

## Show and Tell



### Superintendent's Message

**Dr. David Daigneault**

It feels like we can never do enough to tell people all the great things we're doing at Grenada School District. And in this multimedia age, it's not even enough to tell it. You have to show it too.

That's why we've embarked on a media campaign to provide more transparency. We want to show and tell parents and the Grenada community exactly what we're up to here at GSD.

The media and public relations department at GSD has taken advantage of today's amazing technology to produce and transmit all of their own material right from the district. It's like having our own television station on campus.

The media department has been working all year on their biggest project, the livestream broadcast of our Grenada High School Chargers football games each Friday night.

In addition to multiple views of the game, the livestream incorporates play-by-play and color commentary from three new radio announcers — GSD business manager Rodney Murphy, school board trustee Kevin Carnathan, and GSD parent and alumnus Mike Smith. The radio broadcast airs live on local station B-100, and the livestream can be viewed on our Vimeo channel by accessing the address weekly at the district website ([www.grenadak12.com](http://www.grenadak12.com)) or our Grenada School District Facebook page.

In addition to livestreaming the game in high-definition, the media department also produces a half-hour pre-game show that airs on the Vimeo channel as well as B-100 at 6:30. The focal point of the show is announcer Rodney Murphy's weekly interview with Chargers head coach Ashley Kuhn. They discuss the previous week's game, evaluate team strategies, forecast the upcoming game, and even welcome guests on the show.

Each episode of the coach's show is filmed at a different location around the GSD campus. (They've even gone offsite to film at Grenada Nissan, the pre-game sponsor.) One week, they visited Grenada Elementary School, where Principal Raleigh Wood — himself a former baseball coach — showed Rodney and Coach Kuhn the GES playground, gym, and Kidzeum. The episode ends with a fantastic pep rally the kids held for the football team before their home game against Center Hill.

The show has filmed twice at the Grenada Career and Technical Center, once in the construction workshop with former Chargers coach and carpentry teacher Lamar Pitcock, and once in the culinary arts kitchen and classroom.

The coach's show is a great example of how a close examination of the sports programs at GSD can reflect the entire district. Upcoming editions feature academic programs as well as the other groups involved in the weekly football games, including cheerleading, band, and NJROTC.

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## Culinary Arts Team Wins Regional Competition



*By Jamie Kornegay*  
GSD Reporter

The culinary arts program at the Grenada Career and Technical Center broke in their new classroom kitchen with a regional win at the Junior Chef statewide cooking competition.

Grenada hosted the event on October 3. Four teams from visiting school districts, including DeSoto and Louisville, competed for the North Mississippi regional title. The four-member team from Grenada emerged victorious.

April Catchings, division director at the Mississippi Department of Education, complemented Grenada on being the host site. "The site was perfect. A beautiful, brand new facility with plenty of space for each team. The whole school was just perfect. Very welcoming and inviting."

Students on the Grenada team included juniors Aaliyah Harbin, Jaylen Perkins Smoot, Shakaiya Robinson, and sophomore Ashton Whitfield.

To compete for the Junior Chef title, teams were required to create a menu that followed National School Lunch Program guidelines. "No frying, no but-

The culinary arts team from Grenada Career and Technical Center finished first place at the Junior Chef competition. (photo left) Team members include (l to r) Ashton Whitfield, Shakaiya Robinson, Jaylen Perkins Smoot, and Aaliyah Harbin. The team proceeds to the state competition in Jackson next year. (photo right) Shakaiya Robinson carefully prepares chicken breasts for the stuffing.



*Photos by Meg Newcomb*

ter, a little salt," explained culinary arts teacher Lindsey Kelly. "We brought in a lot of flavorings with herbs and other things."

Recipes were also required to showcase ingredients grown in Mississippi. Kelly said several farms came forward to donate excellent products. The team received flash-frozen blueberries from J&D Farms in Poplarville, sweet potatoes from C&W Farms in Vardaman, and onions and tomatoes from Bountiful Harvest Farms in Starkville.

