



School's out!

2014 GRADUATION AND END-OF-SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT

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School finishes, seniors wrap up compulsory ed

STAFF REPORT

After missing 17 days of instruction due to Old Man Winter, it may have seemed the day would never come. But on Friday night, 73 graduates of the Crittenden County High School Class of 2014 finally wrapped up their 13 years of compulsory public education. There were flash bulbs popping and applause as each one of the seniors had their name called to step forward for their diploma.

At a poignant moment during commencement, the Class of 2014 took time to recognize one of their own whom they lost along the course of their young lives. In memory of Jake Hodge, who died inexplicably in his sleep at the age of 12 on a June morning in 2008, seniors lit 11 candles representing the number the young athlete wore on his back. Each senior passed by the candles and a photo of Hodge as they stepped off the stage with their diploma in hand.

Many of those graduates will continue their education in college or vocational school, some will suit up in uniform to serve their country in the military and some will go straight to work. Eventually, a few may start families of their own right here at home, while others will make a new life outside the boundaries of Crittenden County. Each will have his or her own destiny to carve.

Twenty seniors – more than a quarter of the class – graduated with honors, having earned a 3.5 grade-point average or above. Those included, of course, valedictorian Micah Hollamon and salutatorian Maggie Collins. Fourteen students completed a college preparatory course of study.

No doubt, great things are in store for many from the Class of 2014. And it was three of their predecessors who proved a public education from Crittenden County schools can be as valuable as any.

Distinguished Alumni Helen Moore, a 42-year teacher in Crittenden County; David Newcom, an engineer with John Deere; and Clement Singleton "Clem" Nunn, an attorney, statesman and businessman, were each recognized during Friday's commencement for their life's work and the indelible mark they left on the world.

But the night, as always, belonged to the graduates, their families and all those in the school system who worked over the years to positively shape and affect the minds of these 73 individuals.



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Crittenden County High School Class of 2014 graduated Friday. Clockwise from top, Zach Tinsley celebrates after commencement with his mom, Laura Tinsley. Simultaneously, 73 seniors toss their mortar boards into the air after officially becoming graduates. Friends Faith Sitar (left) and Paige Hicks pose for a picture together on the floor of Rocket Arena following graduation. Seniors listen as the valedictory address is given by Micah Hollamon. Graduate Amber Wright has her picture taken with Jason and Caitlin Dunbar. Don Young waves to the camera as seniors line up outside Rocket Arena just prior to commencement exercises. Ashley Overfield (left) and Alicia Fulks share a hug as they have their photo made after graduation ceremonies. Find more graduation photos on our Facebook page, Facebook.com/TheCrittendenPress.

■ CCHS GRADUATION

Valedictory speech: Micah Hollamon

Congratulations Class of 2014! Before I delve into my speech...let me take a selfie! I want to take it with three very special ladies that have helped us along the way!

That's going on Instagram tonight.

I promise that had a purpose. And I was told that if any of you tried that anytime during the ceremony, you would be forced to eat school cafeteria food for the rest of your life.

This year has been labeled as the "Year of the Selfie." For those of you who have no idea what a selfie is, come out from under your rock and bring my dad with you. This year more than 1 million selfies have been taken each day and since 2012, the popularity of the word "selfie" has increased 17,000 percent. Many well known leaders have hopped on the selfie bandwagon, including the President, the First Lady, and even Pope Francis.

I have said all this to ask one question: Has the "Year of the Selfie" turned into the year of self?

There is no doubt, we live in a society that is centered around itself, and this problem is getting worse and worse as time goes on. I am here tonight to help us, the Class of 2014, rise above our selfish generation. Tonight, I would like to present three "self words" that can be used for good in our lives and help take our "self" out of selfish.

The first word is self-discipline, and I would like to group self-control and self-improvement along with this, as they are very similar. Self-discipline. It's only getting two bowls of mashed potatoes on Thursdays. It's being the only person to know how to park correctly. It's having the control over yourself not to physically harm everyone these past few weeks. Self-discipline is the restraint of oneself or one's actions and feelings. Through self-discipline comes hard work, and through that hard work boundless benefits can be reaped.

Studies – which I looked up – have actually, legitimately shown that people with self-discipline and self-control are more likely to be happy with their lives. I don't know of anyone that doesn't want to be happy. Maybe the

anti-Pharrell Williams. You may think that people with self-control are ancient, boring, anti-fun, party poopers... but I am here to tell you that this is not the case.

While some may be having a good time in the present, you can, with self-discipline, have a gratifying life in the future by achieving your goals. What can be better than that? Therefore, I encourage all of you to experience life to the fullest while formulating plans for your goals with self-discipline.

The next "self word" is self-esteem. Self-esteem is defined as a realistic or healthy respect for oneself. It pains me to see so many teens and young adults suffering from low self-esteem. Now, there are two extremes of self-esteem that we need to put out of our minds here. The first is low self-esteem, seeing yourself as the scum of the earth, hating every minute of your life. The other is too much esteem, usually accompanied by egotism, narcissism...that stuck-up jerk. In life we should look for a happy medium between these two, a healthy self-esteem.

Our society is so caught up in style and peer pressure, that we sometimes forget how to be ourselves and love ourselves for who we are. Before posting a selfie online, we might take two or three...or 10 to make sure no one will make fun of our appearance. We look to others for respect, and therefore, conform to the desires and thoughts of everyone else. Your self-worth should depend on no one, no one, other than yourself. Before you can learn to love others, you must learn to love yourself. You decide today to be yourself and love yourself for who you are. There is overwhelming evidence that the higher level of self-esteem, the more likely we will be to treat others with respect, kindness and generosity. I think we can all agree that we need much more of all these in the world.

First: self-discipline. Second: self-esteem. Now to the third "self word," and probably the most important of the three: selfless. It means literally what it says: showing less concern for yourself in order to show more concern for others. We have examples of self-

About Micah

Name: Micah Hollamon
Age: 18
Parents: Greg and Dawn Hollamon
Favorite memory: CCHS Rocket Band placing second in the Regional Marching Band Competition
Post-graduation plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University to major in chemistry and pre-engineering
Dream job: Chemical engineer
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite music: Alternative
Favorite TV show: "Arrow"
Person you would most like to meet (living or dead): Franklin Deleno Roosevelt because in the face of adversity he became a great leader for our country.
What does being valedictorian mean to you: Being Valedictorian shows that I have received great encouragement from my family, friends, and the teachers of



Crittenden County. It also means that all my hard work has paid off.

Where would you like to be at 40: I would like to be working as the head chemical engineer for a company while being a great Christian husband and father for my family.

less people all around us. Our parents and teachers have lived selfless lives in order for us to have the best opportunities possible. Maybe some of you wish your math teacher could have been a bit less selfless and not given so much homework and not been so concerned that we learn so much math.

Just kidding, Dad.

I was very fortunate to have some wonderful teachers from Mrs. Woodall in kindergarten all the way to Mr. Nash in seventh period band, and I know each of you have experienced the same. Now, it's our turn to show that selflessness to others.

Yes, tonight is all about us, but tomorrow and the days after will be someone else's. This year, across the nation, approximately 3.3 million students are expected to graduate from high school. I think it's time for us to realize that we are a tiny fish in an ocean, because what we have accomplished tonight is just the beginning of what could be a life of impact to make our world a better place. It all starts with selfless living.

