

Washington County H.S. Class of 2022

CRISWELL: She learned to deal with pressure of school duties by having fun, too

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of South Alabama or the University of Alabama at Birmingham to complete my medical degree. My plan B would be to apply to The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine located in Auburn and graduate as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Both pathways will lead to the same destination: Family Medicine.

■ WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING YOU DID IN HIGH SCHOOL? Learning how to deal with the pressure of being an exemplary student along with being a carefree high schooler has been the hardest thing I have done while in school. This past year I took multiple college courses along with my high school classes to prepare myself for my future collegiate endeavors, yet I found myself having to sacrifice my “high school experience” to do my best academically. I knew I needed to make sure I made the most of the days I had left in high school, so I made it a priority to be involved in multiple teams and clubs on campus. I joined committees so that I could help others have their best “high school experience.” There have been multiple days throughout the years where I was busy from the moment I woke up to the moment I went to bed, but those days are the ones I look back on so fondly. If you happened to see me in that environment, you might have thought that I looked stressed and overwhelmed (you were probably right), but the labor of those days produced awards, accomplishments, and opportunities. However, I did have the days where I went on random adventures with my classmates or stayed at home all day and watched movies. So, if you see a stressed-out high school student, don’t

tell them that being an adult is harder, but rather trust that their responsibilities might not be necessarily significant, but they are responsibilities nonetheless. A very wise and influential woman in my life once told me that just because my plate was smaller didn’t mean it wasn’t full.

■ WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE COURSES? Without question — science! During my Junior year, I took Chemistry with Coach Wofford and loved every minute of it. I was selected to attend the BASF Teens Lab at the University of South Alabama during the spring semester. It was there I knew one hundred percent that I would be majoring in a science-related field, and I am so grateful for the opportunity. During my senior year, I took Human Anatomy and Physiology. My teacher Ms. Rachel Roberts has been my teacher for three years, and her anatomy class is something I am so glad I took! We dissected many things such as cow eyes and hearts along with fetal pigs! The science teachers at WCHS have always gone above and beyond for their students and are one of the many things that make our school so great!

■ WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM HIGH SCHOOL? My Freshman homecoming set the tone for my high school experience. I had very impulsively decided that I was going to be our Class President for the 2018-2019 year. I slowly realized that we didn’t have

anything that we needed, nor did we have a clue what we were doing. We eventually bought the Dollar Store out of spray paint and napkins, and very resourcefully finished our halls and floats with very little time, money, or energy to spare.


After a long week, we found out that we had won second place in halls at the morning assembly and we were so stoked! Little did we know that we would be frantically running to the field to receive our spirit stick for winning first in floats the same night (and that we would be creating this same memory for our remaining three years of high school). I truly think that our class’s ability to come together and defy the odds of beating the upper-classmen in something that the world would consider so minuscule to “real-world problems” was what got us through the hardships of being students during the pandemic. We built friendships, learned how to problem-solve, and figured out that everybody had their own talent to offer. I think that this memory resonates with me because it reminds me of a time when we were submerged in a “traditional” or “normal” high school experience, but it also shows the importance of how being involved in school activities can enrich a child just as much as sitting in the classroom.

■ WHO WERE YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCES? I believe that people are mosaics of every person they have ever come in contact with, and my biggest

influences are my Mom and Dad. They taught me from a very early age that knowledge is the most powerful thing a person could possess. I grew up watching my mother and father take advantage of every opportunity to learn something new. Some other big influences in my life are my dance coach, Mrs. Rebecca Lowe, my Band Director/Disc Golf Coach, Mr. Finley, my counselor, Mrs. Hadley, and my Dual-Enrollment English Professor, Mrs. Agee. They taught me the importance of work ethic and what it looks like to make great sacrifices in their lives to better their students. I am very grateful for each person who has shared a piece of themselves and invested their time in helping me succeed!

■ WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF 10 YEARS FROM NOW? Ten years from now I would (hopefully) have an undergraduate degree and a medical degree. Theoretically, I would be two years into a three-year Family Medicine Residency preferably in a rural area. I would hope to be an individual who advocated for herself and made the most of every opportunity. Maybe one day I will find myself back in Chatom, Alabama, and be able to give back to the community that built me.


