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Back Row: Tyler Jewell, Blake McDaniel, Colin Crosskno, David Brown, and Alex Miles. Front Row: McKenzie Kelley, Shelby Crosskno, Alexis Smith, and Macie Cain at the Little Rock Center for the State FBLA Competition.

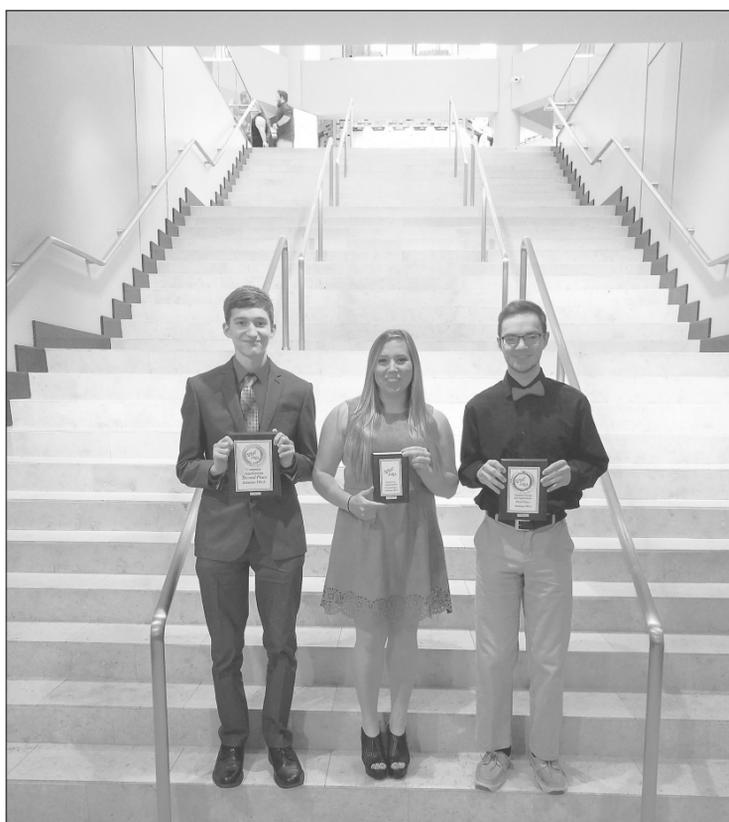
Gosnell FBLA students win big at state, heading to nationals

By PEYTON SULLINS

The FBLA organization at Gosnell High School attended State FBLA Competition in Little Rock, Arkansas on Monday, April 3, 2017 through Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

At the State Competition, Senior Alex Miles placed second in Computer Applications, Senior Colin Crosskno placed third in Database Design, and Senior Macie Cain placed fourth in Healthcare Administration. They will be attending the National Competition in Anaheim, California, on June 29–July 2.

Senior Colin Crosskno commented, “I was relieved when I realized I was going to Nationals because I wasn’t sure how I did on the event. Making it to the next level is motivation to try hard to improve my abilities even more. It is my third year in a row to make it to the National level at FBLA, and I am very thankful for the opportunity. This is also the first time Gosnell had three people make it to Nationals during the same year. I’m looking forward to representing our school with my friends.”



Alex Miles, Macie Cain, and Colin Crosskno show off their State FBLA competition award plaques.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KIANNA HANDFORD

By MIA HENDERSON

Kianna Me’Kale Handford was born December 10, 1998 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Steve Handford and Sandra Meade. She has three siblings: Jacque Handford, Jordan Handford, and Jada Handford.

Kianna’s hobbies are being posted up at Walmart with her crew and jamming out with Haley.

A word she describes herself as is friendly. “I love people even if I don’t know you I’ll talk to you like I’ve known you forever.”

“Do whatever makes you happy and never care what others think” is a quotation that she lives by.

Three things that are on her bucket list are to go sky diving, to ride in an airplane, and to travel the world.

