## Wishing the absolute best for an impressive group of graduates

People from all around the Greene and farther gathered at Johnny Ainsworth Stadium last Friday night to watch the GCHS Class of 2022 say goodbye to their time as a Wildcat and take that step from childhood to adulthood. I couldn't help but be extra gushy this year because one of my own took her steps across that field, and I have seen several of these graduates grow up into the bright young adults they are. Each one of these seniors are about to embark on new journeys that will take them all over the country and perhaps all over the world.

This group of graduates has big plans. There are those looking to become neurosurgeons and specialized pediatricians. Others will be taking on the world as soon as they can with specialized skills learned through trades. Some will become teachers and encourage future generations. Some will become journalists and record the stories of the world. And, a few will stand tall and proud while serving and protecting their country. Their paths will take them to many different places, but they will always carry with them the memories made during their four years at

#### **Around** the Greene

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Some of these seniors will stay friends and keep up with one another. They will make the time to get together every chance they get. They will continue to support each other in their goals, and they will celebrate each other's achievements. Life will take some of them far, leaving them little time to catch up

though they grew up learning to communicate through social media and text, technology won't be able to keep up with all they do. It's a big world out there, and life will soon

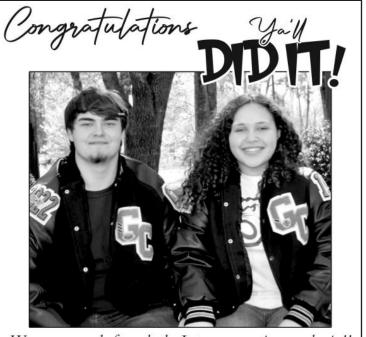
begin to move faster than it has the last dozen or so years. I am proud of all who made their way across that field Friday night. When they began high school, they were the first class to have to choose a diploma endorsement. They had to make a choice about their future when they were uncertain. They worked hard and adapted to many changes throughout the years. Some of them did not finish where they planned, but they did the best they could anyways. There were lots of scholarships given, and lots of students were recognized for their accomplishments in academics and CTE courses. It was a challenge for them, with a few changes along the way, but they never stopped reaching for the finish line.

I hope they all succeed in their endeavors. I hope we

during visits to home. Even hear about their achievements in the years to come. I hope they continue to hold on to those memories and those friendships as they make their way through life. When things get tough, I hope they find comfort in home. I hope

they keep pushing through all the obstacles life throws in front of them. Most of all, I hope they keep their heads up, take pride in themselves and keep reaching for their goals. Congratulations to GCHS Class of 2022.

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We are so proud of you both. Let your new journey begin!! Seek God's guidance in all you do with him all things are possible.

Reach for the stars. There's nothing you can't do.

We love you both ALWAYS!

Mom & Dad Mr Penny & Mr Tony

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#### **TUNGETT**

Another well-rounded student with a Hall-of-Fame career at GCHS is Jaycie Lane Tungett. A part of the 'advanced' program at the school since her first days at GCHS, Tungett has also excelled in extracurricular activities like Beta, WILD-PAT and many others. She served as Captain of the Sassy Cats Dance Team and was selected as this past year's Homecoming Queen.

"Jaycie's passion for all things Wildcats has affored her many opportunities," the Yearbook says. "Jaycie is always ready and willing to complete any task thrown her way. Her giving spirit and faith are remarkable, and we know Jaycie will be successful in whatever path she chooses."

Her immediate path will take her to Perkinston where she will continue her education and her passion for dance with the MGCCC Perkettes dance team.

#### **FREDERICK LEONARD JOHNSON, JR.**

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It is hard to imagine a more distinguished or complete high school career than the one enjoyed by Class of 2022 Valedictorian Frederick 'Day Day' Johnson. On top of finishing atop his class rankings, Johnson was involved in numerous groups and activities, and starred on the football field and basketball court, particularly during his senior campaigns in those

"He is intelligent, involved, respectful, dedicated, willing and passionate," said the Yearbook staff, noting that Johnson is "a true example of what a Wildcat should strive to be."

"Day Day is a true leader who leads by example. He is a joy to teach and watching him grow and lead inside and been truly amazing. Greene County High School will

not be the same without our Day Day, but we know he has created opportunities for himself that will allow him to grow to serve wherever he chooses to go."

#### RANDALL **KEATON HOLLINGHEAD**

Keaton 'Keto' Hollinghead earned the respect of classmates and the staff at GCHS. Spending the summer before your senior year at military basic training tends to command that type of response. While his Yearbook bio says he's an all-around good guy, Hollinghead is also not the type to shy away from a challenge. He showed that well before stepping up to serve his country as a member of the GCHS baseball and football teams and as a volunteer in other activities at the school.

"We are honored to call Keaton a Wildcat and we are grateful for his service to our country," the Yearbook states. "His good-natured and outside of the classroom has infectious personality will be truly missed."

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