

CAPS OFF TO YOU, GRADUATES!



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Mark competed as a Speech and Debate Nationalist. He earned an impressive 28 on the ACT and was awarded the Volunteer Scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After high school, Mark plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to major in Political Science on the Pre-Law track, with aspirations of becoming a criminal defense lawyer.

9. Gabriela Zarate

Gabriela Zarate is the daughter of Eduardo Zarate of Trezevant, Tennessee and Taron Zarate of Jack-

son, Tennessee. During her time at Greenfield School, Gabriela was a member of Art Club and Spanish Club. She is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After high school, Gabriela plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to study Psychology.

10. Madison Sanford

Madison Renei Sanford is the daughter of Amy Sjoblom of Greenfield, Tennessee. During her time at Greenfield School, Madison earned her CCMA Certificate and completed an impressive number of Dual Enrollment courses, includ-

ing Sociology, Speech, Statistics and Probability, Biology I and II, and Algebra. She earned Honors standing in English and Mathematics her junior year and received recognition at the Weakley County Arts Festival. Madison was awarded the Dean's Scholarship and the TN Promise Scholarship, among others. She was a member of Art Club throughout high school. After high school, Madison plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin, pursuing study abroad opportunities with Japanese language studies and double major in Psychology and Graphic Design.

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of empathy? Wealth without a dash of service? That's like a fancy car with no gas. A life focused solely on selfish gain? Yawn. Real success is measured by how you uplift your community and serve others, not by how many likes you rack up on your latest selfie. In a world obsessed with comparison, authenticity is an act of rebellion. Consider a career in education, nursing, or law enforcement.

Too many of you feel pressured to play it safe, imitating polished versions of others rather than unleashing your own creativity. The real rewards come from carving your own path. As with Eric Church's guitar metaphor, the strongest foundation in life rests on faith, family, partnership, ambition, community, and that all-important touch of individuality.

You must resist the urge to let fleeting trends dictate your identity. Your journey is yours alone, and it shouldn't look like anyone else's.

Expect messiness. Plans will crumble. Uncertainty will knock on your door like an unexpected relative. There will be times when everything feels upside down. But remember our growth often sprouts



in the soil of chaos. Resilience is forged when you keep moving, stay curious, and remain open to the surprises life throws your way, even when the map goes awry.

Perfection? Forget it. Our goal is to make progress.

You, the Class of 2026, have the opportunity to redefine leadership in a fast-paced world. You can blend innovation with humanity, ambition with service, and personal victories with the greater good. So here's your battle cry:

Run toward change. Learn as if there's no tomorrow. Use technology wisely. Serve without strings. Stay true to yourself. Strengthen your com-

munity. And for heaven's sake, don't let uncertainty sideline your purpose. You're not just stepping into history; you're at the starting line of a brand-new era.

No generation has wielded more powerful tools. No generation has borne greater responsibility. And no generation has had a more spectacular opportunity to shape the future.

So don't just sit there waiting for the future to arrive. Get out there and lead it!

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Scholarship, the TN HOPE Scholarship, and the UTM Chancellor's Scholarship. After high school, Olivia plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to major in Veterinary Science, with plans to continue on to Veterinary School.

10. Chanler Michelle Spendlove

Chanler Michelle Spendlove is the daughter of Shawn and Brandy Spendlove of Martin, Tennessee. During her time at Westview High School, Chanler earned an impressive collection of academic honors, including Algebra Student of the Year, Chemistry Student of the Year, Medical

Therapeutics Student of the Year, Clinical Internship Student of the Year, and Precalculus Student of the Year. She maintained Principal's All-A Honor Roll and earned both her Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and Certified Patient Care Technician certifications. An active member of the Health Occupations Students of America, Chanler qualified for the HOSA State competition and served as Co-Vice President of Public Relations. She also served as Secretary and Fundraising Chair of the Anchor Club and was a member of Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and West Tennessee YoungLife. A standout athlete, Chanler captained

the Westview Lady Chargers Soccer Team during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons. She was part of the 2023 Westview Lady Chargers Basketball State Championship team, the 2024 Soccer TSSAA State Runner-Up team, and the 2025 Soccer TSSAA State Championship team. Chanler was awarded the Martin Business Association Student of the Year Scholarship, the UT Martin Dean's Scholarship, and the TN HOPE Scholarship, and was nominated for the Jim Cawley Scholarship. After high school, Chanler plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin to major in Business, with aspirations of pursuing a career in pharmaceutical sales.

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Wren Adkins, Westview '24 Graduate