■ WHAT SORT OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS DO YOU HOPE WE WILL SEE 10 YEARS FROM NOW? Over the last couple of years, having access to the internet has become essential in a child’s education. I would hope to see the plans of providing internet to all students in Washington County be complete in hopes that the generations to come have all the resources to have a better quality education.




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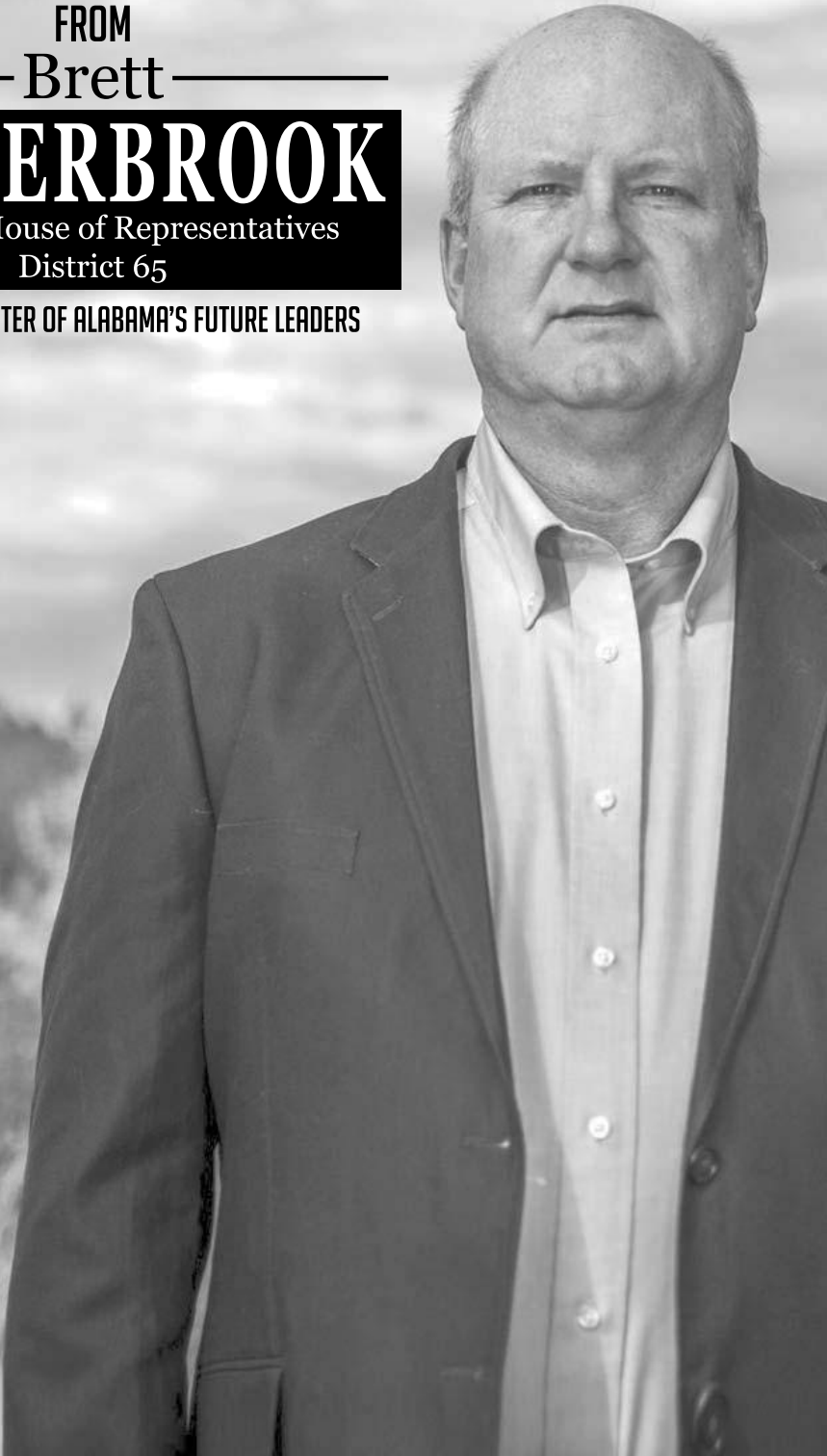
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