

# CCHS GRADUATES 192; SENIOR CLASS RECEIVES MORE THAN \$3.1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

**By Ron Barry**

The projected inclement weather held off.

When the wind gusts began to blow their mortarboards, the senior class held on.

And by the end of Friday night's graduation ceremony, Crockett County High School had 192 new alumni.

Festivities originally scheduled for 7 p.m. were moved ahead one hour by a day-long threat of storms, but nothing more than occasional bursts of wind hampered a ceremony which featured addresses by valedictorian Ashley Boone and salutatorian Ella Cate Haynes; songs from Rachel Coleman's choir, including a lively version of "I've Had the Time of My Life"; the presentation of graduates by Dawn Byrum, Crockett's 6-12 Supervisor of Instruction; and the presentation of diplomas and a short challenge by Director of Schools P. A. Pratt.

Not to be forgotten on the muggy evening was the announcement by Principal Jerrod Shelton that the CCHS class of 2025 had accumulated more than \$3.1 million in scholarships, including more than \$1 million from TN Ready and \$660,000 from the Hope Lottery funding.

Shelton saluted graduates who were Cavalier Scholars; Academic Excellence achievers; Star Students; Beta Club members; National Technical Honor Society members; Graduates with Distinction; Honors students; Military Dependents; Ready graduates; and students who would be entering military service.

Crockett's band, directed by Trevor Mayhall, performed "Pomp and Circumstance," the National Anthem, and the Alma Mater during the course of the ceremony. George Goldsby offered the senior class prayer, and class vice-president Maddie Moore initiated the closing tossing of the caps.

Following are some of the sights of the graduation ceremony.



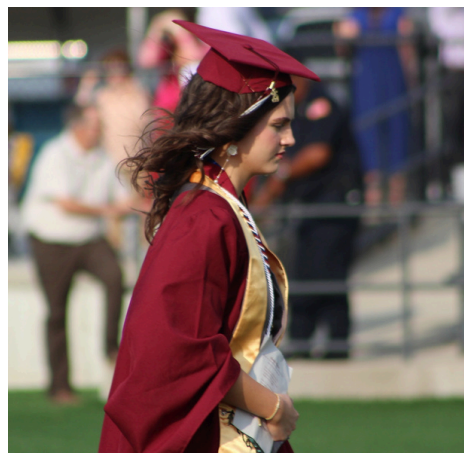
**Above:** Principal Jerrod Shelton announces the class of 2025 has received more than \$3.1 million in scholarships. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Flizzy Yearwood gets her diploma from Director of Schools P. A. Pratt. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Valedictorian Ashley Boone. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Chayse Lewis enters the stadium. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Star Student (among many other academic honors) Chris Farmer. (Photo by Ron Barry)





**Above:** Assistant principal Tres Goldsby is humming Bob Seger's "Against the Wind" while the graduates struggle with it behind him. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Rachel Coleman leads the choir in "I've Had the Time of My Life." (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Karlee Castellaw and classmates listen to the valedictory speech. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** Director of Schools P. A. Pratt addresses a sea of mortarboards. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Colton Mayo showed a lot of endurance in his senior year, rehabbing a football leg injury but keeping his classwork on target. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Salutatorian Ella Cate Haynes delivers her speech. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Above:** Avery Hurst -- field goal kicker, discus thrower, and Chick-fil-A aficionado. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Kylee Garrett is assisted off the stage by Brady Fronabarger, and she's pretty happy to have that diploma. (Photo by Ron Barry)







**Above:** The choir sings "I've Had the Time of My Life." (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Left:** Dirt bike superstar Landon Trimmer is congratulated by baseball guys Callan Willis and Brady Fronabarger. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Registrar Jennie Agee lines up the graduates prior to the ceremony and hopes the wind doesn't blow them away. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Right:** Angela Bolanos receives her diploma. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Below:** Josue Martinez picked up his diploma, but will be right back in the stadium today (Saturday), along with Goldsby, as Crockett seeks a State soccer tournament berth by hosting the West Sectional at 4:00. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Below:** Khaki Hail -- often behind the camera for several CCHS functions -- got caught in front of one Friday night. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Above:** Amaria Walker will be headed to Fisk University to continue her basketball career. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** George Goldsby delivered the class prayer and earned several academic distinctions. (Photo by Ron Barry)

**Right:** Sadie Hoover ponders which fingernail to begin nibbling if the speeches get any longer. (Photo by Ron Barry)



**Above:** It wouldn't be a graduation without the ceremonial tossing of the caps, strongly encouraged by class vice-president Maddie Moore. (Photo by Ron Barry)