

Crittenden County High School

Class of 2010

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The members of Crittenden County High School class of 2010 celebrated the end of their high school careers by tossing their graduation caps into the air Friday night after the commencement ceremony. Eighty students listened as Superintendent Rachel Yarbrough gave the commencement address and the five valedictorians gave their speeches.



PHOTOS BY PAMELA STRINGER
Left, Mary Rachel Sephens plays with her cousin Sammie Jo Quisenberry's graduation cap tassel. Above, Michael Thomas, Dylan Thornton, Zach Tinsley and Courtney Todd listen to the valedictory addresses.

Graduates with honors

Valedictorian

In Crittenden County, any students who maintain the highest grade-point average, or GPA, in their graduating class are honored as valedictorians. In the case of this year's five valedictorians, all had a perfect 4.0 GPA by earning nothing but As throughout their entire four years in high school.

Salutarian

Salutarians in Crittenden County are honored for having achieved the ranking of second-highest GPA.

Commonwealth Diploma

State qualifications for a Commonwealth Diploma require that a student take Advanced Placement courses

(one English, one science or math, one foreign language and one elective) and sit for the Advanced Placement exam in at least three of the four areas.

College Prep Diploma

A district honor only, College Prep Diplomas are just below the state standard, requiring students to have taken advanced English their junior year, Advance Placement senior English, four sciences, two foreign languages and a computer technology class.

Honor Graduate

Any senior who has earned a 3.5 GPA or higher during their high school career is considered an honor graduate.

Honor Graduates

Victoria Baker, Justin Bane, Hannah Brantley, Elizabeth Brown, Dylan Clark, Brennan Cruce, Shirley Hackney, Catherine Hughes, Elizabeth Kirby, Allen Kirk, Erika Leet, LaShea Loveless, Jaizhi Lu, Jennifer Nesbitt, Patrick Nielsen, Talley Nix, Nhut Phan, Alyssa Qualls, Tyler Starrett, Chad Taylor, David Walker, Misty Wallace.

Commonwealth Diploma

Victoria Baker, Elizabeth Brown, Catherine Hughes, Talley Nix.

College Prep Diploma

Victoria Baker, Hannah Brantley, Elizabeth Brown, Kadey Heidrich, Logan Owen, Alyssa Qualls, Hillary Wright.

Salutarian

Elizabeth Brown

Valedictorians

Victoria Baker, Hannah Brantley, Catherine Hughes, Talley Nix, Alyssa Qualls



Leana Riley poses with her family as a family member takes some video of the festivities Friday night.

Valedictorian: Alyssa Qualls

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Usually valedictory addresses are mushy and emotional, but anyone who knows me knows that I am not mushy or emotional. I'm not going to repeat what the four other valedictorians have said tonight. Those who have helped me get to where I am today know who they are. Usually valedictory addresses are written about what they are going to miss about high school, but mine is written on what I will be glad to leave behind. So tonight I am going to bring humor into this arena. So I want you to take a day in the life of a high school student.

Hallway Rush

Road rage? Forget that, there is more to be angry about in the hallway of the high school. You need a blinker every time you exit a classroom and head out into the hall. You have to be the first one out of class to head off the crowd. In other schools, they have entrance and exit halls. Maybe that is what we need. Don't get me started on the oh-so-sweet people roaming the halls. You have the couples, the freshmen, the jocks and those who just don't care about class at all. Don't you just love 'em?

First, the couples hold hands and walk each other to class nonchalantly. I'm behind saying, "excuse me," but they are so caught up in "teenage love" that they can't hear me.

Secondly, there are the freshmen. They have no clue what is going on, so they walk slowly to see which classroom is theirs. They don't want to bump into upperclassmen, yet they walk as slow as cold molasses.

Thirdly, the jocks. They like to hang out in the main hallway, right in front of the window. Enough said.

Finally, you have those who just don't care. They walk unaware of the world around them, and you can't go around them because there is a flood of people coming toward you and you will get trampled. With all these people blocking the hall, I'm amazed how a cockroach can get through.

Book Stop

Now that you have made it through the halls, sort of, it is time to stop for a short time at your locker. Good luck. Oh, wait, you can't. There are about six people blocking you from getting to your combination.

Once again, you have the slow-moving couple, the person who doesn't know what he is doing and the person with all the underclassmen friends.