With these fresh ingredients, the team created a menu that met all the competition requirements. The team's entree, Chicken Italiano, featured a tomato- and herb-stuffed chicken breast, served with a sweet potato hash and a heart healthy salad with a white pear vinaigrette.

"The meal was beautiful," said Grenada School District's food service director Myra Tims, who judged the team's lunchroom compliance in the early stages. "I don't think the public realizes what a big deal it is, not only for our school to have this commercial kitchen for the culinary arts class but also for our school to beat out those well-established programs from other

districts."

Grenada has never competed in Junior Chef, but the team entered the competition confident about their dishes. They were given ninety minutes to prepare and cook their meal, followed by thirty minutes to clean up their work space. Three judges observed and asked questions. After completing the two-hour task, the team presented their meal to the judges.

When the judges announced the final scores, the Grenada team was elated to hear their name called first.

"I knew they could do it, so I wasn't surprised," said Kelly. "They have what it takes to win at the state competition in Jackson this January."

For the state competition, teams must refine their entree. "We have to make a few improvements," said team member Aaliyah Harbin. "We're gonna jazz it up, and we're gonna win."

The first-place winner at the state competition moves on to the national Junior Chef competition in Louisville, Kentucky next spring.

## GES Red Top Welcomes Football Team

Grenada Elementary Red Top students (l to r) Caden Wrenn, C.J. Overbey, Zaiden Black, and Anthony Le were among the school-wide assembly who turned out to show their school spirit at a pep rally for the GHS Chargers football team on September 21. The entire football team was joined by the Charger cheerleading squad and coaching staff. Principal Raleigh Wood organized the event to give elementary students a chance to rally their elder Chargers. The team went on to defeat the Center Hill Wildcats at that night's home football game.



*Photo by Martha Liberto*



# Follow Your Heart Guitar Classes, Scholarship Registration Begins



Charlie Worsham, GHS graduate and renowned Nashville musician, performed with graduates of the Follow Your Heart Arts guitar classes last summer at the Grammy Museum in Cleveland, Mississippi.

By Jamie Kornegay  
GSD Reporter

A new class of students from Grenada Middle and High School will be eligible to earn a free Fender guitar and weekly lessons as part of Charlie Worsham’s Follow Your Heart Arts program. In its third year, Follow Your Heart seeks to foster musical passion in local students while teaching them about the rich musical heritage of Mississippi.

Worsham, a GHS graduate and renowned Nashville musician, has credited his love of guitar-playing and songwriting with helping him through his teenage years. Putting a guitar in the hands of a tenacious teenager, he said, has the potential to change lives.

The program, supported by funds from the Country Music Association, started as a scholarship for Grenada County graduates with “a demonstrated passion for the arts” and a desire to turn that passion into an academic degree. Last year’s Follow Your Heart scholarship was awarded to three GHS graduates and members of the guitar class, Kimhou Kangheng, Sydnie Clements, and Dylan Smith.

“Sydnie, Kimhou, and Dylan have exceeded my wildest hopes and dreams for Follow Your Heart,” said Worsham. “They will go on to do meaningful work in this world, and they will represent Grenada in a way that can make us all proud. Most of all, these three young adults embody the values that I learned as a student of arts education — hope, determination, kindness, hard work, and friendship.”

Two years ago, the program extended its outreach and partnered with Fender Guitars, which provided free instruments to 15 students. Student teachers from the Delta Music Institute (DMI) made weekly trips to Grenada to instruct the students, who learned to play basic chords and apply them to different musical genres. The class culminated with a graduation ceremony at the Grammy

Museum in Cleveland, where students were able to perform on stage with Worsham.

Last year, the guitar class’s enrollment more than doubled. Thanks to Worsham’s tireless advocacy and fund-raising for Follow Your Heart, the program caught the attention of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Charlie’s parents, Gary and Sherry Worsham, recently assembled a delegation of representatives from the Grenada School District and the community, as well as Follow Your Heart teachers and students, to travel to Washington, D.C. to share the story of Follow Your Heart.

