



Double Duty



Superintendent's Message
Dr. David Daigneault

I recently met with Grenada High School counselor Dr. Kathryn Cox and the class of students she will shepherd through next year's Middle College program.

Dr. Cox joined the GHS counseling department this February after 10 years with Holmes Community College. Her experience and dedication to young adults makes her an ideal candidate to serve as liaison between Holmes and our GHS dual credit and Middle College students.

I also met with the five sophomores who will join the Middle College program for the 2023-24 school year. These highly motivated students will be pulling double duty for the next two years, earning an associate's degree while fulfilling their high school requirements to graduate in two years.

Our school district introduced the Middle College program last year, and our first group of qualifying GHS students began a path toward earning an associate's degree from Holmes Community College. Students earn their degree by taking classes at GHS online and on the Holmes Grenada campus.

The students in next year's Middle College class are all high achievers and have no illusions about the rigorous academic challenges that lay ahead. These kids are accustomed to hard work, as evidenced by their high GPAs and the leadership qualities they exhibit in their extensive extracurricular activities, from band to robotics to athletics.

These young people all have something else in common — a clear vision for their future.

Jack Leslie's sights lie in the medical field. He knows that studying to be a nurse anesthetist requires a master's degree, which means extra years of school. By conquering his first two years of college at GHS, he'll be that much closer to his goal.

Drew Dalton will spend the next two years completing required classes that form the basis of her college major. By the time she graduates high school, she'll be ready to enter Ole Miss as a junior. That means she can take more of the classes in her major, and she'll be on the path to a full undergraduate degree in only two years.

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Seniors Celebrated at GES



By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Graduating Grenada High School seniors received a preview of the many kudos and well-wishes headed their way as they were honored by elementary students at a special event on Friday, May 1.

The first-ever Red Top Senior Walk-Through was held at Grenada Elementary PreK-3. Students in the GHS Class of 2023 donned their caps and gowns and made one last pass through the hallways where many of their educational journeys began.

The line of approximately 260 seniors wound through the Red Top halls, flanked on both sides by students in first through third grades. Elementary students held up posters as they cheered loudly and slapped hands with the line of seniors passing by their classrooms.

When the long train of seniors pulled into the elementary cafeteria, close to 350 kindergarteners were waiting with a rousing chorus of cheers and a sea of shaking pom-poms.

After a message from GSD Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, the seniors were



Photos by Martha Liberto

(Photo left) Jayden Willis was among the members of GHS's Class of 2023 who visited with elementary students at the GES Red Top Senior Walk-Through. (Photo right) Elementary students — including (front row, l to r) Korieon Green, Haven Kate Lott, and Nolan Fowler — made signs to honor the graduating seniors, including (back row, l to r) Madison Hood, Marlee Grimmett, Lexie Taylor, Cullen Phelon among nearly 260 other GHS students who participated in the event.

allowed to explore the school and visit their old classrooms. Teachers came out to hug their former students, some of whom they hadn't seen in years. Many senior students expressed nostalgia and shared bittersweet memories as they prepare to move on from life in grade school.

"I'm sad, but these are tears of joy," said senior Ciara Samuels.

The walk-through, which is slated to become an annual event, was organized by administrations from both the high school and elementary school.

"It's a blast for our kids to be able to see the seniors and all that they've accomplished throughout their educational career," said GES PreK-3 Principal Cole Surrell.

"It has been a fabulous morning," said GHS Principal Emily Tindall. "We are so excited to celebrate these seniors and the kindergartners get to see where they'll end up in 11 or 12 years."

The graduation ceremony for the GHS Class of 2023 will be held Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in Charger Stadium.

GHS Hall of Fame



Allison Escobedo



Chloe Gillis



Luke Hardin



Ethan Klinck



Meredith Meriwether



Jadon Reece



Darby Renfro



Jalon Townes



Zion Williams



Kiersten Zinn

By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Ten seniors have been named to the GHS Hall of Fame for the 2022-2023 school year.

The new members are Allison Escobedo, Chloe Gillis, Luke Hardin, Ethan Klinck, Meredith Meriwether, Jadon

Reece, Darby Renfro, Jalon Townes, Zion Williams, and Kiersten Zinn.