The couple just stands there, oblivious about anything around them. They are glued to each other while getting

books and closing the locker, all the while blocking me from mine.

Then you have the guy who doesn't know what books he needs for the next class. He just stands in front of his locker with a puzzled look on his face. While he is dazed, the "popular" senior has tons of underclassmen around. They don't use their own locker, they use hers. They all crowd around waiting for their books to be handed out to them. It's a miracle you even get to class on time.

Yeah Lunch

Off to lunch. Now it's time to wait 10 minutes in line for the best food ever, yeah right, and then you have to hear about everyone's latest drama.

I don't see how hard it is for people to grab food, punch in a number and go. It must be harder for some people than others. You wait and wait, and by the time you get up to the food, you don't want anything. The pizza is greasy and the fries are either too crunchy or too soft. You have to eat, so you get the pizza anyway.

Lunch table. So-and-so is in a fight with her boyfriend. So-and-so is mad at a teacher. So-and-so wants to quit her job. Lovely lunch room discussion. They talk to you about their problems, you offer advice because they want to know your opinion.

"Well that is stupid," or "that won't work," are some of the responses you get.

Why bother asking me if you aren't going to even consider my advice? They are going to do whatever they want anyway, no matter how good your advice is. At least you get to look forward to different problems tomorrow.

Parking Lot

In the afternoon, people love to hang out in the parking lot. Why? What is the big attraction?

These people can't wait to get home, but then after school they stay in the parking lot for

About Alyssa

Name... Alyssa Marie Qualls

Nickname... Fred, Quail, Pheonix

Age... 17

Parents... Holly Qualls

Favorite Memory...

Throwing rocks in gym class with Sam, Tractor, Meg and Sisco. You had to be there!

Post-graduation plans...

Attend Madisonville Community College to obtain associate's degree in applied science in radiography

Dream job...

X-ray technician at Western Baptist Hospital. One day an ultrasound technician

Favorite school subject...

English

Favorite music...

Country

Favorite TV show...

That '70s Show or Two and a Half Men

Favorite movie...

10 Things I Hate About You

Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)...

JFK. After going to Dallas and learning about his death and his short ca-



reer, it would be amazing to sit and listen to his ideas.

What does being valedictorian mean to you...

Being valedictorian means I accomplished my goal. Freshman year I had the mind set that I was going to be valedictorian. Four years later I accomplished my goal and I share it with four amazing friends.

Where would you like to be at 40...

I would like to be settled down in my life. I hope to have a loving husband and three great kids. I hope to have obtained my bachelor's degree and have a job as an ultrasound technician. I hope to have a house of my own and very little, if any, financial problems. It's hard to think that far ahead, but that is where I would like to be.

10 minutes. You get to your car, finally, and everyone is hugging and talking. Why won't they leave?

You try to leave, but a whole group of kids walks right out in front of you, and they just keep coming. Like they care if a foot gets ran over. Move out of the way!

As soon as you are able to leave, everyone else apparently

decides to as well. Now there is a traffic jam and you move an inch every two minutes. Hey, at least you move. So much for making a clean, quick getaway.

I know many of you have been affected by some part of this or you have done some of this. In short, I just wanted this night to be memorable for everyone. Thank you and congrats to the class of 2010!

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Valedictorian: Talley Nix

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, hello and welcome to the commencement ceremony for the graduating class of 2010.

There are so many people who got us to where we are at the moment. On the behalf of my class, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our family, friends, teachers, school staff and the community for all of the support you have offered us throughout our school careers.

Most importantly, I would like to thank God for all of the blessings He has poured upon us throughout our lives.

When I started preparing this speech, I had no clue where to begin. I wanted to stand up here and say things that would inspire my classmates, and maybe even some members of the audience, to go out and do great things with their lives. The thing is, I can't. I am merely a naive eighteen-year-old, almost fresh out of high school, as scared to death as everyone else. All I have to offer you are the bits of advice that have influenced me along this crazy roller coaster of life.

To begin, a great cheerleading coach by the name of Michelle Orr repeatedly drilled into my memory, "you're on time if you are 15 minutes early; you're late if you are on time." I'm not sure, but I think she might have stolen this concept from Coach Boone from Remember the Titans.

Making this advice a rule of life has helped me succeed in so many ways. It not only ap-

plies to one's everyday schedule, but one's life plan in general. Always stay a step ahead of the game. Keep some cushion room that allows for mess-ups and mistakes because let's all face it, we are only human! By preparing for setbacks, we will actually gain more success.