“The NEA was delighted to hear from us,” said Sherry Worsham. “After our presentation, we were asked to record a podcast detailing how we pull together community resources to provide opportunities to our youth and support preservation of our musical heritage.”

Follow Your Heart is now taking applications for students interested in participating in the guitar and songwriting classes as well as the scholarship. The guitar classes will be held on the GHS campus weekly during the spring semester.

The program is adding a third compo-



(l to r) Kimhou Kangheng and Jordan Simmons in the Follow Your Heart guitar class

nent this year, a songwriters workshop. Budding songwriters can apply for a Saturday class in Cleveland, where they will study with DMI director and Grammy Award-winning songwriter Tricia Walker. They will learn the craft of songwriting and even have the opportunity to record their song at the DMI studio.

Students interested in following their heart and joining the guitar lessons, songwriter’s workshop or applying for the scholarship should see their school counselor about an application. The deadline to sign up is November 15.

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(back l to r) GHS Principal Jerry Williams, GSD School Board President Marjorie Hughes, father of the 2018 Homecoming Queen Nathaniel Reece, 2018 Homecoming Queen Kayla Reece, GSD Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, 2017 Homecoming Queen Ky’Nyja Robinson (front l to r) Children of the Court Luke Foster and Carsyn Chandler

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*Senior*



Presley Caldwell

*Senior*



Brianna Shaw

*Senior*



Iyonna Harges

*Freshmen*



Harley Henley and Autumn Davis

*Sophomores*



Allie Grace Holland and Cinaya Brown

*Juniors*



Braylee Shaw and Mikiya Hughes

*Children of the Court*



Luke Foster and Carsyn Chandler



# GES 4-5 Principals' Breakfast



Photo by Krystle Laster

Students at Grenada Elementary Green Top were honored for good or improved behavior with an invitation to have breakfast with the principals. Students selected for September include (photo top) (front, l to r) Allye Carollo, Sa'mya Johnson, Aaliyah Smith, Addie Brown, Marcus Mallet, Noah Kerr, Tanner Wilbourn, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Cimyah English, Natavious Seldon, Antwon Brown, London Joseph, Nicholas Wilson, Chase O'Bannon, Asia Nevitt and Assistant Principal John Daves.



Photo by Krystle Laster

(Photo bottom) (front, l to r) Malik Taylor, Tyler Le, Danasia Mitchell, La'chelle Grimes, Tekanya Walton, Carley Bassie, (back, l to r) Principal Carol Tharpe, Houston Whittemore, Ca'mayah Wiggins, Grant Myers, Austin Lishman, Elle Lucius, Kayleb Parker, and Assistant Principal John Daves