Considered the highest honor of a student's high school career, the Hall of Fame recognizes students who have earned attention for their school through their individual service and high performance.

A committee of administrator-appointed faculty determines the Hall of Fame from

a pool of students who have applied. Members are selected on a point-based system that considers GPAs, club affiliations, leadership positions, and awards on various levels, from district to national.

Congratulations to the 2023 Hall of Fame honorees!

GHS Class of 2023



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Jaylon Ammons



Amya Anderson



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John Dickson



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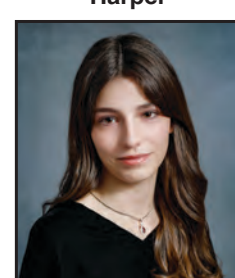
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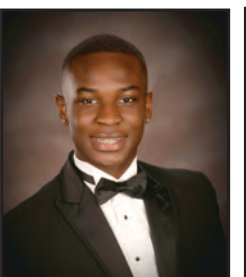
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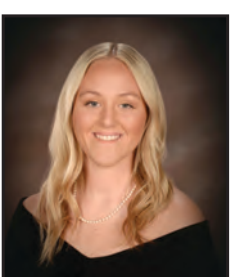
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GHS Star Student/Teacher



Staff report

GHS senior Zayne Quinn has been named Grenada's STAR Student for the 2022-23 school year by the M.B. Swayze Foundation, sponsor of the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program.

The state's most prestigious educational recognition program, STAR rewards seniors with the highest ACT scores and scholastic averages in their class. They are chosen from more than 300 public, private, and parochial schools in Mississippi.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement. Quinn chose ELA teacher Shann Worsham for the recognition. "She is a great teacher and always makes class fun and interesting," Quinn said.

"I am honored and humbled that he chose me," said Worsham, who taught Quinn in her English Comp I and II dual-credit courses this year. "Zayne is an exceptional student with an impressive work ethic and natural love for learning. He has a talent for comprehending information quickly, and that has served him well."

Worsham said that Quinn scored a 32 on the ACT, which made him eligible for the STAR Award. He has received numerous other scholarships, including the Freshman Academic Excellence and Colvard Future Leader honors from Mississippi State, where he plans to study computer science in the fall.

"Zayne is a fun conversationalist and has a knack for keeping things real and practical," Worsham added. "I have thoroughly enjoyed his presence in my class this year."

This year, the MEC's M. B. Swayze Foundation recognized over 600 STAR Students and Teachers across the state. Each STAR Student received a medallion, lapel pin, and certificate in recognition of their academic achievement.

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Jane Wicker plans to enter the military after high school. She says her associates degree will give her the opportunity to go straight into a four-year college and earn a degree in occupational therapy.

Michael Cavanaugh wants to be a lawyer. He already knows that good law schools aren't cheap, and it takes dedication to pass the bar exam. Completing his first two years of college now saves time and money that can go toward law school down the road.

Abigail Presley dreams of working in psychiatry and hopes to use her Middle College experience as a springboard to an Ivy League school. She has her heart set on Yale.

These students have figured it out. If you're prepared to work hard in school and know what you want, why not lean into it and make that effort pay off twice as much?

To earn both their associates degree and high school diploma, the Middle College students aren't taking twice as many classes. They're taking more advanced classes that fulfill the requirements of both college and high school. The Mississippi Board of Education approved our partnership with Holmes, and our collaboration with My Way Mississippi ensures that our students' degrees are transferable to a Mississippi public university.

But Middle College is not for everyone. Preparation begins in middle school, where motivated students earn Carnegie units to meet their high school requirements in Computer Science, Engineering, Algebra, Mississippi Studies, and Geography. An early start is critical to earning the qualifying credits (14) and completing all math classes (Algebra I, II, and Geometry) before a student's junior year.