The second bit of advice that has influenced me came from my mother. She has always told me, "don't go burning bridges." Figuratively speaking of course, my mom didn't want me to damage a relationship with someone because you never know when you are going to need that person in life. I'm sure that many of you have the mindset that after you walk out those doors tonight, you will never see these people again. You rant and rave about how ready you are to be out of little ole' Marion and on to bigger and better things. Just because you leave doesn't mean you are never coming back.

In fact, I'm sure many of you will be surprised how much you really do love this little town once you're gone. Plus, just because you aren't in Marion, doesn't mean that you will not have contact with people that you really don't like.

Just take the advice offered in Matthew, chapter 5 verse 44: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Lastly, take the advice of Brother Curtis Franklin. He reminds many of us every Sunday that, "God is good all the time, and all the time God is

About Talley

Name... Talley Michelle Nix

Age... 18

Parents... Ronnie and Deana Nix

Favorite Memory... There are so many! I'd have to say cheering football season my junior year with a five-girl squad. The games were fun and we became so close.

Post-graduation plans... Western Kentucky University to major in exercise science

Dream job... Physical therapist at a children's hospital or stroke unit

Favorite school subject... Math or yearbook

Favorite music... Country

Favorite TV show... One Tree Hill

Favorite movie... Sixteen Candles

Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)... JFK because his life



was so fascinating! Everything he did was so "scandalous" for a president.

What does being valedictorian mean to you... For the past four years of my life I have applied myself to my potential and worked hard to learn all I could at CCHS.

Where would you like to be at 40... I would like to be back in this area near my family. I hope to have a job as a local physical therapist. My plan is to be married with three kids. I would also love to be involved with little league cheerleading.

good." No matter where we end up in life, we can always depend on Him to be our home. With His grace and love, all things are possible. No matter how big of a mess-up we have, or how far we run from this little town, God will always love us and have mercy on us for our actions. In closing, I would like to

say congratulations to the class of 2010. We did it! We never thought this day would get here, and now that it has, it is surreal. I personally would like to thank everyone for making my high school years so memorable and wish everyone good luck in whatever your next step is in life. Thank you.



Andrew Loveless poses with his family for a picture after Friday's commencement ceremony at Rocket Arena.

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To all of our area graduates go sincere best wishes for a happy and successful future.

