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Polynomial Art



By ADDIE HATLEY

Mrs. Wright's first period class drew visuals of polynomials to create a stained glass type picture. For the project, Senior Savannah Rzeznikiewicz said they had to write 4-6 equations of polynomials. They had to at least have two of them with imaginary roots and at least two of them with real roots. They then had to graph them according to the points on their graphs. Students finished up by coloring their work of art. Once they were completed, the class voted on their favorites. Mrs. Wright also had a random group of teachers vote on their favorites. Pictured are Reece Thaxton (honorable mention) Alexis Riggs (1st place teacher vote, 2nd place class vote) Savannah Rzenikiewicz (3rd place teacher vote) Z'Kiah Kuykendall (2nd place teacher vote) Hannah Mann (3rd place class vote) Shelby Crosskno (honorable mention) Jada Stewart (1st place class vote) Janala Adams (honorable mention) and Shakilia White (3rd place teacher vote).

Taking college classes in high school

By MIA HENDERSON

Quite a few high school students at Gosnell High School take college courses along with balancing their high school courses.

At GHS if the students want to take college courses they can either take them online or go to ANC. Ninety-two point three percent students surveyed said that they preferred to take the courses online.

Junior Alexis Smith said, "I prefer taking the class online because I can do everything on my own time, and I don't ever have to worry about not being able to make it to class." The other 7.7% who responded to the survey preferred going to the college for class.

Senior Hunter Curtis said, "I prefer going to the college because it gives me the experience of what a college teacher will be like and what she expects me to do."

Taking college classes in high school benefits the students in different ways, but the majority of

those surveyed said that it is a jump-start in college, it is cheaper to take them while in high school, and it counts as a high school credit and a college credit. Some of the classes that are being taken are college algebra, English Composition I and II, psychology, and physical science.

"It is very challenging at times because of time. You run into a big problem with not having enough time, especially if you are involved in any extracurricular activity. Making time also means less time you have to relax and hang out with friends and do what you want to do," Sophomore Austin Middleton said.

Other students taking the college courses said their challenge with taking college classes while in high school is balancing college work with high school work and putting in time to hang out with friends and family.

Many of the students that are taking college courses are all taking them for different reasons. Some to get the basics out of way before college,

to get a head start for college, and to help prepare for college.

"I personally feel that is more beneficial. If I was taking just classes here at the high school I wouldn't get ahead in college, but since I am I feel like it is a better use of my time and helps me prepare more for college," Senior Callie Kennemore stated was the reason why she was taking college classes in high school.

The majority of the seniors surveyed said that they wish they would have taken more college courses while in high school because of the head start on college and how beneficial it is.

Many of the seniors that are taking college classes would recommend taking college classes in high school.

"It is an easy way to find out what college would be best for you. If you are easily passing the classes, going off to college won't be as hard as it would be if you were struggling with college classes." stated Senior Shelby Crosskno.

FFA Goes to Nursing Home



By PEYTON SULLINS

Students in FFA traveled with FFA Sponsor Charissa Moore to the Gosnell Therapy and Living Center in December to deliver candy and Christmas cheer to residents of the nursing home. The idea to visit the nursing home came from the club officers. During an officer meeting, they talked about a December service project and came up with the idea of taking cards and candy to the nursing home residents. They put together the candy bags and signed the cards at their annual FFA Christmas party. During the visit, students walked from room to room to visit with residents and deliver cards and bags of candy to them. Mrs. Moore commented, "I think that the students that went with us learned how to be appreciative of their health, and also that it is rewarding to bring happiness to others. It doesn't take much to bring a smile to someone - just effort." Pictured are Travon McKinney, Michael Robinson, Mandcassidy Saulters, and Megan Robinson visited the Gosnell Therapy and Living Center.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CAILYN LONG



By MIA HENDERSON

Cailyn Long was born July 15, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Teri and Ryan Long. She has two siblings: Matthew Long and Aidan Long.

Cailyn is a member of the Beta Club and is the GHS dance team captain. She was selected to participate in the M.A.S.H. program and received the presidential award and the career readiness award.

"I work hard and never give up I face each challenge and strive to do my best." One word to describe Cailyn would be determined.

A quotation she lives by is "Stay close to what keeps you feeling alive". "I live by this quote because I try to surround myself with things that make me happy."

Her favorite class so far has been anatomy. "I enjoy learning about the human body, and it will help me with the career path I have chosen."

Her favorite teacher in high school has been Mrs. Davison. "She really helps one on one, and I can say I learned a lot in her class. She is the sweetest teacher."

Mrs. Davison replied, "Cailyn is a beautiful young lady with a bright future. She is involved, outgoing, and passionate about the things that matter to her. I loved having her as a student. I looked forward to seeing her each day; she made me feel like what I do is important. Cailyn keep up the good work, you've got this. Have a great life."

Cailyn's best friend in school has been Claudia Ramirez. "She has always been there for me, and I can always be myself around her."

Claudia replied, "Cailyn is my best friend. She's so honest with me and gives me advice, although I do not listen. I haven't known her all my life, but she is my go to person. I enjoy ranting and acting a fool with her. She's the only one I am myself with."

What Cailyn said she'd miss most after graduating is dance. "Dance brought me out of my shell, and I really love it."

Her favorite things about being a senior is not homework and more freedom and flexibility at school.

As she leaves Gosnell High School she said she would like to be remembered as someone who really worked hard.