Throughout the rest of our lives, when tough decisions arise, let's ask ourselves the following questions:

- Am I making this decision based on the best interest

of others or is it for my own personal gain?

- Does my decision show selfless devotion to those around me?

Until we realize that this life is not all about us, we simply cannot live it to its full potential. Every action we take has a direct influence on those around us. It is when we devote our lives to the service of others and turn away from our selfishness that we can make an impact on the world.

Many have tried to put their finger on the meaning of life. In my young and maybe inexperienced opinion, I believe the sole purpose of our lives on this Earth is to live a selfless life in service to the one and only God. What better example of a selfless life do we have than Jesus?

In closing, Class of 2014, be proud of yourselves as graduates of Crittenden County High School. Use these three "self words" to fuel a life filled with joy and success.

Now I'd like to make one more selfie, this time with all the graduates who are going to be self-disciplined, with a healthy self-esteem, living selfless lives for others.

Thanks to all of you, and congratulations again!

■ CCHS GRADUATION

Honor graduates

Valedictorian In Crittenden County, any students who maintain the highest grade-point average, or GPA, in their graduating class are honored as valedictorians. At the high school, GPAs are weighted based on the strength of academic schedule.	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, Advanced Placement senior English, four sciences, two foreign languages and a computer technology class.
Salutatorian Salutatorians in Crittenden County are honored for having achieved the ranking of second-highest GPA .	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
Brittney Ann Buell
Harley James Butler
Maggie Sims Collins
Ashley Anne Collyer
Ashley Megan Cooper
Dylan Curtis Doyle
Taylor Rene Fritts
Travis Collins Gilbert
Paige Briane Hicks
Micah Joseph Hollamon
James Marcus Hughes
Hayden Keith McConnell
Grishma Kandarpkumar Patel
Dustin Cole Perry
Brenden Morgan Phillips
Anna Lisa Schnittker
Leah Renee Scott
Abby Loren Whitney
Addam Stewart Whitt
Amber Leigh Wright

College Prep Diploma
Kaci Dell Beard
Harley James Butler
Maggie Sims Collins
Dylan Curtis Doyle
Taylor Rene Fritts
Micah Joseph Hollamon
James Marcus Hughes
Hayden Keith McConnell
Grishma Kandarpkumar Patel
Brenden Morgan Phillips
Anna Lisa Schnittker
Leah Renee Scott
Zachary Paul Tinsley
Amber Leigh Wright

Salutatorian
Maggie Sims Collins

Valedictorian
Micah Joseph Hollamon

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Salutatory speech: Maggie Collins

In 1497, Amerigo Vespucci stepped onto the land that would eventually be named after him. In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first to step onto the surface of the moon. And of equal importance, at least for this evening, in 2001, this graduating class stepped into the hallways of Crittenden County Elementary School to begin our journey together. Tonight, let's both reminisce and consider our futures as we step back in time, step up to the responsibilities that are ours and step through the challenges we encounter along the way.

First, a step back. I remember fall festivals, science fair projects, and bartering in Mrs. West's fifth grade class. I remember accelerated math, crowded hallways and RAR. I remember playing in a Sweet 16 basketball game, five life-changing weeks at GSP, winning the float competition all four years, a sophomore year powder puff victory and math basketball with Mr. Hollamon. The choices we make are a large part of what makes us who we are. So as we've remembered these many things, it's also a chance for us to step back and evaluate what we've done and where we've been.

History gives perspective. And our personal history gives us personal perspective. The decisions we've made, the friends we've chosen, the classes we've taken and the experiences we've had have formed us into graduating seniors ready for tomorrow.

Having taken a step back to gain perspective, now let's step up to the responsibilities that lie ahead. Those of you who have played sports understand this better than most. The bleachers are filled, the whole world's watching and you step up to the plate. You step up to the line of scrimmage. You step up to the free throw line. You have a responsibility to yourself and to your team that only you can fulfill, and hopefully, you've practiced well. The right physical conditioning, mental

toughness and disciplined work will help you win the game. And the same is true as we transition into a more adult world of college and career, family and home. To win in life requires practice, conditioning, toughness and discipline. Apply those principles as you deal with people and you have healthy relationships. Apply them to your job and you are a valued employee. Use them as you further your education and graduate with honors. Now is the time to step up to a new set of responsibilities.

We meet these responsibilities with a healthy dose of reality, realizing that we must step through the challenges that may come our way.

Whether the challenges are physical, emotional or financial, we press on with determination.

I plan to attend UofL in the fall, and learning to drive in Louisville may be a challenge all its own. But, I have this handy little app on my phone that directs me from one place to the other. I'm sure I'll use it several times. But have you ever keyed in your destination, been well on your way and encountered a detour? Road work won't allow you to get there the way you planned. You veer off the designated route and the GPS says "recalculating."

Wouldn't it be nice if we had a Life GPS that recalculated our route each time we made a misstep? A system that would put us back on the right path when we lost our direction or encountered a road block. But that's not the way life works. Our redirection comes from the wisdom of those we trust. It comes from correctly assessing the situation and taking the next right step. It comes from praying and listening.

Taking a step back gives us perspective. Determining to step up allows us to move forward on our journey. And daring to step through challenges makes us strong.

But there's one more step I'd like you to consider. It's

About Maggie

Name: Maggie Sims Collins
Age: 17
Parents: Stuart and Pam Collins
Favorite memory: Placing first in FBLA Scrapbook and second in Job Interview at state competetion and securing a spot at nationals
Post-graduation plans: Attendden University of Louisville to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering in preparation for dental school
Dream job: Pediatric dentist
Favorite subject: Math
Favorite music: Disco
Favorite TV show: "Designing Women"
Person you would most like to meet (living or dead): Rosa Parks
What does being salutatorian mean to you: It means I have achieved a goal that I set before myself, and it is a reward for four years of



hard work and dedication.

Where would you like to be at 40: I would like to own my own practice as a pediatric dentist, working hand-in-hand with children to improve their health; also, to be married and raising my children in a Christ-centered home.

one that may reveal more of who you are than anything you could ever accomplish – and that's what or whom do you step on as you step back, step up and step through? Many people accomplish great things at the expense of others. Some sacrifice themselves on the road to success. However, it is the wise individual that encourages others and builds them up as they accomplish their own goals.

With that in mind, let me take this opportunity to thank the teachers, staff and administration for their support, encouragement and instruction. We have been blessed with a wonderful school system in which to learn and grow.

I cannot thank my parents enough for the love and encouragement, as well as the sacrifices they have made to get me to this moment. Thanks to my sister Mauri for always understanding and always listening. She spoke at her eighth-grade graduation on Tuesday night, and I would like to say publicly that I couldn't be more proud of the

young lady you have become Mauri.

I would like to leave you with is quote: "For what it's worth, it's never too late, or too early in our case, to be whoever we want to be. There's no time limit; start whenever you want. You can change or stay the same; there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. And I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start all over again."

As we step back, step up and step through, our lives will be filled with graduations. Let's make sure they are always to bigger and better things.

May God bless us on our journeys. Congratulations class of 2014!

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Crittenden County High School Class of 2014 graduates listen to the salutatory address given by Maggie Collins.

