



# Spyglass

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## TOPS competition held

By PEYTON SULLINS

On February 2, 2017, the annual TOPS Competition (Tomorrow's Outstanding Professional Skills Challenge) was held at Arkansas Northeastern College. Students who participate in the events train for their specific competition, and then compete against other secondary centers and school districts. First place winners in each category won a free year of tuition at Arkansas Northeastern College.

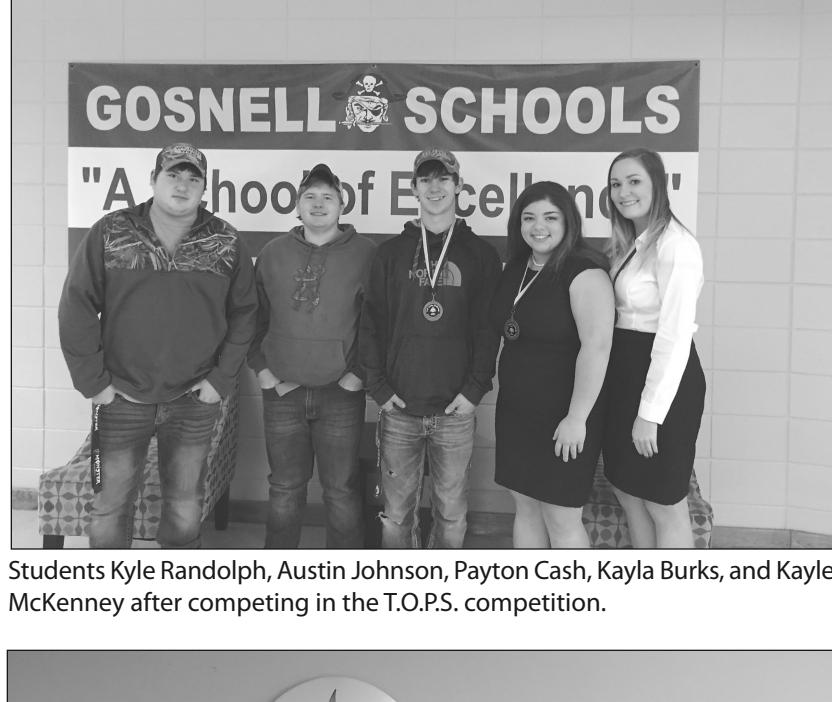
Students from Gosnell who participated in the T.O.P.S. challenge include Kayla Burks (placed first in job interview), Blake McDaniel (placed second in Computer Applications- Word Processing), Hannah Hardesty (placed third in Accounting I), Kaylee McKenney (placed second in job interview), Shelby Crosskno (placed second in Business English), Payton Cash (placed second in SMAW Welding), Kyle Randolph (welding), and Austin Johnson (welding).

To prepare for this competition, students practiced and studied their specific area. Senior Kayla Burks commented, "Prior to the competition, I had a list of questions that were expected to be asked by the judges. I studied these questions and practiced my answers."

The students who participated all agree that they learned many new skills. Kayla Burks commented, "I learned the ability to excel in job interviews that I may have in the future. I also learned how to think quickly on my feet and fluently answer questions that job interviewers may ask."

Senior Blake McDaniel commented, "I learned new skills that I can use on Microsoft Word. I will definitely use the skills that I learned when I go to college."

Kayla's favorite part about competition was realizing how strong of a support system that she has and interacting with new people. Blake added, "I also enjoyed meeting new people, and it's always nice to get out of school for a day."