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Torey Baker

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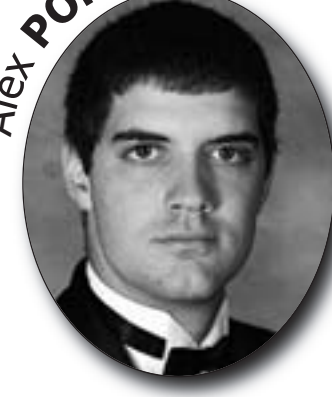
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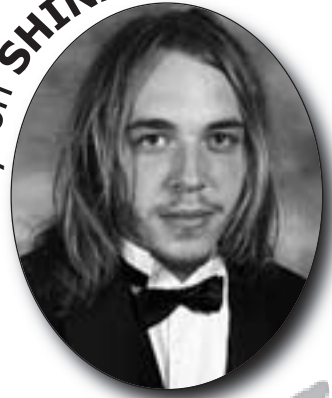
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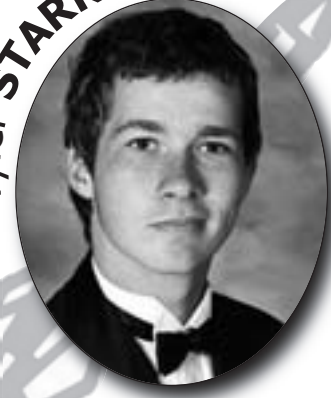
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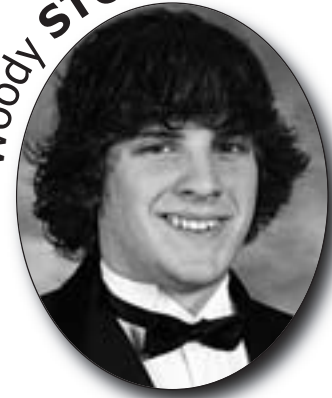
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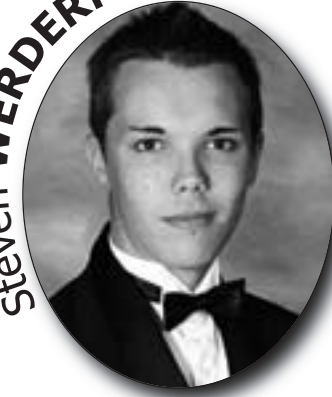
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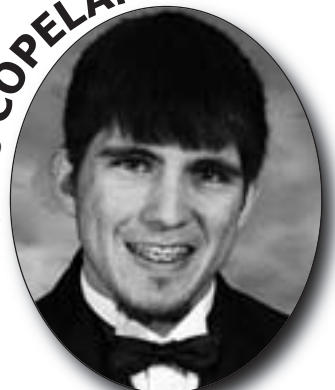
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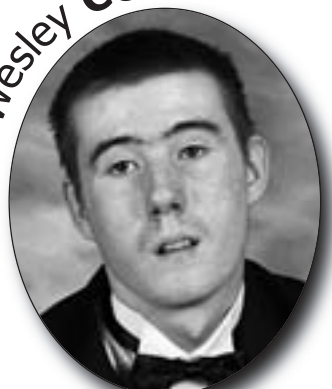
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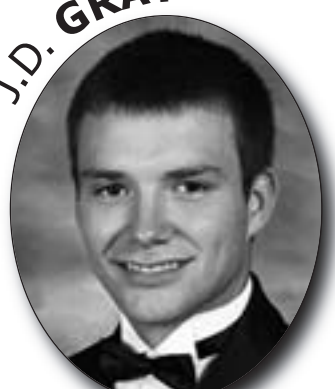
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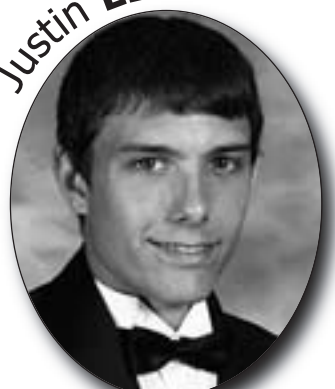
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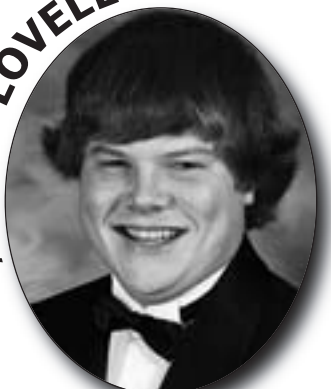
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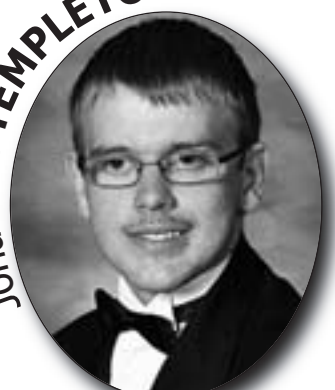
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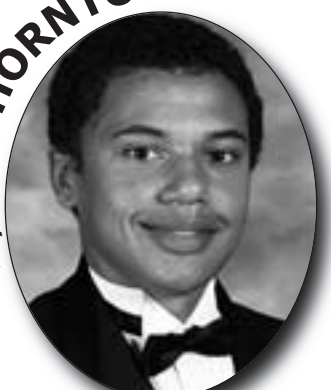
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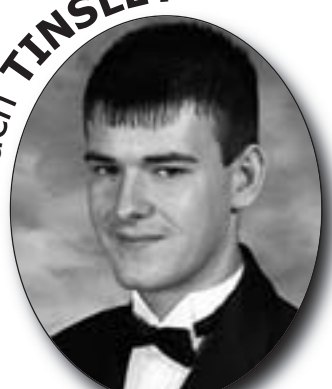
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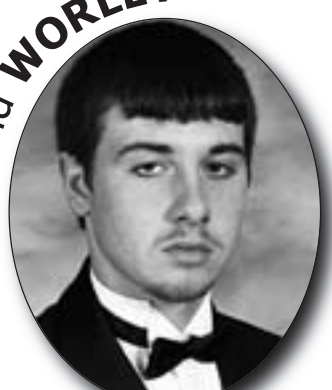
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U.S. Marine Corps Awards.....	Talley Nix
	Dylan Clark
	Hannah Brantley
	Tyler Starrett
University of Kentucky.....	Hillary Wright
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Transylvania University.....	Tyler Starrett
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	Brennan Cruce
	Jake Miller
	Alyssa Qualls
	Chad Taylor
	Misty Wallace

Valedictorian: Catherine Hughes

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

The Class of 2010 has always proved themselves to be very unique in every aspect. We are different because we are the first Class of 10 in 100 years.