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■ CCHS

Callaway exiting as head of high school

By JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

After five years in the Crittenden County school district, including three years in her current position as principal of Crittenden County High School, Rhonda Callaway is leaving Crittenden County School District. Callaway has accepted the position of director of secondary instruction and director of assessment and accountability at Webster County Schools.

Prior to coming to Crittenden County, Callaway spent 11 years in the classroom teaching biology and chemistry. She has spent the last nine years in school administration. Before assuming the position of principal at the high school, she was the high school's assistant principal for one year. Before that, she was assistant principal at Crittenden County Elementary School.

"That was the only time I had ever done anything in elementary other than be a mom," Callaway said, reflecting on her tenure at CCES, which she calls the biggest learning experience she had as an administrator. Before coming to Crittenden County, she served as principal at Union County Middle School.

"I've been very fortunate to be able to experience all three levels as an administrator which has helped me to prepare more for this new position," she said.

Recalling her tenure at Crittenden County High School, Callaway said she is pleased with creating the right environment for students in the classroom.

"I'm most proud of our cul-



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Crittenden County High School Principal Rhonda Callaway is leaving the school district to assume the position of director of secondary instruction and director of assessment and accountability at Webster County Schools.

ture that models an atmosphere that is focused on student learning. Our staff cares so much about these kids. And the kids feel that. That's why we don't have a lot of discipline problems," she said. "People respect each other here. And that comes from having a staff that is passionate about kids."

As for the initiatives that have been put into practice during her tenure, Callaway cited the increased emphasis

on getting students ready for post-secondary opportunities and helping them develop skills for their future careers.

"The whole atmosphere here has shifted because of new accountability. Our career tech ed students are held to the highest standards as are our college ready students," she said. "It's an equal preparation and that also has affected the culture because more kids are being recognized for their talents."

Callaway also cited key initiatives implemented over the last few years that will be a great advantage in preparing students for the future. Among those initiatives are senior exit interviews, ACT College and Career Day and the work-based experience course which began last January.

She calls the senior exit interviews a culminating high school event because it's not just about a student's senior

year.

"Students actually build a presentation and sit in front of a panel. Some of them are from the community. The students have to dress appropriately and answer questions," she said. "It really sets precedence for how they need to present themselves no matter what they are going to do. Our senior exit interviews have just gotten better every year."

Another initiative is the high school's ACT College Career Day for juniors that focus both on testing and careers and job shadowing.

In January, the high school also implemented the Work-based Experience course. The course is approved through the Kentucky Department of Education and allows students to participate in a job shadowing experience with a local business in the community.

"We have students who co-op through our CTE (career and technical education) classes. And they have to take a certain sequence of classes in order to meet criteria to co-op through agriculture or through business," she said. "This class allows a co-op situation or job shadowing situation that if a student is not on a certain career path to co-op they can still do this and earn up to three high school credits a year. So we experimented with that this year."

Employers provide an evaluation on students in Work-based Experience courses to help administrators determine a grade. Callaway said employer feedback from the course has already been very positive.

As Callaway prepares to leave her position at CCHS, she expressed with staff the importance of maintaining and building on the momentum at the high school.

"When I shared with them that I had accepted another position, that's what we talked about the most. And being grateful that Vince Clark was selected as superintendent so that we knew it was going to be somebody [as superintendent] who knew how far we've come and who wants us to keep the momentum going. So that was my message to them," she said.

Callaway said the high school's goal for students is to develop leadership skills and prepare them for life after graduation.

"One of the things Dr. Yarbrough instilled in me is the high school should be the mother ship of the district. I don't know that in the beginning I knew exactly what that meant. But I do now. The older kids and the staff need to be the leaders so we are models for all of the younger ones. When your high school is the strength, it's like a domino effect."

Callaway said what she will miss most about the school district and Crittenden County High School is its culture and sense of family among colleagues. She said the five years she's been in the district have been some of the best of her professional career and the decision to leave wasn't easy.

"This was strictly a professional decision. It is an opportunity to take my career to the next level. And personally I'm struggling with it. I've shed some tears," she said.

■ CCHS

College-, career-ready seniors earn designations

Several Crittenden County High School seniors earned readiness designations based on certain academic standards.

- College- and Career-Ready**
- Taylor Champion
 - Kevin Clifton
 - Taylor Fritts
 - Micah Hollamon
 - Anna Schnittker
 - Darren Sharp
 - Abby Whitney
 - Addam Whitt
 - Haylee Young

- College-Ready**
- Kaci Beard
 - Brittney Buell
 - Harley Butler
 - Maggie Collins
 - Ashley Cooper
 - Ashley Collyer
 - Dylan Doyle
 - Mallory Eubanks
 - Travis Gilbert
 - Peyton Guess

- Cody Hayes
- Paige Hicks
- Marcus Hughes
- Kennidy Lanham
- Hayden McConnell
- Grishma Patel
- Dustin Perry
- Brenden Phillips
- Leah Scott
- Faith Sitar
- David Steinbach
- Magan Sunderland
- Zach Tinsley
- Daniel Wagoner
- Adam Watson
- Amber Wright

- Career-Ready**
- Cody Caraway
 - Tanner Collins
 - Logan Fox
 - Alicia Fulks
 - Bailey Hart
 - Mackenzie Herrington
 - Tabitha Howerton
 - McKenzie Lynch
 - Devin Tinsley

