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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: TYLA HURSEY

By MIA HENDERSON

Tyla Jahkel Hursey was born on December 31, 1997 in Kennett, Missouri. She is the daughter of Dementria and James Hursey.

Tyla enjoys singing, drawing, shopping, playing video games, and texting friends. She also enjoys running track and playing volleyball. She is involved in Gosnell's FFA and FCCLA. Her greatest accomplishment and most memorable moment is whenever she sang her first solo.

One word she describes herself as is quiet. A quotation she lives by is "Keep Jesus in your life, and He will bless you."

Three things that are on her bucket list are to get married and have kids, to have a big wall of different shoes, and to be successful.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is winning the spirit stick. What she said she'd miss most after graduation is her friends. Being in high school has taught her is to not procrastinate.

As she leaves high school she'd like to be remembered as respectful, mannerable, and quiet. After graduation she plans on attending ANC.

Her best friends in high school have been Jordyn Duffy, Alyncia Boyd, Kourtney Riggs, Carrie Brooks, and Persia James.

Her favorite teacher has been Mrs. Carnal-Jones because "she will help you if you need help."

Mrs. Carnal-Jones replied, "Tyla has always been a very sweet young lady. She has a very beautiful smile. Whether in the classroom or in the hallway, she always smiles and says hi. I hope that Tyla gets everything out of life that she wants. Good luck, Tyla."



Advice she gives to incoming freshmen is to start off with good grades so you don't have to work hard later on.

To her parents, Tyla says, "I love you guys, and I just thank you for always being there for me."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: RAVEN BEAL

By PEYTON SULLINS



Raven Nicole Beal was born on December 21, 1998 in Memphis, Tennessee to Steve Beal and is the sibling of Jacob Beal and Brandy Landrum.

Raven's hobbies include singing, writing music and poetry, hanging out with friends, and going on choir trips. One word that best describes her is unique. "I don't believe anyone else is close to the same," she added.

To incoming freshmen, she says: "Work hard and don't goof off. These years will go by fast and you will miss every bit of it."

Raven's most memorable moment so far has been auditioning for "The Voice." "It really showed me how many people support my dreams," she says. Her most difficult challenge so far has been keeping calm when she really felt like screaming.

Her favorite things about being a senior are the easier classes and knowing that the people around her have matured. "We have all really grown to accept one another."

High school has taught her to not goof off. "You can't talk your way out of everything. Never let your anger get the best of you. Your education is more important," she added.

After graduating, Raven will miss walking through the halls and seeing her favorite teachers. She will also miss participating in Homecoming week.

After high school, Raven plans to go to Arkansas Northeastern College for two years, and later attend Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. When asked how she hopes to be remembered after she graduates, Raven responded: "Everybody won't remember me the same way, but I just hope they remember that I was always someone willing to help. I hope they remember me as my crazy, weird self."

Three things on Raven's bucket list include graduating, getting her dream job, and proving to everyone that she can accomplish everything she sets her mind to.

Her best friend throughout high school has been Kayla Holbrooks. "We've been friends since I was four. She has been there every step of the way for me and my family."

Kayla responded, "Raven has always been like a sister to me. We have been through so much together, and we have stuck by each other through it all. I'm so glad I have her to lean on while I'm growing up."

Mrs. Carter-Lee has been Raven's favorite teacher throughout high school. "She helped me so much throughout the years and treated me as her own. She was like a mother to me."

Mrs. Carter-Lee replied, "I have known Raven since she was in elementary school. I am very proud of the young lady she has become. Raven, God has big plans for your life. Set your goals and keep moving forward. Thank you for sharing music with me. Always remember I'm just a phone call away. Love you chickie!!"

Choir has been Raven's favorite class during high school. "I have always been in love with singing. Mrs. Carter-Lee helped me come out of my shell and helped me reach my goals and dreams."

To her Dad, Raven says: "You gave up everything just to take care of me and Bubba. We have not always gotten along, but you have always been here. Thank you for all you have done for me. I love you."

A quotation Raven lives by is: "Be yourself. People don't have to like you, and you don't have to care."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ABBY HURLEY

By PEYTON SULLINS

Abby Ryanne Hurley was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on October 15, 1998. She is the daughter of Paula and Mike Sneed, James and Kristie Stone, and Roland Greer and is the sibling of Alyssa, Kaylee, Kristian, Lee, and Lynn.

