

# Holder says the story of the GCHS Class of 2026 is one she will always be proud to share

Good evening everyone, My name is Caroline Holder, and I am honored to stand before you tonight as the historian for the Greene County High School Class of 2026.

Looking back over the past four years, it is incredible to see how far we have come and how much we have grown together. It feels like only yesterday we walked through these halls for the first time as freshmen—nervous, excited, and unsure of what high school would hold for us. Now, here we are preparing to graduate, carrying memories, lessons, friendships, and experiences that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Over these past four years, we have experienced moments of excitement, challenge, laughter, growth, and success. We have watched each other grow from young teenagers into adults preparing to begin the next chapter of life. Every school year brought something different, but each one became an important part of the story of the Greene County High School Class of 2026.

Freshman year was a year of adjustment. We were learning new schedules, meeting new teachers, figuring out where our classes were, and trying to find where we belonged. At the time, four years seemed so far away, but looking back now, it feels like it all happened in the blink of an eye. Those first days laid the foundation for friendships and memories that would continue throughout high school.

As sophomores and juniors, we became more involved in sports, clubs, organizations, and activities. We spent late nights studying for tests, traveling to games and competitions, and cheering each other on through every accomplishment. Some of the memories we will cherish the most are the simple ones—Friday night football games, pep rallies, Homecoming week, lunch with friends, and laughing together in the hallways between classes.

Throughout our first three years of high school, we were blessed to have Coach Bray as our principal and Mr. Dickson as our vice principal. They were more than administrators. They were mentors and leaders who truly cared about the students at Greene County High School. They encouraged us, supported us, and helped shape the environment that made our school feel like a family.

Whether it was through discipline, guidance, or simply being present for students every day, they made a lasting impact on our class and our school. Their leadership helped guide us through many important years of our high school journey, and I know many of us are thankful for the role they played in our lives.

This year also brought change with Coach Prentiss stepping into the role of principal and Mrs. Pulliam becoming vice principal. Change can sometimes be difficult, especially during such an important year like senior year, but they stepped into their positions with leadership, care and dedication to our school. They have already made a tremen-

dous impact on Greene County High School by continuing to support students, encourage school pride, and create a positive atmosphere for everyone. Their hard work and commitment to our school have not gone unnoticed, and we are grateful for all they have done for us during this year.

Senior year has been one of the most emotional and memorable years of all. This year has been full of “lasts”—the last first day of school, last pep rallies, last games and competitions, and last moments together as classmates.

While there is excitement about the future, there is also sadness in realizing this chapter of our lives is coming to an end. Greene County High School has been more than just a place where we attended classes. It has been a second home where we discovered who we are, built lifelong friendships, learned important lessons, and created memories we will carry forever.

As historian for the Greene County High School Class of 2026, I have had the privilege of reflecting on these memories and seeing how special our class truly is. When people look back on our class years from now, I hope they remember not only our accomplishments, but also the way we supported and encouraged one another. Through every challenge and every success, we continued to move forward together.

Most importantly, I want to take a moment to thank God for guiding us through these past four years. There were moments when life felt uncertain, stressful, or difficult, but through every obstacle, God remained steadfast. He gave us strength during hard times, joy during good times, and blessed us with friendships, opportunities, and people who encouraged us along the way. As the Bible states, in Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” We are also incredibly fortunate to have had parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, family members, and friends who supported us and helped us become the people we are today. None of us would be where we are without God’s grace and guidance in our lives.

I also want to thank the teachers and staff of Greene County High School for the time, patience, and dedication they poured into each of us. They did far more than teach lessons from a textbook. They encouraged us to work harder, challenged us to grow, believed in us even when we doubted ourselves, and helped prepare us for life beyond high school. Their impact on our lives will never be forgotten.

I also want to take a moment to thank our parents, grandparents, and families. Behind every student sitting here tonight is a family that sacrificed, supported, encouraged, and prayed for us throughout these past four years. They drove us to early practices and late competitions, helped us study for tests, supported us during difficult times, and celebrated every accomplishment

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right alongside us. Many of them worked tirelessly to give us opportunities and help us succeed. Their love, guidance, and encouragement helped shape us into the people we are today, and we would not be here without them. Tonight is just as much a celebration for them as it is for us.

To my classmates, thank you for making these four years unforgettable. Thank you for the laughter, the memories, the school spirit, and the friendships. Thank you for supporting one another and creating a class filled with determination, resilience, and heart. Even though we will all go in different directions after

tonight, part of us will always remain connected through the experiences we shared here together.

As we move on to college, careers, and new opportunities, I hope we continue to work hard, stay humble, and trust God’s plan for our lives. No matter where life takes us, we will always be able to look back on our time at Greene County High School and remember the people and moments that helped shape us into who we are today.

The story of the Greene County High School Class of 2026 is one of growth, perseverance, faith, friendship, and determination, and it is a story I will always be proud to tell. When we think about history, we try to find the “big” moments of the past; but, simple actions and words of encouragement are some of the things we will cherish the most.

As I close, I leave you with this quote from Margaret Atwood, “The ability to remember the past helps us plan the future.” Thank you.



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