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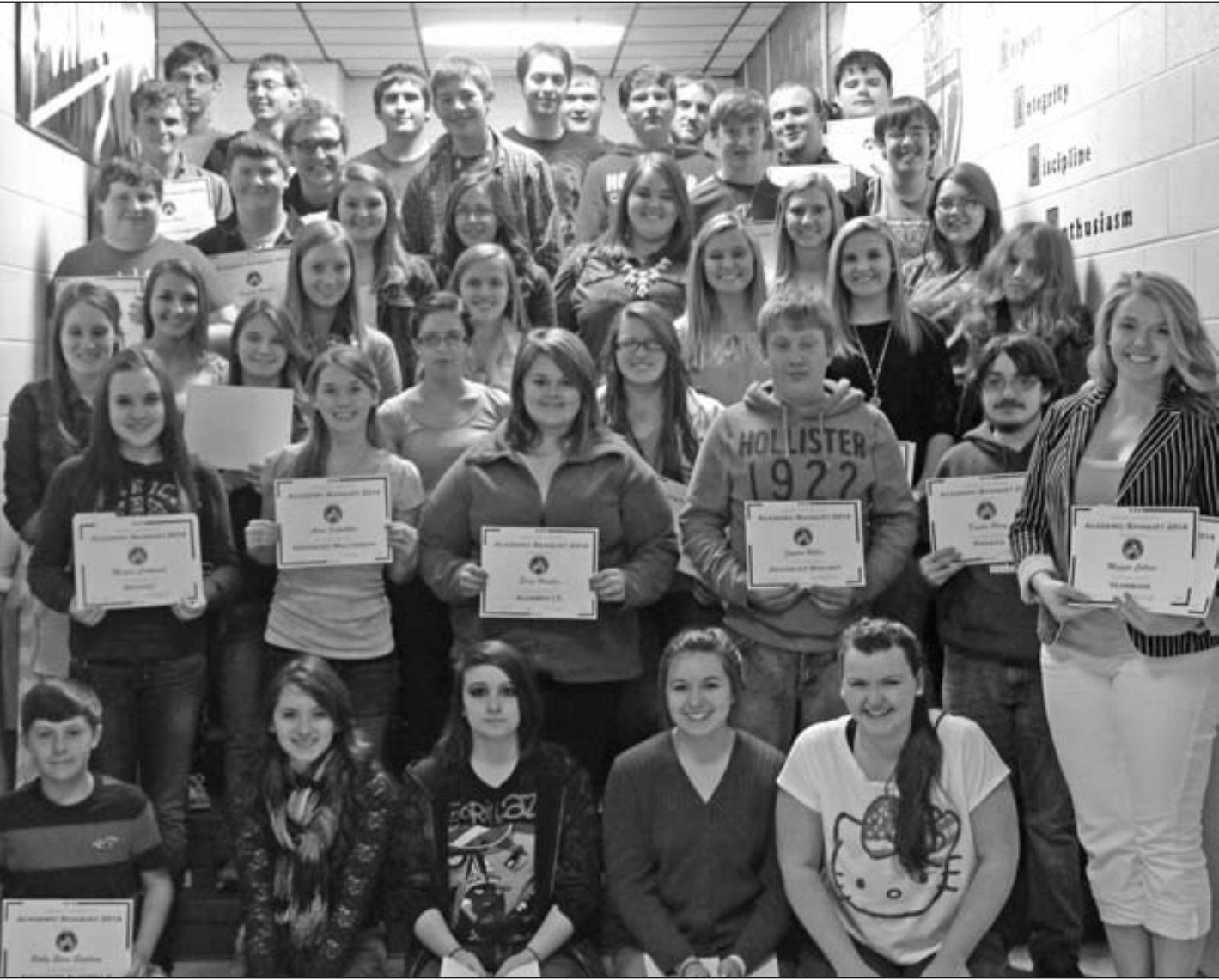
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Crittenden County High School academic award winners for 2014 were (back, from left) Dylan Doyle, Micah Hollamon, Sean Zahrt, Brayden McKinney, Chris Winders, Noah Hadfield, Sean Watson, (sixth row) Darren Paris, Hayden McConnell, Cole Foster, Reid Baker, Paxton Riley, Brenden Phillips, Jacob Hackney, (fifth row) Justin Reynolds, Hayden Brooks, Audrey Smith, Madison Lynch, Taylor Fritts, Ashley Cooper, Emily Robertson (fourth row) Sage Winterheimer, Taylor Belt, Megan Sherrell, Abby Whitney, Bristen Holeman, Tristan Knight (third row) RaKara McDowell, Katie Davies, Melanie Serrano and Makayla Quertermous, (second row) Morgan Cinkovich, Anna Schnittker, Erica Hardin, Jayden Willis, Dustin Perry, Maggie Collins, (seated) Bobby Glen Stephens, Megan Manns, Kennidy Lanham, Arry Schofield and Sylvana Hunt.

High school delivers academic awards

AWARD	RECIPIENT
Introduction to Information Technology	Ashley Cooper
Computer Applications Technology	Hayden Brooks
Multimedia	Micah Hollamon
Advanced Computer Applications	Maggie Collins
Advanced Multimedia	Anna Schnittker
Accounting and Finance Foundations	Taylor Fritts
Fashion/Interior Design	Megan Sherrell
Life Skills	Audrey Smith
Foods and Nutrition	Bristen Holeman
Child & Human Development	Sylvana Hunt
Child Development Services I	Madison Lynch
Money Skills	Abby Whitney
Drafting	Sean Zahrt
Introduction to Manufacturing	Chris Winders
Power, Energy and Transportation	Jayden Willis

English I	Sage Winterheimer
English I Advanced	Paxton Riley
English II	Taylor Belt
English II Advanced	Aray Schofield
English III	Megan Manns
English III Advanced	Makayla Quertermous
AP English III	Brayden McKinney
Yearbook	Maggie Collins
English IV	Kennidy Lanham
English 101/102	Taylor Fritts
AP English IV	Micah Hollamon

Jazz Band	Hayden McConnell
Concert Band	Dylan Doyle
Humanities	Jayden Willis
Creative Art	Katie Davies
Advanced Art	Tristian Knight

Health & PE	Jacob Hackney
Advanced PE	Logan Fox

CCR Math	Justin Reynolds
Algebra I B	Erica Hardin
Algebra I	Dylan Rushing
Advanced Algebra I	Emily Robertson
Advanced Geometry	Darren Paris
Geometry	Alyssa Kortni Jones
Algebra II	RaKara McDowell
Pre-Cal II	Sean Watson
Advanced Algebra II	Bobby Glenn Stephens
Pre-Cal	Brayden McKinney
AP Cal	Micah Hollamon
Advanced Topics	Hayden McConnell

AWARD	RECIPIENT
ICP	Audrey Smith
Physics	Dustin Perry
Advanced Biology	Jayden Willis
Biology I	Morgan Cinkovich
AP Biology	Micah Hollamon
Chemistry	Reid Baker
Chemistry II	Cole Foster
Integrated Science	Melanie Serrano
Student Leadership	Madison Lynch
Introduction to Aerospace	Jantzon Croft

Social Studies	Audrey Smith
Kentucky History	Jacob Hackney
World Civilizations	Noah Hadfield
Advanced World Civilizations	Reid Baker
Psychology	Hayden McConnell
U.S. History	Noah Hadfield
Advanced U.S. History	Megan Manns
AP U.S. History	Cole Foster
Motion Picture History	Brenden Phillips
Military History	Brayden McKinney

Spanish I	Emily Robertson
Spanish II	Morgan Cinkovich
Spanish III/AP	Micah Hollamon

KOSSA Certificates	
Agriculture	Cody Caraway, Taylor Champion, Kevin Chandler, Tanner Collins, Logan Fox, Haylee Young
Business	Taylor Fritts, Micah Hollamon, Anna Schnittker
Family Consumer Science	Tabitha Howerton, Addam Whitt, Abby Whitney



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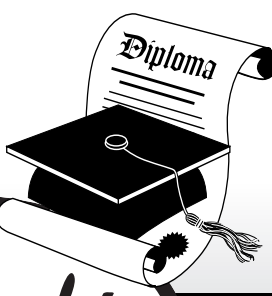
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Congratulations Class of 2014