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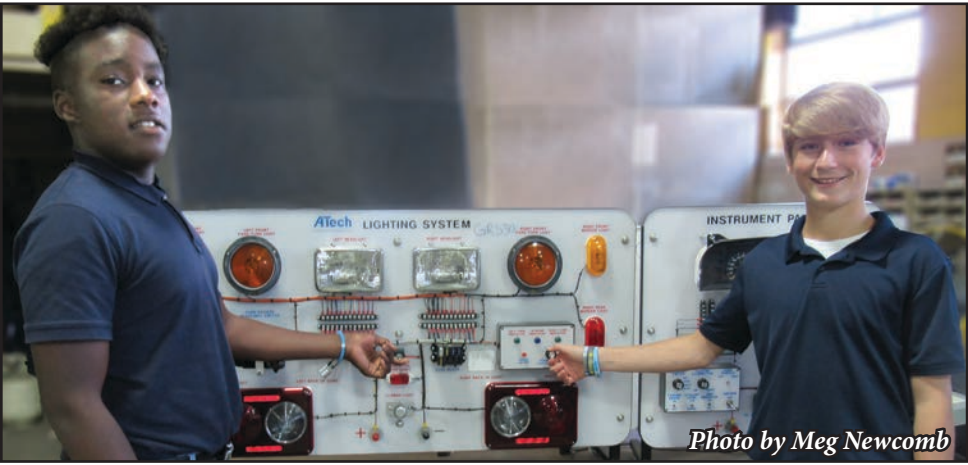
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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends GLAD-DAIS Preschool LETRS training-GLAD Cafe 7:30am - 4:30pm	5 GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium GLAD-DAIS Preschool LETRS training-GLAD Cafe 7:30am - 4:30pm GHS: Drama Department Play Practice - GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 8:00pm	6 Election Day GETC: High School & GED Students Tour Holmes Community College GHS Soccer Oxford (Home) - 5:00pm;7:00pm GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium GLAD-DAIS Preschool LETRS training-GLAD Cafe 7:30am - 4:30pm GHS: Drama Department Play Practice - GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 8:00pm Mississippi Safety Services Defensive Driving Course-GCTC 5:30pm - 9:30pm GHS V Girls/Boys Basketball Southaven (Home) 6:00pm	7 Cafeteria Managers to Nutrition Conference GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium GLAD-DAIS Preschool LETRS training-GLAD Cafe 7:30am - 4:30pm GCTC-DECA Pro Career Sports Day with the Grizzlies-Memphis,TN 7:50am - 11:35am GHS: Drama Department Play Practice - GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 8:00pm	8 Cafeteria Managers to Nutrition Conference GHS Soccer Vardaman (Home) - 5:00pm;7:00pm GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium GLAD-DAIS Preschool LETRS training-GLAD Cafe 7:30am - 4:30pm GMS: Basketball vs. Quitman County (Home) 5:00pm GHS: Drama Department Fall Play - GHS Auditorium 7:00pm	9 Cafeteria Managers to Nutrition Conference GHS Football-1st Round Playoffs-TBA GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium NOROTC Community Service at GES 4-5 Veterans Day Parade, Assisted Living Homes, and Downtown at the Square GCTC-UMMC Medical School Tour-Jackson, MS 8:00am - 3:00pm	10 Cafeteria Managers to Nutrition Conference GHS Boys Basketball TBA (Kosciusko Classic) at Kosciusko GHS Girls Basketball Strayhorn (Lewisburg Classic) at Lewisburg GHS Soccer Tournament at Oxford (2 games) GHS Choirs in GHS Auditorium NOROTC Roadside Clean Up Community Service GLAD-Delta Kappa Gamma-Alpha Phi Chapter Meeting-GLAD Cafeteria 9:00am - 12:00pm
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# New Certifications Boost Career Programs at GCTC



(l to r) Marcus Brooks and Hayden Hobbs , students in Ricky Jones’ automotive class at the Grenada Career and Technical Center, demonstrate the fire truck simulator, which teaches them about the electrical system in vehicles. Students in automotive, as well as other GCTC programs, are now eligible to receive industry-standard certification with completion of the class.

By Jamie Kornegay  
GSD Reporter

Don’t come to the Grenada Career and Technical Center calling it “votech” or “shop class.” New director Barry Rogers shuns the old terminology, and he’s fired up to train a new batch of career-ready students for the local work force.

Rogers makes no bones about the fact that not all high schoolers want to attend college. “It doesn’t mean they’re not smart,” he says. “It simply means they know what they want to do. There’s a more direct path to get it. That’s why they belong here with us, doing hands-on

work, building and repairing things.” The new high school career and technical education, says Rogers, isn’t just passing exams and building birdhouses in the wood shop. Students train on real power tools and modern diagnostic equipment. They learn specialized welding techniques such as brazing. And now they are eligible to earn real-world certification in several disciplines, which will give them a leg up on a job out of high school.

Recently, the Mississippi Department of Education touted more than 40 school districts in the state — Grenada School District among them — that offer high

school students an industry-certified automotive technology education. The GCTC was an early adopter of the new automotive training standards, set forth by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

The new NATEF qualifications require schools to adopt industry standards. In exchange, accredited auto programs become eligible for additional funding, and students who pass a certification test earn credentials that prove to potential employers they have completed significant and specialized training.