The Class of 2010 is unique because we have some of the last students to attend Tolu Elementary. The Class of 2010 has three students entering the military and many more attending colleges all across the nation.

Ladies and gentlemen, the class before you tonight is not an ordinary group of students, because we are survivors, leaders and explorers.

Graduates, if you look around you will notice that there are several of your classmates who have survived some sort of adversity. The most obvious would be Michael Thomas and Layten Maxfield. Both of them have undergone physical pain, yet they are still here with us tonight.

Even though we have not all suffered physical trials, we are still survivors. Each of you sitting on the floor tonight have gone through 12 years of school to get to this point and you can each agree with me that some of those days were difficult. Therefore, each member of the Class of 2010 is a survivor.

Secondly, the members of this class are leaders. As a class we have people who are involved in almost every activity the school offers.

Graduates, our class has

leaders in FFA, yearbook, FBLA, band, football, basketball, student council and many other activities. There are graduates here tonight who have participated in the Governor's Scholars Program, the APES program and the Academic Team.

The term leader does not solely apply to those with the title of president or captain though; each of you is a leader, because there is someone who looks to you for guidance. Graduates, never forget that the Class of 2010 is a class of leaders.

Lastly, our class has always been eager to explore the world. As a class we went to Frankfort in fourth grade, Washington, D.C., in eighth grade, and Dallas, Texas just a few weeks ago. In addition to that we have had several classmates to travel to other exotic places, whether through the school or on their own.

There are six graduates here tonight who have traveled to Europe with the Horizons club, and many others who went to New York with the Gifted and Talented program. In addition to being survivors and leaders, the graduates of 2010 are explorers.

Fellow graduates, being a survivor, leader and explorer in high school is not enough. You must each take the skills and knowledge you have gained here and apply it to your future endeavors.

I urge each and every one of you to continue to be sur-

About Cathy

Name... Catherine Hughes

Nickname... Cathy

Age... 17

Parents... Millie Hughes and Albert Hughes

Favorite Memory... A memory that will always stick with me is the feeling of freedom I had when standing on top of Conway Castle in Wales.

Post-graduation plans... Berea College with a major in English education (9-12)

Dream job... English teacher in a small, close-knit town

Favorite school subject... English

Favorite music... Most anything but rap or country suits me, but I mainly listen to contemporary Christian

Favorite TV show... Glee

Favorite movie... Rent



Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)... Louisa May Alcott or Frank McCourt. They are both excellent authors.

What does being valedictorian mean to you... This is a goal I have had for myself for quite some time. It feels good to check it off my list.

Where would you like to be at 40... I would like to be well and settled into a school system with a family that loves and supports me.



Alyssa Qualls, Hannah Brantley and Patrick Nielsen survey the aftermath of the silly string fun after the Crittenden County High School graduation ceremony Friday night at Rocket Arena.



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Top, a group of graduates and a teacher pose for a picture after Friday’s commencement ceremonies. Above left, J.D. Gray shares a moment of congratulations with familyt. Above right, Rachel Cook and Olivia Adams spray each other with silly string at the end of the comencement ceremony.



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Valedictorian: Hannah Brantley

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Good Evening ladies and gentlemen. First and foremost I would like to thank God for giving us this day to celebrate this momentous occasion. Second, I would like to thank each and everyone of you in the audience for coming here tonight to support the graduates. Many have traveled long distances, and we all greatly appreciate the commitment that has been shown toward us. Finally, I would like to thank the faculty and staff for all they have done for each of us. Regrettably, we do not thank you all enough for all that has been done to help ensure us a better education. To my family, I would like to thank you for your support in all I have accomplished. Whether it was regarding education or sports you all have always been behind me 100 percent. I may not express my gratitude enough, but I guarantee it is in my heart. To all of my coaches, elementary on up, I thank you for pushing me to be the best I could be. Sports have taught me many life lessons, and I thank each of you for that.