Tanner Collins - CCHS
Ashley Overfield - CCHS
Lillie Poindexter - Homeschool

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■ CCHS GRADUATION

CCHS Class of 2014 scholarship recipients

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	RECIPIENT
Campbellsville University.....	Amber Wright
University of Louisville.....	Maggie Collins, Ashley Collyer, Hayden McConnell
Freed-Hardeman University.....	Micah Hollamon
Madisonville Community College.....	Dustin Perry, Abby Whitney, Haylee Young
Murray State University.....	Kaci Beard, Dylan Doyle, Mallory Eubanks, Taylor Fritts, Paige Hicks
Berea College.....	Harley Butler
Brescia University.....	Brenden Phillips and Leah Scott
Capital University.....	Travis Gilbert
Transylvania University.....	Aaron Owen
Western Kentucky University.....	Anna Schnittker
Williams College.....	Marcus Hughes
University of Arizona.....	Brittney Buell
Jake Hodge Memorial Scholarship.....	Micah Hollamon, Devin Belt, Taylor Champion, Abby Whitney
Woodmen of the World Lodge 92 Scholarship.....	Zach Tinsley
Delta Kappa Gamma Grant-in-Aid Scholarship.....	Taylor Fritts
Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation Scholarship.....	Hayden McConnell
CHS Charlotte Fowler Memorial Scholarship.....	Maggie Collins
American Legion Fredonia Post 103 Scholarship.....	Kaci Beard
Paul F. Riley Memorial Scholarship.....	Brittney Buell
Crittenden Co. Attorney Rebecca Johnson Scholarship.....	Taylor Fritts
Woman's Club of Marion English Award.....	Maggie Collins
The Marie Frazer Scholarship.....	Brittney Buell
Elizabeth Stevens 4H Education Scholarship.....	Anna Schnittker, Maggie Collins
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Scholarship.....	Dustin Bosaw

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	RECIPIENT
Kentucky Youth Seminar Scholarship.....	Ashley Collyer, Dustin Perry
Crittenden Co. Extension Homemaker Assoc. Scholarship.....	Brittney Buell
Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary Scholarship.....	Ashley Cooper, Magan Sunderland
Morris Sisco Memorial Scholarship.....	Taylor Champion, Marcus Hughes
American Legion Post 111 Scholarship.....	Kaci Beard
Crittenden Co. Retired Teachers Scholarship.....	Taylor Fritts
Crittenden County Farm Bureau Scholarship.....	Maggie Collins, Micah Hollamon, Brenden Phillips, Hayden McConnell, Taylor Fritts
Nellie Stone Hamilton Memorial Scholarship.....	Abby Whitney
Hamilton Cochran Memorial Scholarship.....	Micah Hollamon
Raymond & Agnes Easley Scholarship.....	Kaci Beard, Justin Reynolds
Marion Eye Care Center Scholarship.....	Addam Whitt
Crittenden Co. Education Assoc. Scholarship.....	Marcus Hughes
Marion Zumba Fitness Scholarship.....	Hayden McConnell
Doris & Donna Rushing Memorial Scholarship.....	Devin Belt, Taylor Fritts
Princeton Elks Lodge 1115 Scholarship.....	Maggie Collins
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship.....	Marcus Hughes
Amy C. Kirk Memorial Scholarship.....	Devin Belt
Greg "Dozer" Belt Memorial Scholarship.....	Zach Tinsley
Paul E. Mick Memorial Scholarship.....	Amber Wright
Crittenden County Cattlemen Association Scholarship.....	Brenden Phillips
U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Award.....	Brenden Phillips
U.S. Marine Corps Athlete Award.....	Travis Gilbert
U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award.....	Micah Hollamon
Friends of FFA Scholarship.....	Paige Hicks, Faith Sitar

■ CCHS

Class of 2014 has unbreakable bond

As we close out another school year, it is always a time of reflection for the adults in the building. For me, personally, I look at the dynamics of each class as a whole and, of course, as individuals. Every group has a distinct personality and it is interesting to watch them on a day-to-day basis. Sometimes, we spend more time with our students than anyone else gets to for various reasons and because of that, we don't just end a year and send

Rhonda Callaway
Crittenden County High School Principal



Principal's Desk

them on their way. We think about them often and worry a little, too. Summer months go by, and they have experiences that make them different when a new school year be-

gins. It's always exciting to see how they've changed when August rolls around for the ones that return to CCHS. The Class of 2014 and I have been at Crittenden County High School for the last four years, and it has been a pleasure and an honor to watch them mature into young adults. I can honestly say that with the many talents and skills they possess, the community of Marion and Crittenden County will be proud to employ them either now –

for those who will enter the workforce upon graduation – or later – for the ones who will pursue college. Their journey has been unique as they have a bond that will never be broken. I wish them well and will always hold a special place in my heart for the Class of 2014. (Callaway has been principal at Crittenden County High School since 2010. She is leaving the school district for an administrative position in Webster County.)

Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2014

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■ CCMS

8th-grade awards for 2014 graduates

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- Language Arts: Mauri Collins
- Science: Mauri Collins
- Algebra: Ricky Adkins
- Band: Sam Winders
- Art: Bailey Barnes
- PE: Cody Belt

Plaques

- Most Improved: Lauryn Faulkner
- Most Improved: Dawson Doyle
- 110%: Kaitlyn Hicks
- 110%: Ricky Adkins
- Leadership: Madison Champion
- Leadership: Landon Brooks
- Citizenship: Makensie Simpkins
- Citizenship: Matt Spannuth

Perfect Attendance

- Ricky Adkins: 1 year
- Corbin Wilson: 1 year
- Logan Belt: 1 year
- Sam Winders: 1 year
- Madison O'Dell: 2 years
- Clay Stevens: 1 year

Student Council Certificates

- Mauri Collins: President
- Madison Champion: Secretary

- Texas Young: 8th-grade representative
- Emma Atchison: 8th-grade representative
- Emmalea Barnes: 8th-grade representative
- Bailey Barnes: 8th-grade representative

All-A Honor Roll

- Landon Brooks
- Madison Champion
- Mauri Collins
- Madison O'Dell
- Bailey Priest
- Sam Winders

A-B All-year Honor Roll Certificates

- Nikki Adams
- Emma Atchison
- Bailey Barnes
- Emmalea Barnes
- Adam Beavers
- Logan Belt
- Ryan Belt
- Kylie Collins
- Ross Crider
- Dawson Doyle
- Carsen Easley
- Lauryn Faulkner
- Kaitlyn Hicks
- Mason Hunt
- Noah Sallin
- Dayton Simpkins
- Makensie Simpkins
- Matthew Spannuth
- Tyson Steele
- Corbin Wilson

■ CCMS

Everyone valued as part of middle school

As another year ends at Crittenden County Middle School, we want to say thank you to the parents, students and community for their continual support and dedication to our school. Each and every student at CCMS is a valued part of our school community and has a special place in our hearts. We watch each of them grow and mature over the course of the year; we celebrate their successes; and we develop lifelong relationships with them. We are so grateful for the time that we have with them. Thank you to all of the parents and PTO members who worked to raise money for the trips each grade level took, to those who decorated for the dances, and to those who provided food for various events. We want to also say thank you to all the community members who visited our school during the Reality Store and Health Fair. Without each of you,

Teresa Marshall
Crittenden County Middle School Principal



Principal's Desk

we would not be able to provide great opportunities for each of our students. We appreciate everything you do. Even though we will say farewell to the outgoing eighth-grade students this week, we know that they will one day return to walk through the middle school hallways one last time before graduating as seniors. To our remaining students and those that will arrive in August, we say welcome, and we'll see you soon. Have a restful summer! (Marshall has been principal at Crittenden County Middle School for the last five years.)

Congratulations Class of 2014!

