

Get Your ACT Together



Superintendent's Message

Dr. David Daigneault

Did you know you can earn money taking a test?

I'm talking serious money. Thousands of dollars to go toward your college education.

A lot of students dismiss the ACT as just another standardized test without realizing how much stock colleges put into the results. Colleges place such value on the results that they're willing to wipe out a significant portion of your tuition for making a high score.

If you play your cards right — scoring high enough and tacking on other scholarships — you can pay for college.

And, unlike other school tests, you can take the ACT again and again until you make the score you want. Think of it like music rehearsal or sports practice — the more training you put in, the better your performance will be when it really counts. So why do colleges care so much about your ACT score?

That score demonstrates how well you've learned the skills needed to succeed in college. It's difficult to judge a school applicant by GPA alone. A 3.5 GPA at Grenada is different from a 3.5 at another high school. Criteria such as course variety, difficulty, and enrollment all factor into the equation.

But the ACT is the great equalizer. Your performance is measured on a level playing field with students who are taking the exact same test all across the country. Another reason colleges weigh ACT scores so heavily is because the statistics used to rank schools are based on the ACT scores of entering freshmen. The higher the scores of their pool of incoming students, the more prestigious their school is ranked. That's why they're willing to pay good money for a high score.

A perfect score on the ACT is 36. It's rare and extremely difficult to earn that on the first try. (All students at GHS take the ACT at least once during their junior year.) The average score is 21. Normally, it costs around \$50 to take the test (except that one time during junior year). But what's \$50 — or \$250 if you take it 6 times — when you could earn back thousands?

Make a 20 and you'll earn full tuition to Holmes Community College, which you can attend at the Grenada campus without leaving home. With a score of 22 you get full tuition, room and board, plus a stipend at Alcorn State University and Mississippi Valley State University. A 30 will get you \$4,500 a year at Ole Miss and Mississippi State or full tuition at Delta State University. The higher you score, the more options you have and the more money you earn.

This fall, GHS is offering a new ACT Prep course during first period. The class will help students develop the skills needed to raise their scores high enough to earn money.

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GHS Band Illuminates Modern Life



Photo by Lisa Holland

(l to r) Breianna Sykes, Andrew Wallace, and Elena Chaney were among Grenada High School Band students who attended summer band camp to learn drill and music for this season's halftime show.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Members of the Grenada High School Band returned to campus in late July to learn drill and music for this year's anticipated halftime show. The band's latest high-concept performance, "Disconnect: Off-Line, On-Life," is sure to prompt discussion as it confronts our cultural obsession with technology.

"The gist of the storyline is trying to find our humanity," said assistant band director Kim Presley. "In some ways, we've become more connected with a variety of people through the use of technology, but in other ways it has isolated us and made us feel a lot more alone. [This show] is about finding that balance and still trying to be in touch with humanity."

Presley, who has written and choreographed the band's previous halftime shows with fellow assistant band director Chris Sumrall, said the set-up for this year's halftime show will incorporate fewer big set-pieces as in year's past. Instead the story will focus on one prop — a small, personal LED light — which

each band member will incorporate into their performance.

"This personal light symbolizes our device and the way we're constantly engaged with it," said Presley. "Marching and playing your instrument is one thing. Marching and playing your instrument and minding a device, I think, is really interesting. It certainly plays to our whole idea of multi-tasking."

"Disconnect" is comprised of three movements, Presley explained. The first movement depicts a community connected to their devices and incorporates phone sounds, from iconic ring tones to vibrations. "[The music] is definitely rhythmic and hard-hitting, more of an edgy, contemporary feel," she said.

The second movement explores the concept of editing and deleting oneself through social media. Members of the color guard will wave flags emblazoned with their own individual selfies as the band performs a more symphonic, film-like score. The sounds and images represent a conversation through social

media, where participants strive to "put out their best self and not their true self."

Sumrall adapted the music for this movement from the poem "Grace Before Sleep" by Sara Teasdale. "We thought it spoke to the whole idea of being alone but also being connected," Presley said.

