



# The Gata Data

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## 2025 Prom King and Queen crowned

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This past weekend, Prom King and Prom Queen were announced at the 2025 "White Lights and Golden Nights."

Girls on the Prom Court consisted of Camryn Accardo, Bella Babin, Brea Bailey, Faith Bateman, Kaylee Broussard, Claire Clouatre, Julia Haddon, Blakeli Landry, Jillian Martin, Mary McAdams, Addison Robert, Ava Vicknair and Patricia Wilson.

Boys on the Prom Court included Kevin Acosta, Jacob Angel, Gavin Carpenter, Abram Clouatre, Connor Darr, Wesley Dykes, Easton Humphrey, Timothy Johnson, Brody Kernan, Reid Mayers, Talon Phiavong, Caleb Ricks and Evan Williams.

Senior Patricia Wilson was announced Queen, and Senior Brody Kernan was announced King. Both Wilson and Kernan "were not expecting it at all" and were completely shocked. As Wilson was previously announced Homecoming Queen, she believes that "anything



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is possible." Wilson did not believe that she would be crowned again, and as an expression of her gratitude, she would like to "thank the student body of STA." Kernan believes that his true friends are the element to his success and wants to "thank all of them."

The King and Queen both reminisce

throughout their high school years and reflect on their achievements. Kernan says, "The EA football game my junior year was my favorite memory." Wilson adds, "The announcement of Homecoming Queen was my favorite." Following this exhilarating moment of being crowned, Kernan gets recognized by his peers as "king," and Wilson feels like she "hit a home run." Congratulations to STA's Prom King and Queen!

## Batting off into the postseason

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The St. Amant Baseball team is preparing for their upcoming playoff season. Coach Brandon Bravata said, "We are going in with an underdog mentality and just playing free and loose." To help the players prepare for the next games, he is taking pressure off of them and letting them have fun. Easton Humphrey has said "We are facing fast pitching in practice and researching players on the other teams to know our opponent." In the recent games against Denham, St. Amant won both times with 8-0 and 13-3. Both of these games felt huge to the team and Bravata said "The game really saved our season." Humphrey had started off the last game with a wall banger for the team and said, "that gave our team confidence and after that we finished the game with 13 hits and 13 runs while holding Denham to 3 runs all game."

Bravata has praised the team for all of their hard work and that they have improved tremendously. They knew that the start of the season 1-3 would be trying times for them and that they would face a lot of adversity. The players had improved greatly and were able to come back to put together some nice stretches, ultimately sending them into the playoffs. Humphrey said, "Braxton Templet has caught every game so far for us this season fulfilling a crucial role behind the plate making great blocks as well as throwing out multiple runners in very important spots of the games." Now they will be traveling to Sam Houston for a best-of-three match starting off round one.



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## STA Gymnastics team leaped to State

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St Amant Gymnastics season has officially come to an end as they have just competed at their state meet. Both level three and four place third overall as a team. In individual awards Celia Piazza, a level four sophomore, placed third on bars. Piper Hudson, a level four sophomore, placed fifth on floor. Lastly, Addison Michael, a level three junior, placed 5th on bars.

Gymnasts face many challenges in the sport and have to work through them every day. Alon Washington, a level four sophomore said, "One of the greatest challenges most gymnasts face is self-doubt and a lack of confidence. These thoughts are common struggles among gymnasts, particularly when someone else achieves a skill or scores higher in competitions." In order to perform well, the girls must have a clear confident mindset going into states. Logyn Sawyer, also a level 3 sophomore said, "I handle pressure by calming myself down and making sure to take deep breaths before I start my routines, I just tell myself that however good I do, it doesn't define me as a person and it's just a fun sport." Gymnasts are able to deal with failure but also know how to get back up, and push themselves harder. Gymnastics is one of the most straining sports, both physically and mentally, girls have to find ways that work for themselves to calm them down and cope with the stress.

The girls have learned partnerships throughout their experiences on the team. Most girls have learned to have a more



positive and encouraging mindset, to boost each other up. The girls are there for one another especially during rough moments. Girls push themselves to succeed and do their best for the team's overall outcome. Natilie Aucoin, the gymnastics sponsor is a great asset for the team. She makes sure the girls feel comfortable and good about themselves, she does not let the girls give up. Alon Washington said, "Mrs. Aucoin has been a significant source of support, particularly during times of self-doubt. She encourages us to take pride in our efforts, even if we do not place or achieve our best scores."