Find graduation photos at Facebook.com/TheCrittendenPress

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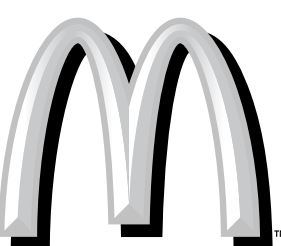


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 Micha HOLLAMON*	 Tabitha HOWERTON	 Marcus HUGHES*	 Tyler JONES	 Tyler KIRK	 Kennedy LANHAM	 Dusty LEMON	 Dakota LYNCH	 McKenzie LYNCH	 Hayden MCCONNELL*
 Erin McDONALD	 Rannetta McDOWELL	 Tyler MCKINNEY	 Ashley OVERFIELD	 Aaron OWEN	 Grishma PATEL*	 Dustin PERRY	 Brenden PHILLIPS*	 Justin REYNOLDS	 Tyler ROBERTSON
 Nick ROBISON	 Anna SCHNITTKER*	 Leah SCOTT*	 Darren SHARP	 Faith SITAR	 Lindsay SIZEMORE	 Logan SLAUGHTER	 David STEINBACH	 Magan SUNDERLAND	 Devin TINSLEY
 Jacob TINSLEY	 Zach TINSLEY*	 Heather TOLLEY	 Cody VENABLE	 Daniel WAGONER	 Adam WATSON	 Abby WHITNEY	 Addam WHITT	 Kailea WHITWORTH	 Amber WRIGHT*
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■ CCES

5th-grade graduation awards

President's Award for Educational Excellence

- Donovan Clark
- Ian Ellington
- Leah Fritts
- Jada Hayes
- Isabella Holliman
- Sara Jones
- Nahla Callaway
- Kalli Champion
- Lily Gardner
- Ally Newman
- Jessie Potter
- Charity Conyer
- Kacie Easley
- Kaiden Hollis
- Taylor Koerner
- Belle Minton
- Dominic Rorer
- Taylor Stoner
- Xander Tabor
- Braxton Winders
- Trace Adams
- James Crider
- Cameron Howard
- Kate Keller
- Caden McCalister
- Kenlee McDaniel
- Eli Moss
- Seth Taylor

President's Award of Educational Achievement

- Tyler Boone
- Landen Crider
- Ben Dobyns
- Hannah Faughn
- Madison Morgeson
- Gabe Mott
- Jimmy Newland
- Gage Campbell
- Devin Doyle
- Matthia Long
- Cameron McNeely
- Quinn Templeton
- Hailey Belt
- Sammy Greenwell
- Tate Roberts
- Seth Sarles
- Laela Turner
- Corey Davis
- Jaelyn Duncan
- Amanda Estes
- Caleb McDonald
- Lilly Perryman

Classroom Awards

Omer's Homeroom

- Homeroom Writing Award: Hannah Faughn
- Math Block 1 Highest GPA: Brady Smith

- Math Block 2 Highest GPA: Gabe Mott
- Science Block 1 Highest GPA: Sadie Pile
- Science Block 2 Highest GPA: Caden McCalister
- Block 1 MAP Math Highest RIT: Jalaine Noel, Destiny Knight
- Block 2 MAP Highest RIT: Caden McCalister
- Block 1 MAP Math Most Improved RIT: Austin Valentine
- Block 2 MAP Math Most Improved RIT: Lily Gardner
- Rocket Role Models: Gavin Hunt
- MAP Language Highest RIT: Ally Newman
- MAP Most Improved RIT: Gavin Hunt
- Brantley's Homeroom**
- Writing Award-Trace Adams
- Block 1 Social Studies Highest GPA Award: Tate Roberts
- Block 2 Social Studies Highest GPA Award: Seth Sarles
- Block 1 Reading Highest GPA Award: Laela Turner
- Block 2 Reading Highest GPA Award: Brian Nelson
- MAP Language HIGHEST RIT: Kenlee McDaniel, James Crider
- MAP Language Most Improved: Cole Swinford
- Block 1 MAP Reading Highest RIT: Donovan Clark, Noah Campbell
- Block 1 MAP Reading Most Improved RIT: Donovan Clark
- Block 2 MAP Reading Highest RIT: Devin Doyle
- Block 2 MAP Reading Most Improved RIT: Brady Knight
- Rocket Role Models: Amanda Estes, Brady Knight
- Crabtree's Homeroom**
- Writing: Charity Conyer
- Social Studies: Daniel Gipson, James Crider
- Reading: Ally Newman, Sadie Pile
- Rocket Role Models: Sammy Greenwell, Taylor Koerner
- Block 1 MAP Reading Highest RIT: Kaiden Hollis
- Block 2 MAP Reading Highest RIT: Destiny Sikes
- Block 1 MAP Reading Most Improved RIT: Quinn Templeton
- Block 2 MAP Reading Most Improved RIT: Lance Kayse
- MAP Language Highest RIT: Kaiden Hollis

- MAP Most Improved RIT: Noah Lynch
- Kemmer's Homeroom**
- Block 1 Math Highest GPA: Nahla Callaway
- Block 1 Science Highest GPA: Hailey Belt
- Block 2 Math Highest GPA: Tate Roberts, Amanda Estes
- Block 2 Science Highest GPA: Seth Taylor
- Writing Award: Jada Hayes
- Rocket Role Models: Gage Campbell, Leah Fritts
- Block 1 MAP Math Highest RIT: Brady Knight
- Block 2 MAP MathHighest RIT: Sammy Greenwell
- Block 1 MAP Most Improved RIT: Brian Nelson
- Block 2 MAP Most Improved RIT: Sammy Greenwell
- MAP Language Highest RIT: Leah Fritts
- MAP Most Improved RIT: Leah Fritts

Drama Award

- Samuel Greenwell

Lexia Proficient Awards

Brantley's Homeroom

- Trace Adams
- Corey Davis
- Caden McCalister
- Kenlee McDaniel
- Eli Moss
- Seth Taylor

Crabtree's Homeroom

- Charity Conyer
- Sammy Greenwell

Kemmer's Homeroom

- Noah Campbell
- Sara Jones

Omer's Homeroom

- Brian Nelson
- Ally Newman
- Jessie Potter

Lexia Distinguished Award

- Lily Gardner

Compass Learning Program Most Points Per Classroom

Brantley' Homeroom

- James Crider: 43.5 points

Crabtree's Homeroom

- Cheyenne Lady: 25.5 points

Kemmer's Homeroom

- Chandler Moss: 25.5 points

Omer's Homeroom

- Austin Valentine: 43.5 points

Presidential Physical Fitness Award

- Kate Keller

National Physical Fitness Award

- Jaelyn Duncan
- Lilly Perryman
- Cameron Howard
- Caden McCalister
- Kacie Easley
- Taylor Stoner
- Xander Tabor
- Belle Minton
- Ashlyn Hicks
- Kalli Champion
- Landen Crider
- Jessi Potter
- Jada Hayes
- Chase Stevens
- Ian Ellington
- Matthia Long
- Lathen Easley
- Jalaine Noel
- Chandler Moss
- Brady Knight
- Cameron McNeely
- Dylan Stinnett

Presidential Physical Fitness Most Improved Award

- Sarah Anderson

Accelerated Reader 500 Point Club

- James Crider: 1,506.9
- Kacie Easley: 892.5
- Caden McCalister: 551.3
- Ally Newman: 580.9

AR Classroom Winners

Crabtree's Homeroom

- 1. Kacie Easley: 289.7
- 2. Laela Turner: 224.6
- 3. Kaiden Hollis: 197.7

Kemmer's Homeroom

- 1. Leah Fritts: 106.4
- 2. Ian Ellington: 92.8
- 3. Jalaine Noel: 62.1

Omer's Homeroom

- 1. Ally Newman – 367.8
- 2. Ben Dobyns – 104.9
- 3. Lily Gardner – 95

Brantley's Homeroom

- 1. James Crider: 611.2
- 2. Caden McCalister: 156.8
- 3. Cameron Howard: 87.6

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■ CCES

Three educators retire from CCES

By JASON TRAVIS

STAFF WRITER

When the final bell rang on Friday, it marked the end of another school year at Crittenden County Elementary School. It also marked an end of an era for three educators at the school who have announced their retirement from the classroom.