The final movement is built around a dramatic powering down. All the hand-held lights on the field shut down, and the field will fill with color and rhythmic, energetic music based on the song "Lose Yourself" by Eminem.

"It's carpe diem," Presley said. "Seize your day, live in your moment. Take advantage of your opportunities and don't waste them through this mindless technological world."

Presley admitted that the show "preaches a little" but hopes the message will hit home with the audience.



Photo by Lisa Holland

Garian Edwards and Ethan Tuberville

"As always, we do this for the kids," she said. "That's priority number one. We want them to enjoy it. We want them to invest in it. They spend a lot of time with it."

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Will Baker II Awarded MASS Scholarship



Recent GHS graduate Will Baker (left) was awarded the Walter S. Bounds Scholarship for Excellence. He accepted his check for \$1,000 from Grenada School District Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Recent Grenada High School graduate James Will Baker II received the Walter S. Bounds Scholarship for Excellence.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to five graduating seniors throughout the state each year. The winners were selected by the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents.

The scholarship was announced at the MASS convention this summer and accepted on Baker's behalf by Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault. Baker said, "I was about to spend money on a laptop for class, so this comes at the perfect time."

A lifelong high-achiever, Baker has made the Superintendent's List at Grenada School District since second grade and excelled in all advanced classes.

Baker graduated eleventh in the GHS Class of 2018 with a 99.948 average. His distinctive high school career included the STAR student award from the Mississippi Economic Council (based on his ACT score of 33), membership in National Honor Society, and election into the GHS Hall of Fame.

In addition to his academics, Baker made his mark in athletics, earning All-District Tight End Award for football and numerous awards in archery, as well as a nomination for the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete Award.

Baker, the son of James and Jessica Baker, will enter Mississippi State University and the Shackouls Honors College this fall, where he plans to major in chemical engineering.

Charger Football Goes Global



Grenada High School Chargers head football coach Ashley Kuhn (center) recently met with former Charger players for a segment on the coach's show, which is live-streamed on Friday nights via Vimeo and the Grenada School District website. Former players (l to r) Trey Bledsoe, C.J. Avery, J.J. Russell, and Tyran Jones are among the featured guests on the show, which airs at 6:30 p.m. through the season. The coach's show and the live stream event debuted Friday, August 17.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

This fall, Charger fans all over the world will be able to watch the Grenada High School football team in action. Starting with the season opener on August 17, the school district's media and communications department is live-streaming the football team's twelve regular season games over the internet. In addition to the live video coverage, this season's radio broadcast on local station B-100 introduces a new panel of commentators.

"The opportunity to be a part of capturing and presenting this weekly event through public media is exciting," says Rodney Murphy, business manager for the Grenada School District and new head radio commentator.

Joining Murphy on the sportscasting team are two Grenada residents, Kevin Carnathan and Michael Smith. Carnathan, a Grenada School Board member, works for Regions Bank and has three kids in the district. A GHS alum, he was active in the band as well as Visions show choir.

Smith manages Auto Zone in Greenwood and has a background in gospel radio.

"Since this is our first year to live stream and my first year to help with commentating, there will inevitably be bumps in the road as we work out programming issues and refine our skills," Murphy admits. "The goal is to showcase the game and everything around it in a professional manner and, through the live

stream, allow enhanced access for fans."

The simultaneous radio broadcast and live-stream event is an evolution of the popular show previously recorded by Bubba and Larry Vance, who retired from sportscasting last season. Fans will be able to tune in at 6:30 p.m., half an hour before kick off, to watch Murphy interview head football coach Ashley Kuhn on the weekly pre-game show.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the kids," says Kuhn. "It's a football game, sure, but it's also our students. The more kids you can involve the better, whether it's football, band, cheerleading, or ROTC."

Kuhn added, "It's great for people who can't come out to see the game, whether it's family out of state or military parents overseas."

In addition to seeing the football team play live, viewers of the live stream will also be able to see and hear the Grenada High School Band's field performance during the broadcast's halftime show.