Students looking to get a jump on a four-year university aren't the only ones who benefit from the Middle College. A qualifying junior who seeks a more direct path to the workforce may enter the program and begin earning one of three levels of certification in welding — from general certification to advanced training to an Associate of Applied Science degree. The higher a student aims, the more likely he or she will enter the labor pool



Photo by Jamie Kornegay

Grenada High School sophomores (l to r) Michael Cavanaugh, Jack Leslie, Abigail Presley, Drew Dalton, and Jane Wicker were recently accepted to the Middle College program for the 2023-2024 school year. The new Middle College at GHS offers qualifying juniors the opportunity to earn an associate's degree from Holmes Community College while fulfilling requirements for a high school diploma.

with high industry qualifications.

One of the best, most practical advantages of the Middle College program is the savings. Currently, GSD is assisting in tuition and fees for students by offering full and partial scholarships. Student applications are evaluated, and admission decisions are made by the committee.

Dual Credit and Middle College students are eligible for invitation to Holmes Community College's Phi Theta Kappa honors society, which offers numerous scholarship opportunities for transfer students. Students must have a 3.5 Holmes grade point average and a minimum of 12 hours. All of these financial benefits make this a wonderful opportunity for first-generation college students to begin their higher education.

Students who are interested to learn more about this opportunity should visit Dr. Cox in the counselors' office.

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Mississippi's First Lady visits Green Top



By Jamie Kornegay
GSD Reporter

Mississippi's First Lady Elee Reeves visited Grenada Elementary 4-5 on Monday, May 1. The wife of Governor Tate Reeves spoke to fourth-grade students about her children's book, *Mississippi's Fred the Turtle*.

Reeves said she received a grant to produce the book and share it with school children all across the state. She

sought the expertise of teachers and education administrators to develop this story and activity book, in which a turtle embarks on an adventure that takes him to various sites all over Mississippi.

Authored by Mrs. Reeves and illustrated by Ashley Denson, the activity book's objective is to incorporate engaging and thought-provoking conversation critical to child development and problem-solving skills.

Reeves' stop in Grenada was part of her goal to visit every county in the state to talk to children and excite them about reading. "Actually getting into the classrooms and ... asking them questions and seeing it through their eyes is really amazing," Reeves said. "When I'm coming in, listening to these kids, you can see that reading is a passion for Mississippi."

Members of the First Lady's staff presented each student in attendance with a copy of *Mississippi's Fred the Turtle*. In thanks, the school's show choir, Pizzazz, entertained the First Lady with a music and dance performance.

After the visit, GES 4-5 Principal Carol Tharpe offered Mrs. Reeves and her staff refreshments and presented a selection of illustrated books as a gift to the First Lady. "We were very honored that she would come and take time to visit our school," Tharpe said.



Photos by Jamie Kornegay

The 21st Century skills and tutoring classes wrapped up in April. (Top photo) Students in Ryan Melton's robotics class — including (l to r) Wyatt Dickerson, Darrious Ray, and Malachi Booker — began learning how to code and build robots in the after-school classes. (Bottom photo) For the last day of classes, students in Lisa Holland's Culinary Arts class — including (l to r) Jakeria Jackson, Kaitlin Willis, Madison Mallet, Jamie Woodson, and Ravion Mister — prepared snacks. The 21st Century's summer program runs June 5 - 30 with skills classes for middle and high school students in computer arts, automotive, building trades, culinary, podcasting, pottery, robotics, urban ag, welding and weightlifting/law enforcement. At the elementary schools, skills classes include book clubs at various reading levels and a physical fitness class as well as clubs and hands-on activities in science, math, and music. The summer classes will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon. through Fri. with breakfast and snacks provided. Parents interested in enrolling their child in the summer session should contact their school office.

Garden Club Presents Civic Award to GES



Photo by Jamie Kornegay

Members of the Grenada Garden Club presented administrators at Grenada Elementary School with their monthly Civic Pride Award. The club's citation states that the honor is bestowed on civic entities that demonstrate "curbside appeal with a focus on cleanup, general improvement of appearance, and presentation." On hand to place the placard were (l to r) GES PreK-3 Principal Cole Surrell, Garden Club member Jane Parks, GES 4-5 Principal Carol Tharpe, GSD Superintendent Dr. David Daigneault, Administrative Operations Officer Lynne Russell, and Garden Club members Lauren Leslie and Lee Murphy. The Grenada Elementary School sign features flowers with garden design elements by Lois Gaskin, the district's gardener and groundskeeper.

