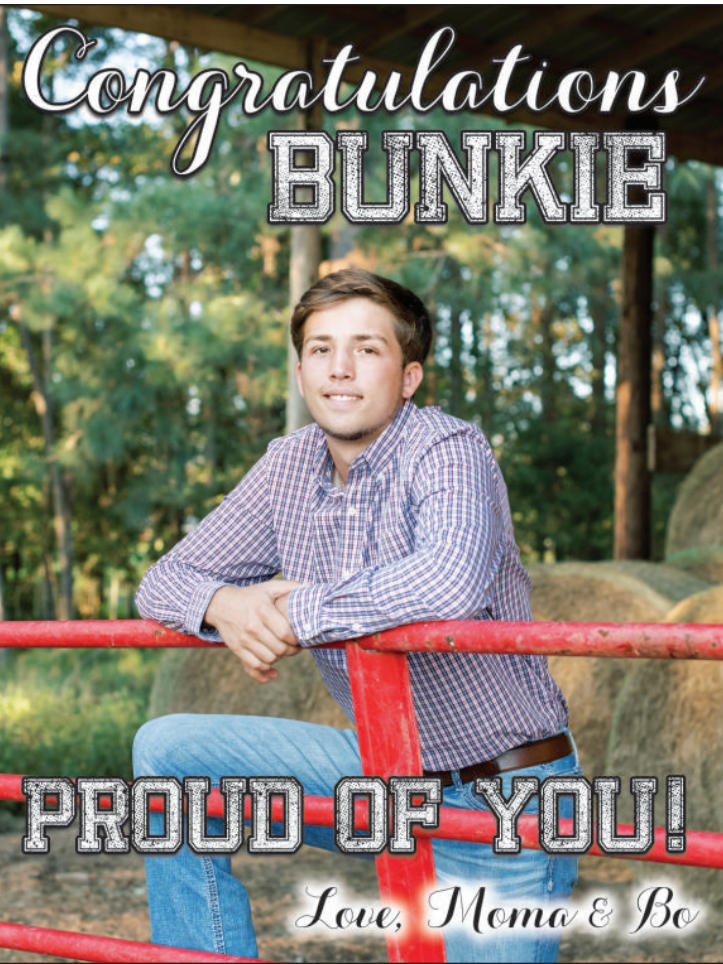
The Ultimate Wildcat! That’s a pretty big compliment for a GCHS student, but classmates and staff at the school say it is a very fitting description of Hillary Brooke Byrd. Along with being chosen as Miss GCHS by her peers, Byrd was also active in


nearly too many activities and organizations to count. She was a student-athlete, serving as cheer Captain and the lone senior on the cheer squad. But, she was also strong in the classroom, and a leader in her other extracrrcular activites.

“Brooke has been a member of Beta, WILDPAT, Yearbook Staff (Editor) and also worked as an office aid,” her Hall of Fame bio reads. “Brooke is efficient and dedicated. Brooke is a true leader and juggles the many responsibilities given to her. Everyone nows that you can rely on Brooke to get things done. She has made her mark on GCHS.”

JAYCIE LANE

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Class of 2022

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We’ve watched you come this far, and now the sky is the limit. Hold fast to your dreams, and don’t be afraid to reach for the stars. We know you can do it!

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