"This new presentation recognizes the quality of the teachers who lead these programs," says Superintendent Dr. David Digneault. "And it provides an opportunity for kids to showcase their excellence, which will lead them to college."

Charger fans can still access the live radio broadcast by tuning in to local station B100 FM at 6:30 p.m. on Friday game nights, or access the live stream through the district's designated website, grenadak12.com/live or vimeo.com/gsd-live.

GHS's NNDCC Wants You!

Do you want to make your high school years more exciting and fun?

Consider joining the GHS Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC), where you'll explore the intriguing world of civilian, industrial, and military science while sharpening your physical and leadership skills.

NNDCC is a jointly sponsored Navy and secondary school citizenship and leadership program for students in grades 9 through 12. We're strictly an educational program, so cadets are under no obligation to join any branch of military service when they graduate. But being in NNDCC will give those cadets a head start on life. We teach self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills to help you successfully meet life's challenges.

NNDCC is open to all who meet the physical standards of the program. The GHS Unit is known as Bravo Company and has cadets that are also in other programs at the high school, including band, football, NHS, basketball, track, soccer, engineering, cheerleading, student council and many more.

Our unit is an active participant in the Grenada community, earning over 2,000 volunteer hours last year. Cadets have the opportunity to go on trips both out-of-state and in-state, from visiting the National World War II Museum in New Orleans to navigating the physically intense obstacle course at Camp McCain right here in Grenada County.

Each cadet also has the opportunity to participate on various teams that compete against other units in their NJROTC Area 8 and the state of Mississippi. Those teams include Unarmed Basic Drill Team, Unarmed Exhibition Drill, Armed Basic Drill, Armed Exhibition Drill, Two-Man Tandem, Color Guard, Academic Team, Physical Fitness Team, Orienteering, Sea Perch (Underwater Drone) and Drones (both are STEM programs), and, most recently, Air Rifle Team.

Last year cadets earned fourth place out of 18 schools in Drill and second in Physical Training in our region and runner-up for the second year in a row for JROTC State Physical Training Meet. The unit also received the Unit Achievement Award for the second time in its history and finished 17 out of 50 schools in area 8. That is the highest the unit has ever ranked.

During your time in NNDCC, you'll study the heritage and development of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps, as well as the



United States itself. You'll learn about the environment in which naval forces operate and develop an understanding of the naval community and its mission, goals, and benefits. Most importantly, cadets have opportunities to take on command positions and exercise leadership skills.

NNDCC also has a myriad of extracurricular events and competitions such as marksmanship, drill team, close order drill, summer training and, in some locations, sailing instruction. Each year the cadets host a military ball with full honors, which allows cadets and their dates to dress up and have some fun during the school year. The cadets also host a drill and PT meet throughout the year as well.

Leadership is emphasized each year, and the coursework prepares cadets for positions in any military or civilian career. Classes cover military customs and courtesies, flag etiquette, instruction in marching for parades and ceremonies, rifle drill, study habits, time management, first aid, communication skills, personnel counseling and fundamentals of financial planning, as well as personal and stress management. It also covers the human body and the effects of exercise and drugs and alcohol. Studies will also include a review of exciting careers in the Navy.

There are so many opportunities to advance yourself in NNDCC. Discover the rich history of the naval science and scientific aspects of tomorrow's naval technology, while at the same time honing your leadership potential.

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Breaking Out of the Classroom at GES 4-5



Devin Lawson and Micah Samples work as a team to calculate the measurements for the lemonade stand that was created during camp.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

This summer, a group of teachers and specialists at Grenada Elementary 4-5 achieved what few thought possible.

They convinced a roomful of fourth and fifth graders to return to school for two weeks at the height of summer and take part in a camp for reading, science, and math.

"The key was making it fun and doing things you can't do in the classroom," said ELA specialist Pam Briscoe. "We offered a lot of variety, so the kids were never bored."