Marty Hill has been teaching for 29 years. She taught the last 27 years at Crittenden County Elementary School. During her tenure, she has taught students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. For the past nine years, Hill has been associated with Title I and reading recovery at the school.

Hill said education seemed like a natural career choice after working with children in her father's church. She taught Sunday school, children's choir and Vacation Bible School. That early experience in teaching helped shape her decision to pursue a career in education.

Hill, who grew up in Sturgis, attended Campbellsville University. Her first teaching position was at Union Town Elementary School teaching sixth grade. She recalls stepping into the classroom for the first time as a new teacher.

"It was scary. I was fresh out of college and I walked into the room. I only had 14 students that year but it seemed like there were 34 in there," Hill recalled. "It was an overwhelming day, but we made it fine."

She advises new teachers to be very prepared on their first day in the classroom and plan a variety of activities to engage students.

"Treat all the students the same and love them. Get to know them and try and establish a good student-teacher rapport," Hill said. "I had a great supervising teacher when I did my student teaching. She set a great example for me. I always remembered how she treated the students and how she acted with her kids. She had a great relationship with her kids. She was consistent and fair."

Hill said she's enjoyed



Educators (from left) Trudy Bramlett, Louisa Towery and Marty Hill retired from Crittenden County Elementary School at the end of the school year.

helping students become better readers and see them learn to read and be at a level that's equal to their peers. She especially enjoys seeing them obtain goals and become successful.

Her future plans involve traveling and gardening. She also is interested in writing reading recovery materials for publication. She and her husband, Steven, have two children and one granddaughter.

Crittenden County Elementary School counselor Trudy Bramlett will also be retiring at the end of the school year. Bramlett is a Caldwell County native and grew up in Fredonia. She attended college at Murray State University.

Bramlett, who comes from a long line of teachers in her family, knew she always wanted to become a teacher and counselor. Her first teaching position was in Hopkins County, where she taught reading and social studies at the middle school level.

She also taught in Florida and on the Army base at Fort Campbell.

"It was a different environment. It was a good environment. I got to meet children from all over the

world," Bramlett said about her time teaching at the Army base.

She began her career at Crittenden County Elementary School in 1988 and taught sixth grade for three years. After that she transitioned to the position of school counselor.

Retirement will allow Bramlett and her husband more time for mission work at a Navaho reservation in Arizona. Bramlett's husband, Stan, has a teaching ministry for indigenous pastors on the reservation. She said the pastors don't have a lot of opportunities for seminary education training. Bramlett said she has spent her summers helping at the reservation. They have been working in the same area for the last 10 years.

The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

Born and raised in Crittenden County, Louisa Towery will also retire from CCES at the end of the school year. Towery is a special designed instructional assistant and has been employed at the school for the past 20 years. Before that, she stayed active as a school volunteer and a

member of the PTO.

As an SDI instructional assistant, Towery has worked with students from kindergarten to fifth grades, often spending most of the school day assisting a particular student with impairments or disabilities. In recent years, budgetary issues and cutbacks have caused her to assist in multiple class levels.

Towery enjoys the rewards of seeing each student succeed.

"I just like helping the students and seeing their smiling faces," she said. "And to see them happy and have success."

As for her future plans, Towery is looking forward to gardening, traveling and sailing. She and her husband, Bill, have been sailing the last several years.

"I guess you can call what I do as sailing," she quipped. "I try to do what he tells me to do."

She said sailing isn't all rest and relaxation. It requires great effort.

"You have to stay alert and watch what you're doing all the time."

The couple has three children and four grandchildren.

2014 CONGRATULATIONS

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■ COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Yarbrough ‘forever tethered’ to Crittenden County

When asked how I felt about leaving the Crittenden County School District as its superintendent, I have responded to several folks that I will be “forever tethered” not only professionally but personally to the Crittenden County schools and community. Our joint venture together began in July 2008, and as we reflect on the accomplishments from then to now, many tremendous endeavors have happened to strengthen the learning experience for students in the Crittenden County School District. Some of those important contributions include:

- Piloted the first propane fueled bus in Ken-



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- Built a new addition and renovated CCES for \$2.3 million.
- Established a 2020 Vision for Student Learning which included 21st century skills for students.
- Implemented 21st Century Learning Centers at CCHS and CCMS with grants totaling in excess of \$2.0 million over a five-year

period.

- Developed a wireless infrastructure for a district Digital Conversion Plan on all campuses.
- Expanded high-quality teaching and learning with the two-day Instructional Strategies Institute at the beginning of each school year.
- Published a yearly magazine, The Connection, focused on Crittenden County Schools.
- Strengthened partnerships with community organizations through our Downtown History Walk for fifth-graders, the Legacy of Learning wall in Rocket Arena and we hosted Learning Lunches and school tours, etc.

- Established the Distinguished Alumni recognition for Crittenden County high school graduates.
- Established mechanisms for continuous feedback and input: Council of Councils meetings, Supt2Kid: Superintendent Student Advisory Councils, Coffee and Conversation sessions, etc.
- Built the professional capacity of educators through District Teacher Cadres and Aspiring Administrator Cadres.
- Implemented the “Lacy Awards” for one certified and one classified employee nominated by their peers.

These efforts are not the handiwork of any single individual but the result of a

team that is committed each and every day to bring all they have to offer on behalf of students. It takes a team to do the heavy lifting of making any organization strong, but in Crittenden County, the team is extraordinarily special. To all....board of education members, parents, community members, food service workers, maintenance and custodial staff, transportation team members, office personnel, teachers, support staff, central office team, administrators and most importantly, our students, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Crittenden County community and school district as the super-

intendent.

It is my hope that my imprint on this school district is marked by positive contributions and a foundation for continuous improvement. Please accept my sincere appreciation and thank you to one and all for allowing me the opportunity to serve. My best wishes to the next generation of leaders and learners who encounter the Crittenden County Schools in the future. No doubt...we are “forever tethered.”

(Dr. Yarbrough has been superintendent of Crittenden County Schools since 2008. June 30 will be her last day as head of schools after accepting the superintendent's position in Webster County.)

■ COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Clark ‘thrilled’ to lead school system

I am thrilled at the opportunity to lead Crittenden County Schools into the future! I am honored to have the trust of our board of education, who made a thoughtful and careful decision. I also am grateful for the support of our staff and community and the love and encouragement of my family.

