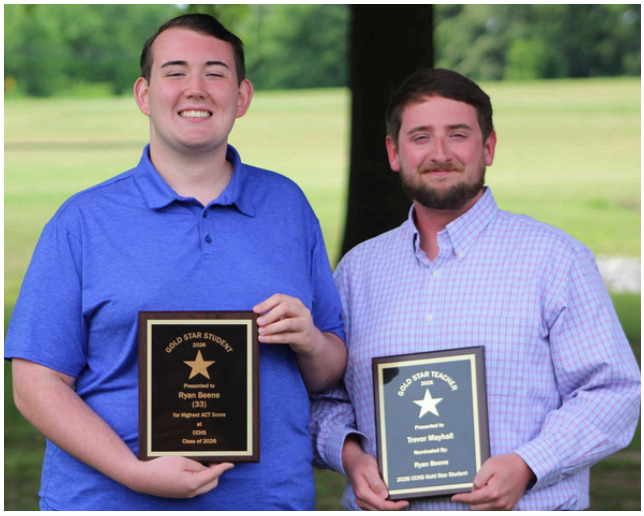
STAR STUDENT BANQUET HONORS TOP CCHS ACT SCORE ACHIEVERS



Above: Gold Star Student Ryan Beene and Gold Star Teacher Travor Mayhall. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Crockett County math teacher Bobby Rawson has been organizing the annual Star Student Banquet for the top ACT score achievers in the CCHS senior class for around 25 years now, but he says this year's group contains a pioneer.

Since the program began around 2001, Rawson said at least one Cavalier senior has achieved a perfect score of 36 in each of the separate ACT-tested subjects – except math.

At Monday's 2026 banquet, he was proud to announce that zero in the math column has finally been erased.

Ryan Beene, a distinguished member of the CCHS Marching Cavalier Band, scored a 36 in math on his way to an overall ACT mark of 33, making him this year's Gold Star Student – the top ACT score in the graduating class.

Seven other Crockett seniors were also honored at the event, which salutes graduates who score a minimum of 28 overall on the ACT.

Claire Evans (also a 33), Mabry Blackwell (30), Brady Fronabarger (29), Luke Kamradt (29), Nash Kilburn (29), Aidan Klonowski (28), and Gracyn Lyerla (28) were the other honorees. As part of the award, each student gets to select a Star Teacher who has been a special contributor to the student's success. Beene chose CCHS Band Director Trevor Mayhall as the Gold Star Teacher.

Evans selected Connie LaRue; Blackwell picked Amber Graves; Fronabarger tabbed Debra Hurst; Kamradt chose David Barker; Kilburn selected Rawson; Klonowski chose Charles Evans; and Lyerla tabbed Wesley Hart.

The banquet was held at the Alamo Church of Christ and featured a tremendous meal catered by THE SPOT. CCHS Principal Jerrod Shelton distributed the awards and challenged the students to remember the two things they can always control: their attitude and their effort. Director of Schools P. A. Pratt added his advice to always maintain integrity in every situation and decision, telling the honorees there is never a situation in which it's wrong to do the right thing.

Rawson, in his introductory remarks, asked those attending to put the picture in their minds of a turtle atop a fence post – getting the point across that he couldn't have gotten there on his own. Every one of the honorees has people in their lives who have helped them reach their achievements, and he reminded them to always be grateful for that and to thank those folks frequently. Both Rawson and Pratt cited the excellent efforts of the parents of the honorees.

The awards program contained a quote from Booker T. Washington: "Success is not measured by the position one has reached in life; rather by the obstacles overcome while trying to succeed."



Above: Star Student Claire Evans. [Star Teacher Connie LaRue was unable to attend due to a field trip.] (Photo by Ron Barry)



Above: Star Student Brady Fronabarger and Star Teacher Debra Hurst. (Photo by Ron Barry)

Below: Star Student Nash Kilburn and Star Teacher Bobby Rawson. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Below: Star Student Luke Kamradt and Star Teacher David Barker. (Photo by Ron Barry)





Above: Star Student Aidan Klonowski and Star Teacher Charles Evans. (Photo by Ron Barry)



Right: Star Student Gracyn Lyerla. [Star Teacher Wesley Hart not pictured.] (Photo by Ron Barry) One honoree -- Mabry Blackwell -- was unable to attend; her Star Teacher is Amber Graves.