"Alumni"

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Pleasing Everyone is the Shortcut to Beige. "If you try to make something that pleases everybody, it will end up pleasing nobody because it will be such a watered-down boring blob of beige."

Hug the Haters. They Hate That. "It doesn't matter how amazing you or your work is, somebody is gonna hate

it. And that's okay. Actually, it means you're doing something right. Be you."

And there's one more nugget she lives by herself. "Dolly Parton is my spirit animal, so I can't not quote her," Carolyn says.

"Find out who you are and do it on purpose."

Math specialist Lisa Jordan concurred. "The response from parents has been amazing. Their kids are talking about business plans and entrepreneurship. That's the kind of feedback we like to hear."

This innovative summer camp, broken into two sessions, centered around one book, *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. The novel tells the story of a brother and sister who compete to sell the most lemonade at their homemade stands. The book incorporates a lot of business advice, economics, and math into the story in a way that kids find entertaining.

The first group of students attended reading camp June 11-15 at the Green Top. They read *The Lemonade War*, along with poems and excerpts from non-fiction texts, to explore different genres. They also began learning how to summarize texts and identify shifting points of view. "These are skills that can be challenging to incoming fourth graders, so it was helpful to get an early start," said Briscoe.

One of the great advantages of the summer camps, according to Briscoe, is that students are able to experience reading in ways that are often impossible in the classroom. Whether it's reading and discussing a book in the Green Top library's tree house, navigating a recipe

for homemade popsicles, or recognizing poetic devices in popular songs, the camp offered a variety of activities, none of which lasted for more than 20 minutes.

"Students don't realize how much reading and writing they are actually doing because they are enthralled in every aspect of camp," she said. "It's almost a sensory overload."

Many of the same students, along with a few more, returned June 18-22 for the combined math and science camp. The sessions picked up on the themes of *The Lemonade War* to provide creative learning for the students.

The campers split into two groups, one science and one math, before rotating.

Discovery Lab instructor Taylor Buchanan engaged the students with science experiments involving lemons. They tested the electro-chemical properties of lemons, made invisible ink, and played a slime-making game.

In Lisa Jordan's math sessions, the students created a business plan for the lemonade stand, which included making a video pitch à la Shark Tank for potential investors. They worked word problems that helped them practice counting money, measuring conversions for large batches of lemonade, and even calculating profit and loss.

The camp's final project was designing, measuring, and building an actual lemonade stand — with help from the GSD maintenance department's Bobby Biddy — which the students plan to use for lemonade sales during open house this fall.

"You always hear kids say, 'When will I ever use algebra in the real world?'" said Jordan. "But they really made the



Mary Tylour Wilbourn investigates the slime she created during the science camp.

connection, from the characters in the novel to building their own actual lemonade stand with a business plan. It was almost like they were living the book!"

The attendance for this summer's camps doubled from last year, and the instructors were pleasantly surprised that attendance stayed strong throughout the week. They're already planning next year's camp around the theme of baseball.

"Now kids know," said Briscoe. "Summer Green Top camps are cool."

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-Contact info at student destination
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2. Teachers will send the note to the school office to have the change logged on the bus change form.
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GCTC Welcomes New Staff



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Grenada Career and Technical Center is pleased to welcome Mr. Barry Rogers (center) as the new Director. Barry was a former Assistant Principal at Grenada Middle School and is beginning his 30th year in education. John David Robinson (right) will be joining our faculty as the Welding instructor, he is beginning his 5th year of teaching. He earned his Associates Degree from Holmes Community College and recently was employed as the Welding Instructor at Charleston Career and Technical Center. He lives in Scobey, Mississippi with his wife Mindy and two children, John (17) and Jerad (12). Chrissy Harrison (left) will be joining our staff to teach a new class, Information Technology. Chrissy recently taught ICT I at Grenada Middle School and is beginning her 12th year in education.

"Band"

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Head band director Joe Presley commended the show writers for making "Disconnect" relevant to students. "I think today's student can benefit a lot by paying attention to the meaning of the show."