After graduation Cailyn plans to graduate from the University of Arkansas to obtain a degree in pediatric nursing.

One important lesson that she said high school has taught her throughout the years is how you really have to work hard for what you want. "Things are not just going to be handed to you. You have to earn it, and it will be a challenge, but you will appreciate the success more if you earned it."

Advice she gives to incoming freshmen is to don't slack off. "This is where it counts; this is where you structure your future."

To her parents, Cailyn says, "Thank you for everything you do for me. I love you more than you know."

Important Dates

- January 12** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.
- January 12** – Pirate Basketball Trumann at 5:00 p.m.
- January 13** – Pirate Basketball at Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.
- January 16** – Make-Up Day (School will be in session)
- January 17** – Pirate Basketball vs. Trumann at 5:00 p.m.
- January 19** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Riverside at 5:00 p.m.
- January 20** – Pirate Basketball vs. Riverside at 5:00 p.m.
- January 20** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Senath Homersville at 6:00 p.m.
- January 23** – Lady Pirate Basketball at Brookland at 5:00 p.m.
- January 24** – Pirate Basketball vs. Brookland at 5:00 p.m.
- January 26** – Lady Pirate Basketball at Rivercrest at 5:00 p.m.
- January 27** – Pirate Basketball vs. Rivercrest at 5:00 p.m.
- February 2** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Jonesboro Westside at 5:00 p.m.
- February 2** – Pirate Basketball at Westside at 6:00 p.m.
- February 6** – Lady Pirate Basketball at Manila at 5:00 p.m.
- February 7** – Pirate Basketball vs. Manila at 5:00 p.m.
- February 9** – Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Osceola at 5:00 p.m.
- February 10** – Pirate Basketball at Osceola at 5:00 p.m.



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Key Club Holds Clothing Drive

By MIA HENDERSON

Gosnell's Key Club hosted its annual clothing drive. The Key Club students gather clothes that they no longer can wear or don't want anymore and give them to people in need of clothes.

The Key Club then donates the clothing they collect to The Haven.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KAYLA BURKS



By PEYTON SULLINS

Kayla Burks was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on October 15, 1998 to Brian and Beverly Jones and is the sibling of Samuel, Devin, and Jr. Kayla is involved in Trap and Track. She is Vice President of FFA, FBLA, Key Club, and Student Council. She enjoys attending church, shopping, volunteering, and hanging out with her friends and family. A special moment in Kayla's life was graduating from the M.A.S.H. program this past summer.

One word that best describes Kayla is determined. She commented, "My parents always told me if you want anything in life you must work for it, and considering you hate the heat and you have expensive taste, you better work twice as hard."

A quotation Kayla lives by is: "I have to be successful because I like expensive things."

Her advice to incoming freshmen is: "Do your work and get involved. Don't try to be popular and don't get caught up in drama. It's just high school. Find who your friends are and stick with them."

Kayla's greatest accomplishment so far has been being accepted into the M.A.S.H. program. Her most difficult challenge so far has been learning to understand that her GPA and class ranking doesn't define her. Her favorite thing about being a senior is having a laid back schedule. High school has taught Kayla that Google has the answer to every question if you look hard enough. "Mathway, Quizlet, and Google helped me strive in the classroom," she added.

She will miss the bond that she has with certain people and seeing their face on a daily basis after she graduates. She plans to attend Arkansas Northeastern College or Arkansas State University and obtain her BSN and later continue her education to become a CRNA. She would like to be remembered at Gosnell as "a kind-hearted person that was always able and willing to help someone else."

Three things on Kayla's bucket list include becoming successful, traveling the world, and volunteering overseas on a surgical team. Taylor Chandler has been Kayla's best friend throughout high school. "She is the only person that can put up with me when I am a brat, and she loves me unconditionally."

Taylor responded, "Kayla, thank you for being the only person that always has the right words to say to me when I'm down. You are seriously part of the family, and I couldn't thank you enough for being the wonderful person that you are. I love you sweet pea, keep your head up, your friends and family close, and God in your heart, and you will go very far."

Kayla's favorite teachers during high school have been Mrs. Carnal-Jones and Mrs. Moore. "Mrs. Carnal-Jones is the most positive and kind hearted woman I've had the privilege to know. Mrs. Moore has always believed in me and guided me through out the years."

Mrs. Carnal-Jones commented, "Kayla is one of the sweetest and most caring people that I know. I have had the pleasure of her being in Geometry and Algebra III. She is always a hard worker and is willing to do anything she can to help someone. She has a smile that lights up a room. I have the utmost faith in Kayla becoming anything she sets her mind to being. Go get em' Kayla! Congratulations."

Mrs. Moore commented, "Congratulations, Kayla! I am so proud of the hard work you have put forth since I've known you. You have never been afraid to try new things and always give me one-hundred percent, even when you didn't really feel like it. Thanks for being so fun to teach and lead in the FFA! I can't wait to see what the future holds for you."

Agriculture classes have been Kayla's favorite in high school because it was the only class that she looked forward to every day, even after she caught her hair on fire while gas welding.

To her parents, Kayla says: "Sacrifice and suffering is a good thing when it is done for the good family—this is the lesson your lives have taught me. It will forever be engraved in my mind and heart. Thank you for everything, Mom and Dad."



Pictured: Jacob Morris, Key Club Sponsor Mrs. Carnal-Jones, Mandcassidy Saulters, Angel Martinez, Corina Martin, Kaylee Brown, a representative of The Haven, and Travon McKinney.

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