

# Johnson lays down challenge to his classmates in Valedictorian address

Wow! What an evening of making memories! I am excited and humbled to be here tonight with you- my family, friends, and my classmates who have become my family as we have grown up together through the years. To those of you who watched us grow and even had to sometimes intervene in those growing pains - I am so thankful for you. I am forever grateful for the wisdom of our policy makers, guidance of teachers, faculty and staff who have cared for us, taught us, fed us, driven us to school, and even those who disciplined us.

Some of us came together at an early age and have traveled our educational journey together through all 12 years. Some of us quickly became Wildcat Family as we entered 9th grade together. No matter the case, we all soon learned that we all belong together and it took all types of personalities, musicians, athletes, and scholars to make

us the class we are! And we all started out the same- young, excited, and eager to learn our ABC's, begin reading, and becoming something bigger than ourselves, the graduating class of 2022.

I never thought that 12 years later, on graduation night, I would once again be focused on my ABCs. I invite you to join me for just a few moments as we study our ABCs together as a class for the last time. The challenge of the ABCs of life ...

A - Accept the challenge  
B - Believe in yourself  
C - Convert your thoughts into hopes  
D - Have Determination to make hopes and dreams realities  
E - Expect some obstacles along the way  
F - Finish the course  
G - Grow in the Lord  
H - Have a Harvey model of leadership  
I - Inspire someone else  
J - Take Jesus on your journey  
K - Keep on keeping on

L - Be a leader  
M - Make every second count  
N - Never give up  
O - Overcome every obstacle  
P - Put your best foot forward  
Q - Quit quitting  
R - Run the race with patience  
S - Strive on  
T - Trust in the Lord  
U - Use your talents  
V - Value your time  
W - Wait for understanding  
X - X-ray your lifestyle  
Y - Yearn to achieve all you seek  
Z - Be zealous to the top

Those are our 12 th grade, graduation ABCs-The ABC's that will take us on the next leg of our journey. This is the part of our journey where we must venture out a little farther on our own. I am certain we do not know how much we will miss our high school years, our daily routines, the homework, (ok maybe not the homework), but most of all each other. I am so proud to have earned my education here at Greene County High School with the best- my 2022 classmates.

By **Frederick Leonard Johnson Jr.**

*GCHS Class of 2022 Valedictorian*

Wildcats do not run from challenges or cower when things get tough. Wildcats



always remain family, and strive for excellence.

Thank you for letting me stand before you as your Valedictorian and allowing me to lay the challenge before all of us to never give up and to always try, try again! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. left no room for us to give up or

make excuses when he gave this charge to us stating.... "If you can't fly then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, keep moving forward!" I love you my dear friends and classmates of 2022! Until we meet again!



**Mr. & Mrs. GCHS**

Senior year was good to Frederick 'Day Day' Johnson and Brooke Byrd. Along with Johnson being elected as Class President and both finishing in the Top 10 of their graduating class as well as being inducted into the GCHS Hall of Fame, the two friends were also chosen as Mr. and Mrs. GCHS by their school mates.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

*Class of 2022*

### Ryan

Let your light so shine before men.

Matthew 5:16

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

Show your light to the world like you have your family and you will go far.

**We Love You!**

*Grandma Hicks, Aunt Kim, Uncle Bill & family, Uncle Rudy, Aunt Cindy & family*

# CLASS OF 2022

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We are always proud of the accomplishments of our young people, but as we celebrate the achievements of this year's Greene County graduates (Kindergarten, Fourth Grade, Eighth Grade, High School & Collegiate) we recognize the unique challenges they faced to reach these milestones in their lives.

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH OF THEM AND THE WAY THEY HAVE REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE WISH ALL OUR GRADUATES NOTHING BUT THE BEST!**

*from Supt. of Education Charles Breland, Board of Education members Sue Eubanks, Curtis J. Hill, Dorothy Clark, Shannon Denmark & Robin McCoy, along with all the administrators, teachers & support staff of the*

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**JERRY**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

*We love you! Mom, Dad, Annisley, Charley & Grandmaw*