



# Spyglass

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## Hemingway House Trip



By MIA HENDERSON

After reading the book *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, Ms. Baker's Senior AP English class and some of the National Honor Society members took a tour of the Hemingway House in Piggott, Arkansas where Hemingway wrote his famous novel. The students got to see where he lived and the studio where he wrote. Pictured are: (back row) Colin Crosskno, Colton Humble, Payton Cash, Tucker Thompson, Ronnie McShan, and Jordan Holifield, (middle row) Shelby Crosskno, Abby O'Neal, Peyton Sullins, Macie Cain, Callie Kennemore, and Faith King, (front row) Kayla Burks, Abby Ryan, Kaylee McKenney, Alexis Mitchell, Carrie Brooks, and McKenzie Kelley.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ALEXIS QUICK

By PEYTON SULLINS

Alexis Quick was born on March 20, 2000 at Great River Medical Center in Blytheville, Arkansas to Cynthia and Jason Quick. She is the sibling of Jason Quick Jr.

Alexis is a member of the Lady Pirate Basketball team. She also participates in FCS, FBLA, Key Club, French Club, and Beta Club.

One word that best describes Alexis is ambitious. "Every day, I strive to be successful, and I know that one day it will all pay off. I never give up on something I believe in."

To incoming freshmen, Alexis says: "Have fun! Don't stress over the little things. Don't take your friends for granted. You'll be graduating before you know it."

Alexis's most memorable moment was being saved. "It has changed my life for the better. I believe that I wouldn't have made it this far without the guidance from God," she added. Her most difficult challenge so far was losing her two-year-old cousin.

Alexis's favorite thing about being a senior is taking senior pictures. "When I was younger, I used to love seeing senior pictures, and now I'm taking them. Also, being a junior and a senior at the same time has been weird, but it's been fun!"

After graduating, Alexis will miss pep rallies and Friday night football games the most. High school has taught Alexis that not everyone is going to like you, and that it's okay. "Don't try to be someone that you're not to impress others. As for your grades, all you can do is your best, but don't underestimate how good your best is."

After high school, Alexis plans to attend college but is undecided about where she will be attending. She plans to go into the medical field and work with children.

She hopes to be remembered at Gosnell High School as "kind and outgoing." "I love helping people and being active in school," she added.

Three things on her bucket list include going skydiving, traveling out of the country, and being successful.

Austin Wren, Emma Weeks, and Brooke Roach have been Alexis's best friend throughout high school. "Austin has pushed me to do my best at all costs. Emma and Brooke are also my best friends at school because they make it a lot more fun."

Austin commented, "Alexis is the smartest girl that I know, and she is one of the best things that has happened to me lately. She is also the best tutor out there. I love you, Alexis!"



Emma commented, "Alexis and I go way back. We have been friends since elementary; we always played sports together, and we always find a way to have fun. I'm so proud of her determination, and I can't wait to see all that she will accomplish!"

Brooke commented, "Alexis and I have been friends since we were kids. We went to church together and played basketball together. I am proud of her for everything she's done, and I can't wait to see her succeed!"

Mrs. Wright has been her favorite teacher throughout high school. "She has taught me so much besides math. I will forever be grateful for her."

Mrs. Wright commented, "Smart, funny, beautiful, and kind are all words to describe Alexis. She is an excellent math student, meticulous in her work. It was truly a joy to have her in class. Alexis, I have missed you in class this year. I remember with a smile the note that you wrote me on a particularly hard day at school. Thanks for being so thoughtful. May God bless your future!"

Algebra II was Alexis's favorite class during high school. "I love math and all of my friends were in that class with me. I learned a lot and it helped me tremendously with college algebra."

To her parents, Alexis says: "Mom: Even if I sat here for years, I couldn't begin to express how thankful I am for you and how much I love you. Dad: We have had our differences, but I will always love you and I am thankful for you as well. Grandparents: All four of you have a heart of gold, and although you may not have much, each one of you have done everything that you could to make sure I have everything. I am beyond blessed to have you."

A quotation Alexis lives by is: "Someday, everything will make perfect sense. So for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason."

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: AUTUMN LOWE

By MIA HENDERSON

Autumn Lowe was born in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Stacey Pendergrast. She has two siblings, Carson Lowe and Justin Lowe.

Autumn enjoys walking and hanging out with friends and family. A special award and honor she received is making honor roll.

Words she describes herself as are beautiful, powerful, and outgoing. "God made me the way I am."

A quotation she lives by is "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face

and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their lands."

Her most memorable moment was becoming an aunt to a beautiful little baby girl.

Three things that are on her bucket list are to go diving, to go to Bora Bora, and to have her own house.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is graduating even though she says she's going to miss her friends the most. As she leaves GHS she'd like to be remembered as a great student.

One important lesson high school taught her is to always come to school and

always do your work.

Her best friend has been Lori Farone. "She has always been there for me and she's like my sister."

Lori replied, "We have helped each other move, gotten in trouble together and always end up watching horror movies whenever we hang out. To me she's the closest thing I have to a sister."

Advice she gives to incoming freshmen is to always stay positive and to always come to school.

To her mom, Autumn says, "I love you Mom so much. I am happy you are in my life and happy God made me your daughter."

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: MATTHEW MILLER



By PEYTON SULLINS

Matthew Lee Miller was born on October 2, 1998 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Jared and Connie Miller and is the sibling of Michael and Kaylee Miller.

Matthew participates in FBLA, FCCLA, and FCS. He is a member of the Gosnell Pirate Football and Baseball team, and he is a member of Bethany Baptist's Youth Group.

One word that best describes Matthew is determined. He commented, "If I really want something, I will work hard until I get it."

To incoming freshmen, Matthew says: "Have fun, do your homework, and most importantly, focus on the ACT."

Matthew's most memorable moment so far has been making All Conference for football and baseball. His most difficult challenge so far has been waking up and getting to school on time every day.

Matthew's favorite thing about being a senior has been not having as many classes as he did in the past. When he graduates, he will miss the Friday Night Lights and class games during Homecoming week the most.

High school has taught Matthew that you should not procrastinate. "Don't wait until the last minute to get something done," he added.

After high school, Matthew plans to become a coach, but he is undecided on what college he will be attending. Three things on his bucket list include finishing college, having a nice job, and someday living on a beach.

Matthew wants to be remembered at Gosnell High School as "a leader, not a follower."

Matthew's best friends throughout high school have been Austin Wren and Guy Bennett. "I have grown up playing baseball with them, and they're always good for a laugh."

Austin commented, "Matthew and I have been friends for a while now. From clowning in Mrs. Wright's class to long nights of baseball, he is definitely the funniest person I know."

Guy commented, "Matthew is a great friend that pushes me to do better in life. He is a great leader to follow."

Ms. Baker has been Matthew's favorite teacher throughout high school. "She is a sweet person and she teaches English well."

Ms. Baker responded, "Matthew is in my English IV class this year. He is a great student and a nice young man. I wish him happiness and much success in his future."

P.E. has been Matthew's favorite class throughout high school.

To his parents, Matthew says: "Thanks for always being there for me, and for making me feel like I could do anything that I set my mind to."

Matthew lives by a quotation by Sophia Nam: "If you have to think about it twice, you probably shouldn't do it."