In addition to learning the music and drill for this year's show, student performers were greeted at band camp by several new members of the GHS Band staff. Drew Smiley of Calhoun City will

be in charge of the eighth grade band, while Blayde Clark has been working with percussion. Jordan Winters, a alumnus of the Grenada Band, has also joined the staff of directors.

While the halftime show won't be fully developed and competition-ready for several more weeks, fans will witness the show's evolution throughout the early football season during halftime performances at Charger Stadium.

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GHS Students, Director Honored at International Competition



(front) Collin Keys, (back l to r) Colton Gray, Lilli Bailey, Director Joe Presley, Lion's band color guard instructor and GHS graduate Claire Sanford, Maeci McCullough, Dylan Baker, and Christopher Davis represented Grenada at the Lion's Club International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Six students and one director from the Grenada High School Band were selected to join the Mississippi Lion's All-State Band at the Lion's Club International Convention this summer in Las Vegas.

The top high school musicians throughout Mississippi play in the all-state band, which took top honors for the seventh year in a row at the convention's parade and marching competition. GHS head band director Joe Presley, who led the state band, was named Outstanding Lion's Band Member.

"It was absolutely one of the highest points of my career," Presley said. "It's a rare opportunity to work with so many talented students."

The honored players included six GHS students: Colton Gray, Maeci McCullough, Colin Keys, Chris Davis, Lilli Bailey, and Dylan Baker.

The Grenada members were among nearly 1,000 high school band students

from all over the student who auditioned. Less than 150 were selected for the all-state band.

The band, supported by a robust state Lion's program, travels each year to the international convention. The signature event is the Parade of Nations, which features more than 10,000 members of the global service organization from all over the world. Each year, a top marching band is named, and Mississippi's Lions band has traditionally dominated the competition, earning top honors 34 times over the past 70 years.

"Our talent pool is incredible in Mississippi," said Presley. "We have a lot of really great directors throughout the state. Marching band has always been a strong tradition in Mississippi."

Presley said GHS band members are gearing up for next year's Lion's All-State Band audition. The 2019 convention will be held next July in Milan, Italy.

Grenada Business Owner Visits Grenada Enrichment and Transition Center

(Photo right)
Mr Fredrick Tidwell, Owner of "Tha Grooming Station Barbershop" offered free haircuts to the students of Grenada Enrichment & Transition Center. "I want my male students to understand the importance of being well groomed. Young males are often judged by there appearance; which in turn, can lessen the opportunity for them to be seen as the intelligent young men that they are," said GETC Principal Dr. Tina Herrington. The staff and students are grateful to Mr Tidwell for caring enough to donate his services.



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You may be thinking, a whole class to prepare for one test? You'll thank us later, after you've raised your ACT score.

The class will cover some of the subjects you may have missed or forgotten, such as English grammar. Or maybe you're an incoming junior and haven't taken Algebra II yet. The class will jump ahead and get you prepared. It will also teach good test-taking strategies, and the lessons will be personalized to individual students so that your weak subjects are covered more thoroughly. With the right training and intensive review, a motivated student can drive his or her score up dramatically. And that could mean thousands of dollars in scholarship money.

A good example of the benefits of ACT preparation is recent GHS graduate Will Baker (see story, page 1). With his score of 33 on the ACT and a series of other scholarships, he'll be attending Mississippi State University this fall on a full scholarship.

That's \$70,000!

The first time he took the ACT as a freshman, he made a 22. After five more attempts, he'd pulled his score up 11 points.

I asked him how he did it.

"I just worked on exercising my mind," he told me. "You've got to have endurance to take this test. I just thought of it like taking four regular tests in a classroom. But you have to be mentally ready to take four tests in a row."

It didn't hurt that his parents added a little incentive. They knew what it was like paying for college and struck a deal with Will early on.

"My parents said if I got a full ride to college, they'd buy me a new truck," he said.

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The peak assignment for your college bid is the application process. If you're a high school senior, then you need to start this process right away. If you're an underclassman or even just entering high school, you can make the process easier on yourself by keeping records and files over the next few years to document your academic performance and extracurricular activities.