The girls plan to come back stronger next season by moving forward and focusing on what they can do rather than what they cannot. All the girls want to strive for higher goals instead of settling for their current abilities. Logyn Sawyer said, "making sure everyone is dedicated to doing their best and everyone is putting in the work at practice, striving to be our very best while having open and positive minds."

# NJROTC dances the night away

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St. Amant high school NJROTC held a ball at Dutchtown High school for a military ceremony. They held events such as giving out prizes and announcing a full court.

During the night, Commander Micah Kiletico said, “We honor and give rewards and have a remembrance for them, and anyone that is missing in action, commemorating the people who have fallen before them.” But for most, this ball was for socializing and strengthening friendships. They build a bond of camaraderie with one another which resembles what they will do in any active military when they enter a unit. “You’re a family and come together to have a good time,” says commander Kiletico.

STA had combined with Dutchtown during the event. “Seeing all of our cadets come together and have a good time was extremely exciting,” said Eva Strother, lieutenant commander who took a leading role in planning the ball. Strother felt that she had made stronger connections with two sisters from Dutchtown when working with one another on the ball. “I sat in a circle with all of the Dutchtown girls. We had a little moment and it was cute,” said Strother.

For this year, the entire planning was student led with only



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constructive oversight. They planned the decorations, the seating layout and the strip itself. Commander Kiletico gave high praise for his students and all the work they have done, “seeing the students put all this together so it was really nice to see that”.

The attendance has doubled since they combined with Dutch Town JROTC. They also had a guest speaker who was on active duty in the Navy who came back and shared their perspective. One of the events they had during that night was some door prizes ranging from nerf guns, gift cards, slingshots and action figures things that would make the students laugh. They also had a full court, king and queen, prince and princess, duke and duchess, and count and countess having been named that night. They are picked from their grade

levels and class levels going up, from freshmen to seniors and are chosen from who seemed most deserving of these rewards. “It was really exciting to witness our own cadets go up there and show what they got,” said Strother. They talk about always trying to one-up what they did last year so the experience will be incredible every single time.

# Lady Gator softball team heads to playoffs

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On April 14, The St. Amant Lady Gators closed out their district season games for the season. The St. Amant Lady Gator Softball Team wrapped up their 2025 regular season tying up with the Dutchtown Griffins as the district co-champs. The Lady Gators ended the district season with a total of 9 wins and 3 losses. Despite splitting the series against Dutchtown, the Gators were able to successfully gain a victory against East Ascension, Prairieville, Walker, and Denham Springs.

Following up their victory against Walker on the first they continued to face more district opponents. On April 3, the Gators faced East Ascension for the second time in the district round. The Gators successfully scored a second win against the Spartans with a score of 14-6. After their defeat against Live Oak, the Gators made a triumphant comeback against Prairieville with a score of 15-0.

On their second to last district game against Denham Springs, the Gators began with a slow start with each inning improving more and more. During the first inning they were unable to get points on the board. It wasn't until the third inning, that the Gators finally put a point on the board when sophomore Olivia Johnson scored a run on a sac fly. But in the fourth inning, sophomore Kenley Triche and senior Lauren Allen both had back to back singles along with Triche also scoring the second point by stealing home plate. Later on in the fifth inning, junior Bailey Ducote successfully gets the Gators another point on the board. Following shortly after, junior Brooke Rabalais scored another run making it the fourth. The action continued to ramp up in the seventh and last inning of the game, freshman Hudson Bowler had a successful hit with senior Ryleigh Moran getting on the bases with her. Ducote joins in with the action and helps Bowler get to the plate. Shortly after senior Kinley Meche scores a 3 run homerun putting the Gators in a total of 11 points and leaving Denham Springs with a single point.

The Lady Gator Softball Team wrapped up their season on April 15 and they will now head to the playoff rounds.



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# Opinion: One year of The Tortured Poets Department

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It has been nearly one year since pop star, Taylor Swift, released her 11th studio album, *The Tortured Poets Department* with a surprise drop of an additional 15 songs. The album release with the additional 15 songs is referred to as *The Anthology*. Since the release date of April 19, 2024, Swift's fans are still finding hidden messages throughout the album.

The studio album had a record-breaking release week where it surpassed 891.27 million official streams. All 31 songs on *The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology* charted in Billboard Hot 100 with the first 14 songs securing the top 14. Not only did every song chart for The Billboard Hot 100 but also for Spotify's Top 50, which has only been done by a few other artists

such as Michael Jackson and Drake. The album also is the first album to surpass 300 million streams in one day on Spotify.