“There’s a lot of competition right now in the job market,” says Rogers. “A student who has done the work, taken the tests, and earned their credentials through our program will be better placed to compete for the best jobs.”

Ricky Jones, automotive instructor for GCTC, believes he has several students this year who will achieve the new NATEF certification in March when the first class takes the exam.

Students aren’t the only ones who must make the grade. Teachers are also required to advance their certification. Accredited automotive instructors must pass five out of nine tests in specialized areas — from brakes to engines to electrical. Jones has already passed seven exams on his way to mastering all nine.

And automotive is not the only career and technical program to offer certification.

Carpentry instructor Lamar Pitcock says his students, as well as those in David Robinson’s welding class, can now become certified by NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research).

Pitcock took the exam himself when the GCTC accepted the new standards. “It’s one of the hardest tests I’ve ever taken,” he says. “But for serious kids who want to get into construction, they can make a 70 or above and get hired right out of high school with a wallet card and a resume. Or else they can go on to college and get an associate’s degree.”

Students in Lindsey Kelly’s culinary program study food preparation, safety, and even restaurant management in her class. After training in the GCTC’s new classroom kitchen and earning work hours with professional chefs, they can take the ProStart exam and earn a certificate of achievement. This valuable certification improves their chances of finding a better-paying job in restaurants, catering businesses, and hotels.

From graduating high school and walking on as an assistant to a local auto mechanic or body repairman, to a prominent spot on the kitchen line as a sous chef, to starting out with career credentials on a four-year path to becoming a construction manager, the GCTC is paving new lanes to give high school students a head start in today’s work force.

## GHS NJROTC Seniors

NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) senior members include:

(back, l to r) Selena Busby, Adarius Harris, Kenretta Bounds, Courtney Reynolds, Aalya Wright, Ty’Kerria Parker, Devonne Wilson, Ny’Lasia Randle, Ra’Kaiya Hubbard, (front, l to r) Nory Lorenzo, Carnell Farmer, Desree Lott, Marissa Wallace, Johnathan Forrest, and Shaquala Norman. Seniors not pictured: Destiny Darby and Destiny Garden





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# GMS Students of the Month




Sixth grade September Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Lamar Lance, Jakyra Sledge, Abigail Presley, Jack Leslie, Trista Yates, (back, l to r) Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison, Rashawn Kee, Clyde Bryant, Brayden Ellett, Caslyn Trost, Rhett Hayes, Cash Blaylock, and Tycorwen Myles. Not pictured: Elyse Dorris



Seventh grade September Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Calyx Spencer, Aaron Kinney, Quinterrius Mays, Joeley Beckwith, Keirin Alberg, (back, l to r) Jeremy Holmes, Jackson Jenkins, Eli Smallwood, Sukario Hardiman, Javarious Pratt, Kunyae Pittman, Sydney Beane, and Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison.



Eighth grade September Students of the Month are (front, l to r) Kiersten Zinn, Faith Avery, Da'Jnea Antoine, Carter Harris, Alyssa Winters, (back, l to r): Assistant Principal Jamie Harrison, Kayleah Daniels, Luke Hardin, Kimora Perry, Greenlee Mosconi, Tylon Hubbard, Jamerashanti White, Isaias Gordillo.



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# GCTC Students Tour Northwest Community College

Students from the Grenada Career and Technical Center Automotive, Carpentry, and Welding Classes toured Northwest Community College Career & Technical programs. The students were shown different technical programs on the campus. The students were also shown a residence hall, cafeteria, and computer labs. Students were given an application packet and told what was required to enter each program. This was a great opportunity for students to experience the different career and technical paths offered after high school.



(front, l to r) Coby Williams, Kyle Nix, Landon Hentz, Layton Tharpe, John Adam Robinson, Peyton Pilgrim, Tyler Dulin, Delvion Lee, (middle, l to r) Gabriel Stone, Case Parker, Gage Kelly, Chris Smith, Rivers Kissling, Josh Goldwater, Joseph Harrison, Austin McIntire, Daulton Terry, Jeffrey Wilson, Alex Ortega, (back, l to r) Simeon Ledger, Riley Cheek, and Branden Baker



# Career Prep

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## Going to College *Okay ... But Which One?*

There are roughly 5,300 different colleges and universities you could attend in the United States. In Mississippi alone there are almost 70.