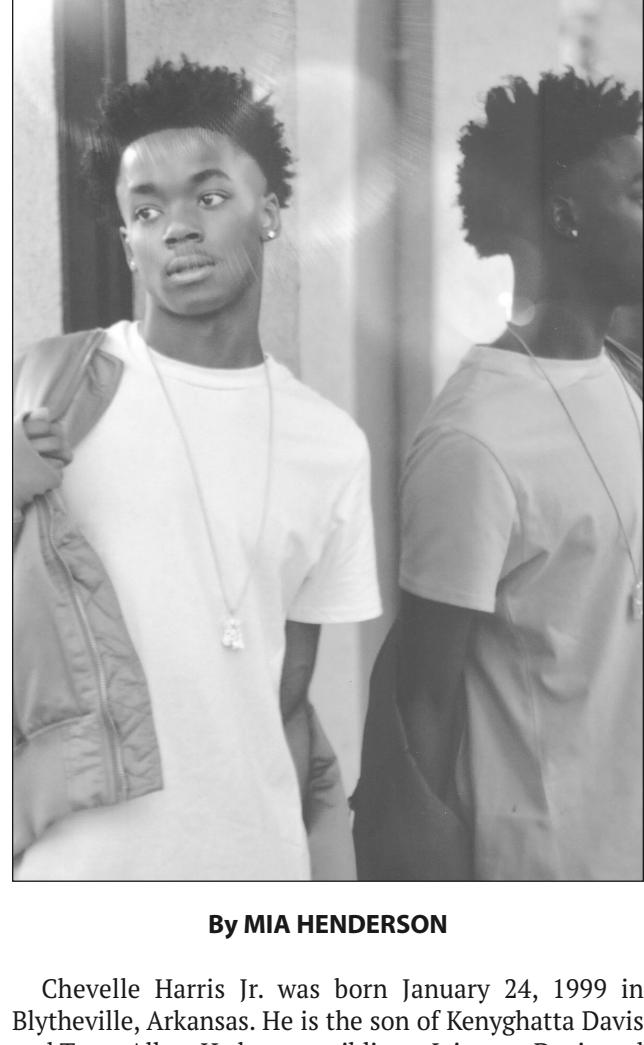


Students Kyle Randolph, Austin Johnson, Payton Cash, Kayla Burks, and Kaylee McKenney after competing in the T.O.P.S. competition.



Students Hannah Hardesty, Shelby Crosskno, and Blake McDaniel after competing in the T.O.P.S. competition.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: CHEVELLE HARRIS



By MIA HENDERSON

Chevelle Harris Jr. was born January 24, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas. He is the son of Kenyghatta Davis and Tracy Allen. He has two siblings: Jaiterrea Davis and Traiven Allen.

Chevelle runs track for GHS. His favorite event is the 110 meter hurdles. He is a member of Key Club and the LGBT community. He enjoys drawing and anything that has something to do with being creative.

"My new ideas and creative thoughts advance me in this world," says Chevelle as he explains why he calls himself innovative.

His greatest accomplishment has been putting forth sweat and tears to graduate with honors and still remaining the same throughout high school.

His best friends in high school have been Sharkerria Robinson and Raegan Henderson. "They honestly should have been my blood sisters."

Raegan Henderson replied, "I love Chevelle so much! I never knew I could meet someone who acts just like me. Our friendship is the true definition of "REAL"! I hope that we can add many more years onto our friendship."

His favorite teacher has been Mrs. Hendrix. "She's one of the most "chilliest" teachers ever."

Mrs. Hendrix replied, "Chevelle is a sweetheart and made chemistry so enjoyable everyday. He is such a talented artist and I look forward to seeing where his gifts take him. I will miss him when he graduates and wish him the very best! Congratulations. Love, Mrs. Hendrix."

Chevelle's favorite class in high school has been test prep study hour. "It was so useful to me and everyone else."

As Chevelle leaves GHS he'd like to be remembered as the most wittiest, creative, loud, smart, track star, and homecoming king.

After high school he plans on attending Pratt Institute to achieve his bachelors in Criminal Justice and study abroad.

What he said he'd miss the most is all the close relationships he had with the people he grew up with and how they won't be able to see each other as much anymore.

One lesson high school has taught Chevelle is to "bite his tongue."

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people. Pick a struggle" is the advice Chevelle gives to incoming freshmen from Eleanor Roosevelt.

To his parents, Chevelle says, "I love you guys. You encouraged me so much in life. I've never really known how to do much, but you guys led the way for me."

## Be Pro Be Proud Truck Stops at Gosnell

By MIA HENDERSON

Be Pro Be Proud truck visited Gosnell High School on February 1, 2017. Be Pro Be Proud is a semi-truck that visits different schools in Arkansas. The truck is equipped with games, videos, and hand on activities that allow students to experience a variety of technical careers firsthand.

Senior Johnathon Barron made the highest score on the virtual welding simulation. Not only did he beat the Gosnell students who participated, but his score was also higher than all of the other schools who participated.

Senior Tyla Hursey said, "I loved it so much. It made me start thinking more about my future."

Freshmen Austin Beasley said, "I



Pictured is senior Kyle Randolph.

liked the truck; it was fun and educational. My favorite part was the HVAC section."

The truck had simulations pertaining to jobs such as welding, carpentry, electricity, plumbing, etc.

## Long, Larkin chosen for All Star Dance

By ADDIE HATLEY

Seniors Cailyn Long and Lexi Larkin have been chosen for All Star Dance. The girls were nominated by coaches at dance competitions. The girls get to dance at UCA this summer and they receive a certificate.

Cailyn Long said, "I was really surprised when I heard that I got All Star, but I am very excited. I love to dance, so I'm happy that I get to do that one more time after graduation. I worked really hard for four years in dance and I am going to miss it so

much. I can't wait to represent Gosnell Pirates with the rest of the East All Star members and UCA."

Senior Lexi Larkin said, "I was extremely excited and honored that I got chosen. I can't wait to go dance at UCA!"

Dance coach Teri Long said, "Cailyn and Lexi always shine in every performance and display such great talent. Their hard work and dedication to the team has made them deserving of this honor. Their love and passion for dance is evident in all that they do. I am so proud they have been chosen to represent Gosnell High School."



All Star Dance selections Cailyn Long and Lexi Larkin