Although Swift did not win any Grammy awards for this record-shattering album, she won many awards at other music awards nights such as the VMAs and iHeartRadio. At the VMAs Swift won Video of the Year. “Fortnight,” featuring Post Malone, broke the record for most Video of the Year awards. The song won Best Collaboration, Song of the Summer, Best Directions, Best Editing, and Best Pop and Artist of the Year.

While the album had a record-breaking year, after being first released many people had opposing views about the album, even some of Swift's fans. Many

fans find that they cannot relate to the album as they can with her other 10 albums, making it one of their least favorite albums of hers. Others say they relate to it much more than the other album and that it is one of their favorites.

The fans who place the album as one of their least favorites claim that the album is very repetitive, often talking about the same situation. They also feel as if they cannot connect to the album due to Swift's use of a higher vocabulary.

The other half of Swift's fandom that is able to relate to the album appreciates her strong lyricism. Swift uses figurative language to express how deep her feelings go. Swift uses phrases such as “my white knuckle dying grip” in

her song So Long, London, to show the sense of feeling like one is dying but still tightly holding on to what is draining them. Fans claim that Swift has a way of describing and putting the listener's feelings into words that they could never think of, allowing them to better connect to the album.

Swift's eleventh studio album has had one incredible and record-breaking year, all happening in the middle of her worldwide phenomenal tour. The tour itself even won Tour of the Century at the iHeartRadio awards. Swift's lyricism is greatly appreciated and even now, a year later, people are still finding more things they love about *The Tortured Poets Department*.

# Seniors of Gata Data

BY: GATA DATA SENIOR STAFF

## Madelyn Long



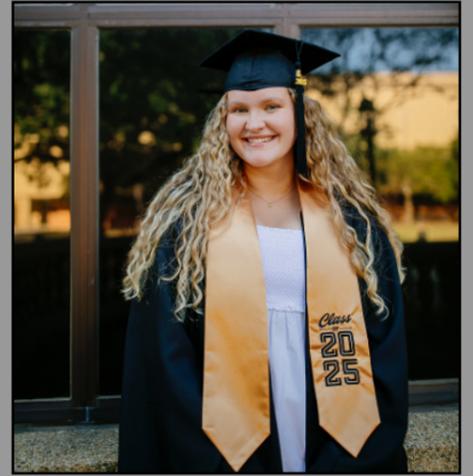
I am so thankful for my three years in the Gata Data Program! I have learned so much and plan to use these skills in my future education. I will be attending Louisiana State University in the fall to major in Forensic Psychology. Thank You to Mr. Green and my fellow staff members for a great semester!

## Avery Lambert



Taking Journalism was one of the best decisions I made during my time in high school. I made so many friends and explored my passion for writing. I plan to go to LSU in the fall for Clinical Psychology and will utilize the skills I learned while in the Gata Data. Thank you Mr. Green and every staff member I've been able to bond with over the last 3 years.

## Savannah Matlock



After three years of journalism, I can truly say that my high school experience was completely transformed through this class. I want to thank Mr. Green, Avery and Madelyn for shaping my experience this organization as a whole. I will miss the journalism family and our trauma dump Fridays most of all. I will be attending LSU for Chemical Engineering.

## Melia Delafose



After high school, I plan on going to George Washington University to major in Chemistry and minor in Spanish. Joining journalism was one of the best decisions I could've made for my senior year. I've made so many friends and have learned so much. I would like to thank Mr. Green for putting up with us.

## Jonah Morris



I've only been a member of the Gata Data staff for one semester, this program has had a tremendous impact on the quality of my last semester of high school. After graduation, I plan to continue working through summer and then move up to a dorm in Ruston, Louisiana to continue my education. I plan on going to Louisiana Tech University to study Mechanical Engineering.

## Lailah Granier



Being in journalism has allowed me to learn a variety of new skills to apply to my everyday life. I've made everlasting friendships that I will carry with me to college. After highschool, I am attending Louisiana State University to major in biology to become an orthodontist.

## Jayden Pino



Gata Data has pushed me to attend school events and meet people I would have never interacted with. These experiences have shaped me into a more accomplished and well-rounded individual. After I graduate from STA I will attend LSU to study Psychology. I am sure I will use the skills I have learned in this class on this journey. I am thankful to Mr. Green and all the great people I have met taking this class because they have been nothing but supportive and fun to be around.