So what is a college application? This is what colleges require to consider your enrollment. It can be your own personal statement about your value and readiness to attend the college of your choice, so it's nothing you want to throw together at the last minute to beat a deadline.

To maximize your chances of getting in, choose more than one school — five to eight is the recommended number —

and apply to each one in the fall semester of your senior year. Most applications are similar, and there are several items you need to prepare that can be used for each school:

Application Form

This is the nuts and bolts of the college application. It contains the standard information about you, your family, where you attended school, your academic performance, activities outside of school, and your intentions for college life. Most institutions will offer electronic or written applications. Be prepared for application fees in the \$25-\$70 range, though some colleges offer waivers based on financial need.

High School Transcripts

Naturally, grades play a critical role in your college acceptance as well as your chances for financial aid. If you're just starting out, work hard to keep your grades high and take challenging courses like advanced placement, college-credit, and innovative electives like Project Lead the Way's engineering and biomedical. This will show admissions officers you took advantage of Grenada High's most challenging classes and that you're

ready for college-level courses.

It's also important to establish a relationship with your guidance counselor. Set and keep meetings and let them know whenever you apply to a college. Your counselor will send your transcript, which is simply a record of your high school course load and grades. Your final transcript, which will be completed and sent after graduation, is highly important as colleges want to know if you worked hard your final year or if you slacked off. Show them you're an ambitious student who will continue to perform at a high level in college.

Admission Test Scores

Standardized college entrance exams are a way for admission officers to determine if you're ready for rigorous college courses. The weight of these scores vary from school to school, but a great ACT or SAT score will never hurt your chances of getting in. Try your best, and take the exam early and often to earn your highest score. Colleges only accept scores from the test organization, so refer to the corresponding test group's website for information on how your grades are submitted.

Letters of Recommendation

Some schools require letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, or work managers. This will help them understand who you are, how hard you're willing to work, and how you've contributed to your community.

Essay

A college wants to know what kind of person you are, not just your grades and course load. Are you creative? Are you a leader? Colleges are looking for these types of students. Think of the college entrance essay as your mission statement about yourself. It allows you to declare why you'd make a good addition to the school and gives you an opportunity to show your personality. This is where you'll demonstrate what you experiences throughout high school have taught you and how they've prepared you for college. It takes a lot of thought and care to craft a memorable essay, so start early. Have parents or teachers read it for clarity and to ensure it's as flawless as possible.

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Alumni Spotlight Carolyn Sewell



By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Two of the biggest lessons Carolyn Sewell ever learned can be traced back to her days at Grenada Schools. A professional artist and designer, Sewell — formerly Carolyn Horne, GHS Class of 1997 — recalls the first lesson, which came from Mike Miles, her 7th grade math teacher and study hall advisor at Grenada Middle School.

“You wouldn’t think a math teacher would be the foundation of a design career, but he was,” she says.

Carolyn used to decorate her text book covers with elaborate illustrations, so prized that her friends asked for her to design their book covers too. “After

weeks of watching me spend my entire study hall working on others students’ covers, Mr. Miles approached me and said that for as much time as I was spending on drawing these covers, I should be charging for it. And like a lightning bolt, it hit me ... my skill is worth something. So I started charging one dollar per book. Two dollars if you wanted paisley.”

Fast forward to today. Carolyn is still illustrating book covers. Along with magazine covers, posters, t-shirts, and even walls.

“And definitely charging for it,” she says.

Whether or not you knew the artwork was produced by a Grenada native, you’ve probably seen Carolyn’s holiday coffee cup designs for Starbucks. Or maybe you saw Beyonce wearing a T-shirt bearing her design for the 2017 D.C. Women’s March.

Carolyn’s illustrations have graced the covers of Variety and Chicago Magazine, and she hand-lettered the faces of models in a Rite-Aid skin care ad campaign. She even transformed a D.C. recycling truck into a fantastic work of mobile art.