I have been planning this speech for 11 years. My sister, Beth, gave her valedictory address in '99. My brother, John, also gave his in '06. Now, in 2010, I will stand and give mine as well. Some have asked if it was a competition...yes, yes it was. As a freshman it was my ultimate goal to be one of the valedictorians for the class of 2010. I, like my siblings, have completed the goal that I had set.

School has always come

first, and my success was due to my parents. I have always been taught that an education will take me much farther than sports ever will. Thank you Mom and Dad for making sure my priorities were in the right spot.

I would like to take a second and thank a few of the faculty who have motivated me in some shape or form. To the Hodges, thank you for always pushing me to my limits. Both of you expected me to be a leader when others would not. I will take this with me through life. Mr. Hopkins, if you're here tonight, thank you for giving me my first B. It made me realize I couldn't afford to slack if I was to follow in my brother and sister's footsteps. Mr. Hollamon, thank you for intimidating me. I made sure all of my homework was done before I ever entered the classroom. To the rest, thank you for holding me to high standards. All that I have learned here at Crittenden County I will take with me to overcome life's challenges.

Now, to the graduates – I would like to congratulate each and every one of you. To the four young ladies sitting up here with me tonight, well done. Eli, Ballard doesn't count. In our hearts you should be up here as well. To the honor students, I applaud you all. It is an honor to have a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout high school, and you should be proud of yourselves.

We started off as freshmen with close to 100 in our class. As the years passed, our numbers decreased. I praise you for completing what others did

About Hannah

Name... Hannah Brantley

Age... 18

Parents... Del and Betty Brantley

Favorite Memory... Going to New York City during my eighth-grade year.

Post-graduation plans... Western Kentucky University majoring in exercise science

Dream job... Working with athletes and helping coach sports

Favorite school subject... Science

Favorite music... Country

Favorite TV show... NCIS

Favorite movie... Sweet Home Alabama

Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)... Abraham Lincoln



because I would love to hear some of the speeches he gave.

What does being valedictorian mean to you...
Being valedictorian to me means I accomplished what few have, and I met high standards in education.

Where would you like to be at 40... At 40, I would like to be doing physical therapy and coaching.

not. We will all walk away from here tonight as the graduating class of 2010. I won't make this speech long, I know the audience gets restless and the graduates are anxious to move their tassels over.

Due to recent events, my perspective on life has been altered. My baby niece was born with a severe heart defect on May 10. Watching her fight against the odds made me realize there is much more to life than a GPA or a ball game. My

advice is short and simple. One, Live like there's no tomorrow, for tomorrow is not guaranteed. Two, Laugh until you cry – don't get caught up in the negatives of this world. Three, Love with all your heart, and never let anything go unsaid. Finally, always put family first. I hope you will take my advice wherever life takes you. Congratulations class of 2010, and may God bless you wherever you go.

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Valedictorian: Torey Baker

VALEDICTORY SPEECH

Fellow students, parents, faculty and honored guests, for those who know me best, softball is a great passion in my life. Ever since the seventh grade I have played with the Lady Rockets high school team, and every season I strive NOT to be a mediocre player.

Every season I focus to stretch farther from first base in order to catch more balls; I sacrifice more as I hit the dirt in a dive for a grounder; and I work to learn each aspect of my position so that I may play it as error-free as possible. Most importantly though, every season I step up to home plate and face the opposing team's pitcher.

When I step in that box the surrounding world fades away; and all that's left are me, God and the pitcher. I step in, confident that I can smack that ball right back to the pitcher so hard she will have no chance to stop me. However, doubt seeps into the back of my head like a fog clouding my vision, making it difficult to keep that goal in mind.

A few seconds in the batter's box can feel like an eternity. As I finish a quick prayer to the good Lord above, the world slows down as the pitcher goes through her motions and throws the ball. Instruction and repetition have prepared me for my next course of action.

With a powerful thrust of my lower body and my hands exploding towards the ball the only sound in my world is one large CRACK! The ball goes flying, and the rest is easy. All that's left is to run to first, second, third and then home.

For the past 13 years we have been standing in the batter's box waiting for that perfect

pitch at which to swing. We have been taught; we have been preparing; and we have been going over each step repeatedly as the day of our graduation has slowly crept its way towards us.

Now class of 2010, we have finally received that pitch we've been waiting for. We have waved the fog of fear and doubt out of our view, focusing on the prize. We have now hit the ball, and at last we feel the sweet sensation of accomplishing what we have been training to do. We are graduating at last.