Abby enjoys hunting, working, softball, and watching Grey's Anatomy. She is a member of FCCLA, National Honor Society, and is Vice President of the Internship group.

She has received the award of "Student of the Year" at Arkansas Northeastern College, and she made it to state in FCCLA. Abby will also graduate as part of the Top Ten of this year's senior class.

One word that best describes Abby is determined. "I feel like if I want something, I won't stop until I get it. Even after all that I've been through, I still try to be the best person I can be," she commented.

To incoming freshmen, Abby says: "Sleep as much as you can. I promise you'll be thankful later."

Abby's greatest accomplishment so far was winning "Student of the Year" at Arkansas Northeastern College for her medical terminology and medical internship class. Her greatest challenge so far has been analytical essays. "I love Ms. Baker and her class, but those essays nearly ruin my life every time," she added.

Abby's favorite thing about being a senior is knowing that she is finally an adult. "Everything is so much more exciting this year because it's my last year." After she graduates, Abby will miss seeing her friends all day, every day.

High school has taught Abby to never change yourself or base your plans off anyone else. "In the end, you are the only person who will always have your back."

After high school, Abby plans to go to college to become a Registered Nurse and later attend medical school to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. Abby would like to be remembered at Gosnell High School as friendly. "I try to talk to anyone and everyone," she commented.

Three things on her bucket list include meeting McDreamy, becoming a heart surgeon, and traveling to all fifty states.

Her best friends throughout high school have been Alexis Mitchell, Taylor and Alexis Jones, and Brody Chandler. "Alexis was my first friend at Gosnell. She talked to me on my first day of class and made me feel at home. Taylor and Alexis are always by my side, no matter what. Brody has been my backbone and my best friend through everything. I love all of you."

Alexis Mitchell responded, "Abby was so shy the first day of class, but within a week's time we were best friends and she was no longer shy. We have had so many fun times, and I'm sure with our similar futures that we have planned we will still have great times, and I'm sure she will still have me



bring my entire closet to her while she's working so that she will have something "cute" to wear for whatever events we have planned. Thanks for being my best friend, noodle-head!"

Taylor responded, "Abby is a great friend. She always listens to everything that I have to say, no matter what it is or how long I have to talk. She is always a phone call away, and I'm so blessed to have her. I love you!"

Alexis Jones responded, "I have only known Abby for a little over a year, but I would do anything in the world for her, just like she would for me. She is one of the sweetest people that I know, and she is going to do the biggest things in life."

Brody commented, "Abby is a great person. I know she will make it very far in life. I love you!"

Ms. Baker has been her favorite teacher. She said, "She is so sweet and will help you with anything. She's so strong, and she is always in a good mood."

Ms. Baker commented, "Abby is a young lady I have taught in my AP English class the past two years. She is so sweet and a joy to have in my class. I wish her all the best in her future, and I hope that all of her dreams come true."

Abby's favorite class throughout high school has been Anatomy because it makes her even more excited to one day become a doctor.

To her parents, Abby says: "Thank you for supporting me in everything I do. I would not have anything if it weren't for you guys. Also, especially Grandma, thank you for taking care of me when no one else would."

Important Dates

April 13 – Lady Pirate Softball at Trumann at 4:30
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April 17 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Nettleton at 4:30
April 17 – Pirate Baseball vs. Walnut Ridge at 4:30
April 18 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Rivercrest at 4:30
April 18 – Pirate Baseball vs. Rivercrest at 4:00
April 20 – Lady Pirate Softball at Westside at 4:30
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April 21 – Lady Pirate Softball vs. Caruthersville at 4:30

Floriculture Corsage Project

By ADDIE HATLEY

With Prom season being upon us, the Floriculture class learned how to make corsages. Students had a total of two weeks for this project—one to learn the process and another to design their own corsage and present it to the class. They had to make two corsages, and the students were given the opportunity to use one as a souvenir or give to somebody or just keep it for themselves. Junior Carolee Coleman said, "It was a very cool experience, and for Mother's Day I am giving mine to my mom because it's a vintage style, and I thought it would be perfect for her!"