Her favorite thing about being a senior is being a step away from being out of high school. As she leaves high school she wants to be remembered as the person who made everyone laugh. What she said she’d miss most after graduation is her school friends.

One important lesson high school taught her is to not procrastinate. After high school she plans on attending Astate or UCA and majoring in sports medicine and physical therapy.

Her best friends in high school has been Camajae Brown and Kevion Soward. “Me and Majae have been friends since kindergarten. She has always been there for me regardless of the situation, and Kevion and I have been friends for a while but the last two years we have gotten so close. I can count on him whenever.”

Camajae replied, “Every friendship has its good and bad moments, but our good outweigh the bad. There’s never a dull moment when we’re together. That’s my bestie for the restie.”

Kevion replied, “We’ve been through good and bad times through life, but we will always remain best



friends for life.”

Her favorite teacher has been Mrs. Emily Gurley. “She is seriously like my 2nd mom! She has pushed me every step of the way! I don’t know what I would do without her.”

Mrs. Gurley replied, “Kianna will always have a special place in my heart. I have spent many hours talking with her about her school work and life choices and sometimes she actually listens to the advice I give her. I know if she puts her mind to it Kianna can do great things. I will always be there to cheer her on. I love you Ki.”

Her favorite class has been art with Mr. Robinson. “We have a love hate relationship. One day I could hate him and the next he can be my favorite person in the world. I can always count on his class to make my day.

Advice Kianna gives to incoming freshmen is to do what you have to do and don’t play around because it’ll all be worth it in the end.

To her parents, Kianna says, “Mom, and the rest, thank you for pushing me although it has been so hard. Everything y’all have taught me I will carry on with me throughout life.”

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BLAKE HOSKINS



By ADDIE HATLEY

Tyler Blake Hoskins was born on July 29, 1999 in Blytheville, Arkansas. He is the only child of Tiffany and Chance Hoskins. Some of his hobbies and interests include football, FFA, trap, and hunting. Blake has received State Trap competition awards throughout the years.

One word that best describes him is laid back because “I’m really easy going.” His advice to incoming freshmen is “worry more about school work than trying to fit in with the crowd.”

A quotation that he lives by is “everyone wants to be a beast until it’s time to do what beasts do.”

His greatest accomplishment or most memorable moment is qualifying for State trap competition five years in a row.

His most difficult challenge so far has been fighting for a starting spot on the football team.

Three things on his bucket list are go to Hawaii, play a down of professional football, and drive a Lamborghini.

Blake enjoys having a lot of free time this school year. Although he is looking forward to graduating, he says he will miss the Friday night lights and the trap competitions.

After graduation Blake plans to attend ANC to attain his two year degree and transfer to a four year college.

As he leaves Gosnell High School he would like to be remembered as a good friend, classmate, and a brother to his football and trap team.

His best friend through high school has been Carolee Coleman because “all the good times and support she shows me in all that I do!”

Carolee Coleman replied, “He is truly a blessing to me! I couldn’t imagine life without him. We have had the best times together I will never forget. I will love you and stand by you every step of the way.”

His favorite teacher has been Mrs. Moore because “she is pretty outgoing, and we have gotten close through the years.”

Mrs. Moore replied, “Congratulations Blake! You have come a long way, and I am so proud of you for sticking with it! Keep your head in the game. Finish strong and you will be successful. Good luck and may God bless you in your future plans!”

To his parents, he says, “Thank you Mom and Dad for all you have done for me through the years. Thanks for pushing me to be the best I can be both in academic and sports.”

Important Dates

April 30 – Choir Concert at 3:30 p.m. in HS Auditorium
May 1-3 – 9th and 10th Graders will take the ACT Aspire Assessment
May 4 – GHS Academic Awards Assembly at 8:30 a.m. in the HS Auditorium
May 4 – Jr/Sr Banquet for Juniors and Seniors only at 7:00 p.m.
May 5 – GHS Scholarship Assembly at 12:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium
May 12 – Graduation at 8:00 p.m.

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