After tonight we will begin phase two of this game: we will run towards the goal. We've hit the ball, we've graduated, and now it's time to run.

However, in life it's not as simple as running from first to second and so forth. The game of life has more than one possible path to take.

Now that we have to run, the question is to where do we run?

We look to God and ask Him those questions because our Creator has already gone before us. He knows exactly what is in store for our futures. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

This world is full of choices and consequences. Our education has prepared us for college or the work force, but God is there to take our hands and lead us in the right direction.

If you have decided to trust your life to God then He will show you the way. Our Savior walks with us as we are about to walk through those doors into a new place just like He walked with me when I first

About Torey

Name... Victoria Suzanne Baker

Nickname... Torey, Lefty, Tuberculosis

Age... 18

Parents... Reese and Susan Baker

Favorite Memory... My favorite memory is going to Patti's with my friends for our annual Christmas celebration!

Post-graduation plans... I plan to attend Lindsey Wilson College, and I am undecided on a major.

Dream job... Broadway star

Favorite school subject... English or US history

Favorite music... Contemporary Christian

Favorite TV show... Psych

Favorite movie... Sherlock Holmes or the Lion King

Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)... I would like to meet Lucille Ball. She is the star of one of my favorite



shows, and she is a legend. I want to ask her how she overcame everyone's expectations. I want to ask how she was able to become one of the best actresses in history despite people telling her she would never become a star.

What does being valedictorian mean to you...

Being valedictorian is proof to me that I can succeed at whatever I put my mind to. It means that all my hard work and dedication have paid off, and I am proud to be a valedictorian for the class of 2010.

Where would you like to be at 40... Wherever God tells me to be.



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At top, the 2010 graduates move their tassels from right to left after they received their diplomas and officially graduated. Above, Allen Kirk gives a classmate a hug after the ceremony is over.

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Salutatorian: Elizabeth Brown

SALUTATORY SPEECH

H ello everyone and thank-you for coming tonight. As I look into the faces of my fellow graduates, I see a group that I have come to know and love. As I look into the faces of the audience, I see a few familiar faces and the rest, strangers. My family moved to Crittenden County about two years ago, so many of you may not know who I am, therefore you wouldn't know much about me.

One thing that most would not know, and the basis for this speech, is that I love Elvis Presley! My grandmother was kind of obsessed with him, my father liked him, so the tradition was passed on to me. One of my favorite songs of his would be "If I Can Dream."

This song I believe was just a bit ahead of his time, but it perfectly fits our society today and the underlying message of this song can help anyone with the dreams or goals they are aspiring to.

One of the verses of this song states: "We're lost in a cloud, With too much rain, We're trapped in a world, That's troubled with pain." Our society today has become so corrupt and our economy has

drastically changed. This hinders many of us from trying to reach our goals because from where we are sitting, there is no hope, we see no chance of reaching our dreams.

Yet in the next stanza he gives us the hope that we all desperately need. "Still I am sure that the answer, answer's gonna come somehow, Out there in the dark, there's a beckoning candle."

Out there even amongst the corruptness, even amongst the bad economy, there is hope for our future....and that is my Savior Jesus Christ. I know that with him by my side, with his loving hands guiding me, that I can do anything that I set my heart to. With him, I know that despite the corrupt world, despite the bad economy, I can still make a future for myself, I can still hold on to my goals and dreams. I have seen him work in miraculous ways and I have no doubt that he can do a miraculous work in my life and in each of yours.

So I challenge each and everyone of you, from my fellow graduates to your families, don't give up on your goals and dreams. No matter what your grades may be, no matter what your social status may be, have dreams and go for

About Elizabeth

Name... Elizabeth Brown

Nickname... Eli and Percy

Age... 18

Parents... Marty and Debbie Brown

Favorite Memory... Senior Trip to Dallas, the Dallas Cowboys Stadium!

Post-graduation plans... WKCTC then transfer to Mid-Continent, Majoring in Counseling and Psychology.

Dream Job... Adoptions Counselor

Favorite School Subject... History

Favorite Music... Contemporary Christian and some Country

Favorite TV Show... NCIS

Favorite Movie... Pride and Prejudice



Person you would most like to meet (living or dead)... Bing Crosby. I love him singing White Christmas!

What does being salutatorian mean to you... It means that all my hard work has paid off and been recognized.

Where would you like to be at 40... Hopefully at my dream job and have a family.



