

Greene County High School produces 11 new inductees for the school's Hall of Fame



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The 11 new members of the Greene County High School Hall of Fame from the Class of 2026 are (Front, L-R) Riley Kate Byrd, Jacie Ethridge, Sara Beth Barfield, Sophie Whalen, Harper James, Caroline Holder, (Back row) Austin Palmer, Brody Turner, Graham Breland and Maisan Tribble.

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Greene County High School produced another strong group of alumni with the Class of 2026, with many of the recent GCHS graduates setting themselves apart with individual honors and accomplishments.

One particular group of 11 students distinguished themselves among the school faculty to earn themselves membership into the Greene County High School Hall of Fame.

Each year, the faculty of GCHS selects a group of students for induction into the Hall of Fame. These students represent the hard work, leadership, ambition, and enthusiasm that encompass what it means to be a Wildcat.

“The Hall of Fame class of 2026 is composed of well-rounded, highly-respected students who have shown genuine dedication to Greene County High School,” school officials said in announcing the list of inductees. “Over the past four years, they have contributed to the school’s success through academics, sports, clubs and community

involvement.”
The inductees for 2026 are Sara Beth Barfield, Graham Breland, Riley Kate Byrd, Jacie Ethridge, Caroline Holder, Harper James, Jase Mathews, Austin Palmer, Maisan Tribble, Brody Turner and Sophie Whalen.

Each student named a faculty member as their HOF Teacher. To follow are statements the HOF Teacher made for inclusion in the 2026 GCHS Yearbook about the new inductees.



Sophie Whalen

“Sophie is such a kind-hearted, caring young lady. She always gives 100% at

everything she does. She encourages everyone she meets and always has a smile on her face. She is the definition of true beauty (inside and out) and is definitely what a ‘Hall of Famer’ should be.”

Sophie’s HOF Teacher
CAITLIN HARVISON



Brody Turner

“Brody is an exemplary student, person and all-around young man. He has such a humble spirit. He’s able to make others feel comfortable and valued when they are around him. He’s kind to those around him and always treats others with respect.

Because of how he treats people, his work ethic, and his passion for life, he will be greatly successful in whatever path he chooses in life. I’m excited to see what the future holds for Brody. I know God will bless him because Brody strives to honor God in all his ways.”

Brody’s HOF Teacher
DREW HOLLINGHEAD



Maisan Tribble

“Maisan is the kind of student every teacher hopes to have in their classroom. In Algebra, he brings the same focus, discipline and determination that he shows on the field. He’s not only academically strong – he’s a natural leader. His ability to balance athletics and academics with maturity and humility is something truly special. Watching him push himself, stay coachable and

lead by example has been one of the highlights of teaching him. There is no doubt that his drive and character will take him far beyond high school. I’m proud to have taught him and even prouder to see him

recognized as a Hall of Fame student.”

Maisan’s HOF Teacher
COACH BILL RICKS

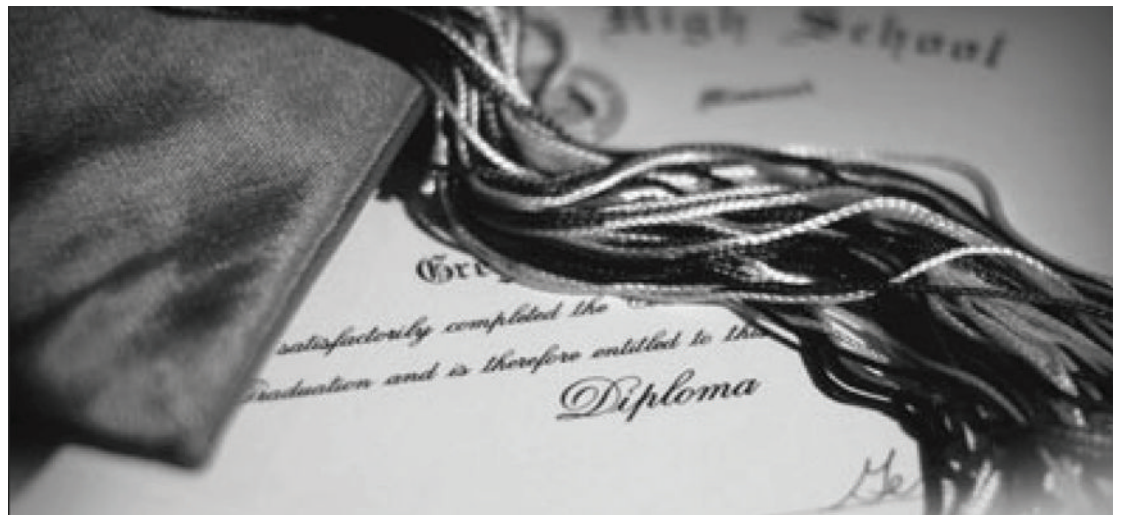
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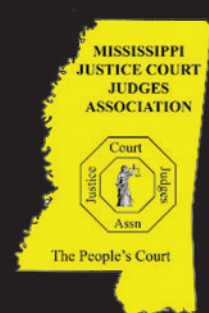
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