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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JACOB LINDSEY

By **ADDIE HATLEY**

Jacob Lindsey was born on May 28, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas.

He is the son of Jackie and Denise Lindsey. He has three other siblings: Morgan, Ethan, and Brynleigh Lindsey.

Some of his hobbies include video games and studying animals. He received the President's awards in 2011 and 2013.

One word he describes himself as is ambitious because "I want to succeed greatly in life." One quotation that he lives by in life is "There will always be a new day." He lives by that because it gives him hope.

His advice to incoming freshmen is "take your education seriously and just do your best." His greatest accomplishment or most memorable moment so far has been "when I went to Disney world with my friends."

His most difficult challenge so far has been high school itself. Three things on his bucket list are to get married, to have kids, and to help the planet.

His plans after high school are to go to ANC and then to a marine biology college. One important lesson that high school has taught him is that "teachers care about their students greatly and actually enjoy helping their students."

As he leaves Gosnell High School he would like to be re-

membered as a shy but very caring person. His best friend has been Jeremy Riggs because "he always talks to me every day, and we have the same hobbies."

His favorite teacher has been Mrs. Tina Godsey because "She was always fun and upbeat."

Mrs. Godsey said, "Jacob was a joy to have in class! He was always hard working and willing to go above and beyond! He is respectful and such a great kid! I can't wait to see what the future holds for him! Good luck Jacob in all that you do. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, and don't forget what all Mrs. America taught you!"

To his parents, he says, "Thanks for raising me all these



years. I may not show it, but I'm very grateful to have good parents. I also love you guys very much."

Senior Reflection

By **PEYTON SULLINS**

One day, you're a nervous, insecure, terrified freshman, walking through the halls of your first day of high school. You aren't sure where any of your classes are located, you can't seem to find any of your friends in the hallways, you've tried twelve times but you still can't get your locker open, and your biggest concern is, who will you be sitting with at lunch?

Suddenly, you're a sophomore in high school. You've lost most of your temporary "junior high" friendships and you have met a completely different group of people. You aren't scared anymore, but you have three long years ahead of you, and you're ready to give up. Then,

before you know it, you're a junior in high school. You're just waiting for the day that you can call yourself a senior. Your classes are the hardest they have ever been, your schedule is completely full, and what is free time? You don't know anymore. You regret not trying in a lot of your classes last year, so now you're taking AP classes to raise your GPA.

Now, you're finally a senior. You always heard that senior year would be the best, but you're stressed out and up to your eyeballs in scholarship applications. You're receiving college acceptance letters and you're getting ready to walk across the stage and receive a diploma that you spent thirteen years of your life working for.

High school, as we all know it, is not easy. You will lose friends, but you will also make new ones. You will have a couple of teachers who are

hard on you, but you must remember that they are trying to train you to be good workers in the future and all they want is for you to succeed. You will start high school scared, nervous, and immature, and before you know it, you will be a senior in high school. You will finally know who you are, what you want to do in your future, and you can proudly look back at your high school career and see all of your accomplishments.

To freshmen, sophomores, and juniors: High school is hard, but you can't give up. You must keep working for what you want. Nothing will be handed to you, there will be nights when you are up until 3 a.m. studying for Coach Davis's AP American History test, or Mrs. Wright's Pre-Cal test, but if you put in the right amount of hard work and dedication, you will succeed.

Always be yourself and don't be embar-

assed to do the things that you strive for or enjoy. If you think writing for the school newspaper is something you'd enjoy, sign up and see how it goes.

If you would like to have a leadership role, join clubs, run for Student Council or a class office, and offer your ideas and talents. The possibilities are endless. There are so many ways to get involved and make a difference.

Overall, try your best, give it your one-hundred percent, and never slack off. The hard work that seems endless right now, will one day, end. Would you rather go through high school not trying and approach your senior year failing, or try your best and be able to look back on all that you've accomplished and will accomplish in the future? Be yourself and set goals, and you will be successful in all that you do.



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By **PEYTON SULLINS**

Gosnell High School Senior Kourtney Riggs signed with Crowley's Ridge College to play college basketball on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Kourtney says that she has been preparing for this moment since seventh grade year.

Kourtney is excited to be continuing her basketball career at the next level, but she will miss her teammates at Gosnell and miss the crowd that cheered her

on while she was playing. She has also faced obstacles throughout her high school basketball career. "A hard obstacle that I have faced was getting through my grandmother's death, but I believe that basketball helped me get through it and has made me a better person today," she commented.

Kourtney added, "Basketball has taught me to be a humble, responsible, and hard-working person. I can't wait to be able to expand my game in college while receiving an education."

Z'Kiah Kuykendall wins runner-up in Interscholastic Star Competition

By **PEYTON SULLINS**

Gosnell High School Junior Z'Kiah Kuykendall participated in the Interscholastic Star Competition in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 12, 2017. The Interscholastic Star competition is for high school juniors around the state of Arkansas that participate in sports and who would like to further their skills. While there, the students are interviewed and compete for the "top five" places and compete to win scholarships.

To participate, Z'Kiah was chosen by her school. Z'Kiah added, "This scholarship represents the three A's and if someone at your school feels like you are actively involved in school activities, have good adaptability skills to meet challenging situations with courage, perseverance, and commitment, and an attitude of cooperation and dependability then you will be selected."

One person from each school is chosen and there is no way to prepare for the event. "You just have to go in the interviewing room, relax, and completely be yourself," she added.

The competition has taught Z'Kiah many new skills that she will use in her future endeavors. "This competition has taught me that I am being noticed. My hard work is being seen, therefore I need to keep working hard and inspiring others. Everyone there was so encouraging and uplifting," Z'Kiah commented.

Z'Kiah plans to continue playing sports at a college level. She hopes to pursue either basketball or track. She added, "I want to be an oncologist as well so I will work hard to be the best I



Z'Kiah Kuykendall

can be in whichever sport I pursue while working for my career, but no matter how much you think you have your future planned out, God is the best answer, so ultimately, I just let him lead the way."

Her favorite thing about the competition was how genuinely nice the judges were and how they made her feel comfortable while talking to them. Talking to the judges at the competi-

tion has taught Z'Kiah to always be herself, and she will succeed. "I have learned that no matter what, always be yourself. People will respect, admire, and love you more for you when you are yourself. Also, it has taught me that all hard work and talent doesn't go unnoticed, so no matter how tough it is, keep pushing. Someone is always watching, so be the best you," she says.



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