Let's say you definitely want to attend one of these colleges. How could you possibly make the right decision about which one to choose?

First, let's eliminate some options. If you've chosen a college based solely on the fact that your friends are going there or your parents went there or you just love the football team, it may be time to step back and reevaluate why you're going to college in the first place.

Some rush off to college as if they were jumping into a catapult bucket and launching themselves toward adulthood. But hopefully you'll judge your aim and fling yourself relatively close to your desired landing spot.

Where do you see yourself in five years? Start moving in that direction. What is required to get there? Talk to parents, teachers, or school counselors about the course work that must be done to get there.

If you're motivated by a certain passion or wish to pursue a particular career, that's great. But don't worry if you're not one hundred percent certain of what you'll do with the rest of your life. This is your time to explore, and the college experience often reveals paths that were otherwise hidden until you set off to explore.

With a general sense of purpose and interest, you can set out to find the right college. There are a few question to ask yourself first.

### Four years or two?

If you have a fairly solid idea about what you'd like to study and made good grades in high school, then you're probably ready for a four-year university. But what if you're not exactly sure what to study and didn't grasp the importance of good grades until late in your high

school career? A two-year community college can be a good stepping stone to university. It will give you a chance to see if you're ready for college and allow you to earn credits toward a higher degree without committing to a major.

Maybe you're ready to enter the work force and don't want four more years of school. At the right community college, you can earn credentials for many reliable careers with two-year technical training and certification. Other advantages include lower tuition as well as more flexible hours that allow you to hold a job while earning your degree.

### In-state or out-of-state?

College is a big investment, and unless your academic performance can write you a ticket to the school of your choice, cost will be a major factor in determining where you apply. A majority of Grenada High School grads will attend an in-state college because the tuition for a resident of Mississippi is often half of what it costs for an out-of-state student. The same applies if you're looking to attend a public university in another state.

Why does it cost so much more to go outside of Mississippi? In-state residents pay less because your family has lived here and paid taxes, which go to support public universities such as Ole Miss and Mississippi State. In essence, your family has been paying into the system as long as you've lived here, so you've earned some credit, which takes the form of reduced tuition. It's also a way for states to encourage their best and brightest to stay here, work hard in college, and hopefully stick around to start a business in the state.

If you're determined to get out of Mississippi, you may consider an out-of-state private college or university, which often have more leeway than public institutions to give you financial aid. Otherwise, Mississippi has many fine colleges and universities with top-notch resources and professors.

Find the school that specializes in your area of interest. If you're considering a career in engineering, agriculture,

veterinary medicine, or architecture, you may be better served at Mississippi State. If you're interested in pharmacy, accounting, or law, you may find Ole Miss a better choice.

Mississippi has many historically black colleges and universities which are consistently ranked among the nation's best. Three recent top-25 schools and their specialties include Tougaloo College (engineering, medicine), Jackson State University (business, education) Alcorn State University (agriculture, nursing).

There are smaller options close to home, including Holmes Community College, which has helped GHS grads attain their education degrees and EMT certification without leaving Grenada.

Right down the road in Cleveland, Delta State University offers degrees for students interested in aviation, music production, and teaching.

Which brings us to another good question....

### Big school or small school?

Are you looking to get the full college experience, or would you prefer a quieter, more straight-forward path to a degree? You may be ready for a big school if you're assertive and social, if you know what you want and aren't afraid to speak up and ask for it. Students who attend larger school have access to more variety — in courses, housing options, professors, students — and more resources. And of course, there are bigger sports teams with high-energy fan cultures.

Classes at big schools are often held in auditoriums with more than a hundred students. You may not have a close relationship with your professors, who may not even know your name. Some students feel overwhelmed in a setting like this, while others enjoy the chance to blend in and get a fresh start. You can be yourself without the preconceptions of classmates who've known you since kindergarten. If you're open to new experiences, a big school can give you lots of room to explore.