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Layten Maxfield, who recently suffered serious injuries from a car accident, receives her diploma and a hug from Crittenden County School Board member Phyllis Orr. Below left, J.R. Adams and Dyllan Thornton pose for a picture with their moms. Below right, Dylan Clark throws his arms around his brother, mom and dad.



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The Crittenden County High School Class of 2010 celebrates with silly string and noise makers after they toss their graduation caps in the air.

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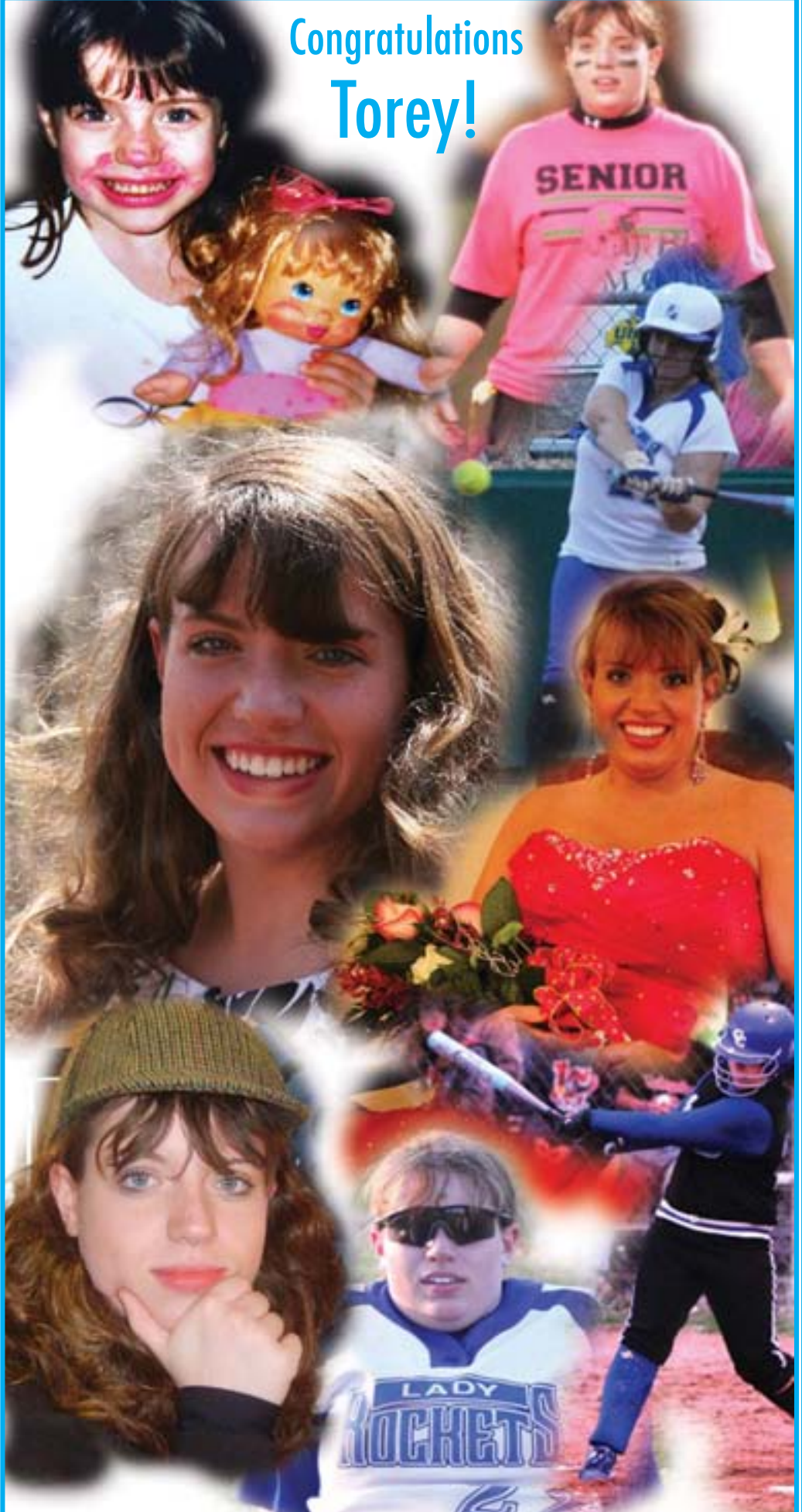
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