Among her proudest artistic contributions have been for Hillary Clinton’s campaign, which requested her to submit a design for the presidential candidate’s

coloring book fundraiser, and a poster design for the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Grenada natives may recall the Hornes from their time in Grenada. Carolyn is the daughter of Bill and Trudy Horne and has three brothers. Will and John both attended boarding schools, and her youngest brother, Henry, attended Grenada Middle School until the family moved to Paris, Tennessee.

After graduating from GHS, Carolyn majored in graphic design at Mississippi State University and went on to work in various advertising firms.

Which brings us to her second big life lesson.

Under the instruction of Becky Angle and Sydney Darnell, Carolyn was a cheerleader from 9th through 12th grade. She spent many hours painting signs, which the team burst through as they took the field.

“I spent many hours designing and painting those run-throughs,” she recalls. “Within minutes your work is ripped to shreds by a group of men, and you’re supposed to pick up all the pieces while still smiling. It was actually the perfect primer for going into advertising.”

Ten years ago, after being laid off from a marketing firm in Atlanta, she was allowed to take one client. “Armed with no job, but one client, I decided to start my own one-woman business,” she says. “And I’ve never looked back.”

Carolyn recently moved with her husband Richard and their two-year-old daughter Lillian to Raleigh, North

Carolina, where her parents also live. In fact, Carolyn credits her parents with the inspiration for her hand-lettering art, which has brought her such success.

Years ago, while living in Washington, D.C., she began to feel homesick for her mom and dad. As an anniversary present, she sent them a hand-written and illustrated postcard every day for a year. The unique postcards — empowering, quirky, and playful — gained a following with everyone from the local postmen to future clients, who followed the archived images on Flickr. She received several jobs and was even invited to post the cards at a gallery exhibit in D.C.

“You never know, when you put yourself out there, who will come back and say, ‘I like what you did. Do that again. I’ll pay you for it.’”

Though Carolyn humbly exempts herself from being a worthy advice-giver, she has collected a few hard-won “nuggets of insight” throughout her career. They are worth sharing, cutting out, or pasting on the wall — perhaps even transcribing in elaborate, creative handwriting on a wall or poster board.

Carolyn’s Nuggets:

Everyone is Replaceable. “Basically don’t ever get too comfortable. The minute you do...”

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Extras
Depending on your college path, you may need additional materials for your application. Some athletes must participate in a recruitment process or compile a highlight reel of their best performances. Some art and music schools require auditions or portfolios of your work. Certain schools require an in-person interview to be considered. You may wish to arrange one anyway to give college officials the chance to meet you. If you have a dynamic personality, it may give you the edge you need.

And then, of course, there is the financial aid process, which we’ll cover fully in an upcoming installment. In the meantime, make the effort to gather this information along the way. You’ll have a better idea of what colleges are looking for, and you’ll be able to make better decisions while plotting your high school career. The sooner you begin, the better prepared you will be to get into the school of your choice.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2	3 Labor Day HOLIDAY!!! Jr. Varsity Football-Senatobia-Home 6:00pm	4 GLAD Board Fall Meeting-GLAD Cafe 8:00am - 8:00pm GHS-College & Career Day Set Up-GHS Gym 12:00pm - 11:45pm Band: Full Band 3:40pm - 5:15pm Visions Practice 4:00pm - 7:00pm GHS V Slow Pitch at Starkville 4:30pm	5 GHS-College & Career Day-GHS Gym 9:00am - 12:00pm GHS: Drama Department Play Practice - GHS Auditorium 3:30pm - 5:30pm	6 7th (5:00pm), 8th (6:00pm) & 9th (7:30pm) Grade Football-Starkville-Away Band: Beginner Parents Meeting with Amro Music 5:00pm and 7:00pm - Band Hall GLAD-AmeriCorps Training-GLAD Cafe 8:00am - 4:00pm GHS V/DH Slow Pitch Eupora (Home) 4:00pm Visions Practice 4:00pm - 8:00pm	7 Visions in GHS Auditorium GHS Football at Kosciusko 7:00pm
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