Smaller schools, on the other hand, offer tighter focus and more personal attention. They're easier to navigate, and you may have closer relationships with your professors and advisers. Coursework is often more limited, and there may not be as many resources available, but a visit to campus will tell you if you feel more at home at a small school or if you need a little more variety and life.

### City school, country school, or somewhere in between?

One final factor, when considering what type of college experience you're looking for, is setting. If you came from a small town, perhaps you'd prefer to live in a city for a while. A metropolitan college presents new challenges, so be sure you research housing and transportation options, as well as the heightened cost of living.

Maybe you're nervous about leaving home and think you'd be more comfortable attending a small school in a rural setting. Just remember — you'll be spending a lot of time here. There will be plenty of down time in between classes and studying. You may need transportation to seek out cultural opportunities and certain amenities, which will be limited. More suburban locales, including small college towns like Oxford and Starkville, may provide a balance of life and culture that curious students need while still maintaining the essence of home.

Once you choose a college, be confident in your decision. Nothing is perfect. And you'll be learning a lot about yourself in the process. This is probably the first time you've ever been away from family, and it's a chance to find out who you are as an individual. The experience of college, no matter where you attend, will provide sufficient challenges and opportunities to discover what you're made of and give you a better idea of what you want out of life.

## GES Red Top Open House



Teacher Tiffany Goff (left) visited with third grade student Analeigh Martine, her mother Heather Martinez (left), and baby sister Loua during Grenada Elementary School's recent open house.

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# “Show”

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GSD business manager and Chargers radio announcer Rodney Murphy (right) interviews GHS history teacher and Chargers defensive coordinator Chip Foster for a recent episode of the Chargers Coach's Show. The weekly program, which airs before the football game and is archived online at [vimeo.com/gsdlive](https://vimeo.com/gsdlive), features Murphy interviewing head coach Ashley Kuhn as well as visiting other programs around the district.

Perhaps you've had the chance to watch some of our homegrown video content, whether live on Friday nights or if you've been to one of the campuses and noticed the television sets in our lobbies. Once again, our media department has produced short videos spotlighting various programs for the respective schools.

At the Red Top elementary, you can watch kids enjoying past Kidzeum exhibits, or see what the little ones are up to in our three- and four-year-old Pre-K program. You can even experience the memorable lunch I had on the roof

with several administrators to honor the students reaching their goal of reading 2,000 books during National Young Readers Week.

The Green Top elementary school's television features the Children's Book Club, the Drumfit physical education program, and fifth-grade frog dissection at the Discovery Lab.

At the middle school, you can see kids participating in the medical and robotics classes, as well as gardening and archery. There's an overview featuring teachers and administrators, along with a tour of the school's unique Walls That Teach.

The GHS television is buzzing with features on the marching band and Visions show choir, and now high school students are creating their own videos that are constantly being added to the feed. The creations are part of the broadcast journalism class, taught by Jamie Kornegay, a member of the livestream team. (The team also includes Robbie Buchanan and Lisa Holland with help from Chris Corbett and the GSD technology crew.) He's putting cameras in the hands of students, training them how to interview students and instructors, and teaching them how to edit video and audio so they can create rich videos that tell the

story of their school. They're expressing themselves while seeing the world around them in a different light, as well as learning valuable career skills in video and media production.

Today's students respond to videos and images. From kindergarten to high school, they love to see themselves on screen, and the videos showcase the many facets of our school. They can see first-hand all the opportunities available to them.

This new media emphasis also gives us the opportunity to open our doors, so

to speak, to show the community and the world what's happening right here in Grenada.

Do yourself a favor and check out some of these videos in the GSD archive on YouTube — our “Grenada Schools Presents” channel can be found at [bit.ly/GSPresents](https://bit.ly/GSPresents) — or the livestream channel on Vimeo — [vimeo.com/gsdlive](https://vimeo.com/gsdlive)

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