It is an interesting time for public education in Kentucky, and more than ever, we must be prepared to meet the Next Generation Learning Initiatives that are in place for all Kentucky public schools. We have just enough time to get it right! With that being said, we will remain uncompromising in our duty to give our best effort every day while establishing a caring and nurtur-



ing learning climate that is safe for all students to learn and teachers to teach. I plan to continue the culture of teamwork and collaboration that has been established in our district.

Teamwork is the key to success as we create learning opportunities for all students and teachers. It is critical that we continue to close the gap between the Intended Curriculum and the Attained Curriculum.

My goal is for our school district to be a 21st Century Learning Institution where we value problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration.

Technology will play a critical role in our strategic plan, and we have made great progress in that direction. The integration of technology in education will continue to be a high priority for our district. As we strive to get all students College/Career Ready, it is important to align our schools and courses so they support students who wish to attend college but also provide opportunities for students who intend to enter the work force with specialized training.

This is a tall task for our

educators and administrators, but we have the people to get it done. We will continue to support our teachers with professional learning opportunities and support to effectively implement Kentucky initiatives. Our teachers and our students are our strength.

I am proud to call Crittenden County my home, and I want our parents and the community to have pride in our school system. I am eager to get started and excited about the opportunities for our students, staff and schools.

(Vince Clark has been chosen to succeed Dr. Rachel Yarbrough as Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools beginning July 1. He has been with the school district since 1991.)

■ COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board chair: Thank you to employees

(The following address was given by Crittenden County Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook to faculty and staff Monday, which was closing day for Crittenden County school district.)

Good morning. Today is a day to celebrate as we reflect on this past school year. Yes, we have academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular successes to celebrate. But I want us to celebrate something different this morning. I want us to celebrate the difference that each of you has made in the lives of our students this year. I want us to celebrate the legacy that each of you is leaving, because the impact that you have on our students has a ripple effect.

Mother Teresa said it best, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

The difference that each of you makes in our students’ lives affects the lives of everyone that their lives touch. Had you ever thought about how vast your impact really is? Wow! Let us also not forget the impact that we have on each other. After all, we spend more time with our co-workers than anyone else.

Each one of you lives a life of such significance. This fact was highlighted Friday as Helen Moore was inducted into the ranks of the Crittenden County High School Distinguished Alumni for her 42 years of making a difference...of leaving a legacy as an elementary teacher.

What is one of the biggest ways that you make a difference in our students’ lives and each other’s lives? By connecting with our students and each other. I had the opportunity to participate in a day of this year’s senior exit interviews. One of the notes that I made from one interview was a comment that a student made, who had transferred to our high school from another state. He said there is “more of a connection with our teachers here” as compared to my previous school.

Chick-Fil-A hosts an annual leadership simulcast that is called LeaderCast. I was fortunate to be able to attend one of their host sites in Paducah again this year. One of this year’s speakers was Laura Schroff, author of “An Invisible Thread.” The title of Laura’s book is based on an old Chinese proverb which states that “An invis-



ble thread connects those that are destined to meet, regardless of time, place and circumstance. The thread may stretch or tangle. But it will never break.”

And the reality of this proverb is her life. She shares that in 1986, she met an 11-year-old homeless panhandler on the corner of a busy street in New York City, named Maurice. He said to her, “Excuse me lady, do you have any spare change? I’m hungry.” As usual, she said no and walked on. But in the middle of that busy street, his words struck her. She turned around in the middle of the street and walked back to him. She offered to buy him lunch at McDonalds and then asked him if she could join him. He said yes. And so a four-year tradition began with Laura and Maurice meeting for lunch every Monday. And from their lunch meetings, a lifelong friendship developed.

Now 28 years later, Maurice and his beautiful wife have seven lovely children,

who all have bright futures. Laura shares “that one small gesture of caring was like a tiny pebble tossed into a lake, rippling outward through years and generations, affecting not only Maurice’s life but the lives and futures of his beautiful kids.”

Her quote sounds a lot like Mother Teresa’s quote. Interestingly, “An Invisible Thread” has become a teaching tool in classrooms around the country. Laura and Maurice’s story is such a beautiful example of connecting with others and the difference that it can make.

Many of you may be familiar with the movie “A Walk in My Shoes.” It tells the story of a teacher who is magically put into the shoes of another person, the mother of one of her students. To connect with anyone, we truly have to understand their situation. This movie portrays the ultimate way to truly understand someone’s situation. If you have not watched this movie, I would encourage you to do so. In fact, Mr. Clark, I would encourage you to work it into the “Instructional Institute” that we do for our staff before school starts in August.

Along those lines, one of the best traditions that Dr. Yarbrough has started on opening day is dividing our entire staff into teams. Then having those teams travel on

our school buses to the homes of some of our students to welcome them to a new school year.

I always struggle as I prepare my remarks for opening and closing days. But this year, I quit struggling. Every story that I have shared today is from something that happened this May or that I was exposed to this May. Two things on the program at Friday night’s commencement made me say “OK, I got it... these are the stories and the themes that I am supposed to share on closing day 2014.” One of this year’s valedictory address themes was about being selfless. And a recurring line from the song that our high school leadership team dedicated to our graduating class was “I want to leave a legacy.”

As the late Nelson Mandela once said, “What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

I cannot think of a group of people that makes a difference...that leads lives of significance...that leaves a legacy...more than the staff of Crittenden County Schools.

Enjoy your summer.

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Taylor Fritts, CCHS
Tyler McKinney, CCHS
Breanna Yandell, CCHS
Audrey Swetland, Pathway
and the Class of 2014!

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Class of 2014

We applaud your success and extend our congratulations for your accomplishments.

Best Wishes!

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Pam Collins
Barrett Belt
Chris Cook
Dr. Rachel Yarbrough, Superintendent

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

Class of 2014, you’ve worked hard to make the grade, and now that diploma is the key to a bright and successful future.

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Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates!

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MACKENZIE HERRINGTON Crittenden County High School
ZACHARY TINSLEY Crittenden County High School
ADDAM WHITT Crittenden County High School
AMBER WRIGHT Crittenden County High School

KRISTEN COE Western Kentucky University
AUTUMN HERRINGTON Campbellsville University
TALLEY NIX Western Kentucky University
MORGAN LEA PHILLIPS Appalachian State University
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Crittenden County vocational awards

O'Net Certification
The following students have earned O'Net certificates – these students have completed the necessary courses in their program area to earn a nationally recognized O'net code.

Welding
- Entry Level Welder: Darren Sharp.
- Production Line Welder: Jacob Tinsley, Donald Young.
- Welder Helper A: Charles Tinsley.

Electricity
- Electrician Helper I & II: Alicia Fulks.
- Electrician Helper I, Electrician Helper II, Residential Electrician I, Residential Electrician II A and Residential Electrician II B: Kevin Chandler, Dakota Lynch.

Carpentry
- Basic Carpenter – Floor & Wall: James Tyler Kirk, Nick Robison.

Automotive
- Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair: Cole Easley.

Culinary Foods
- Waiter & Waitress, Bread Baker/Pastry, Fast Food Cook and Counter Attendance: Ruth Gobin.
- Waiter & Waitress, Fast Food Cook, Fundamentals of Culinary and Counter Attendant: Breanna Yandell, Tyler McKinney.

Industry Certifications
The students listed under the following subjects have earned industry certifications in each of their respective programs.

Health Sciences
These students have passed the Kentucky State Nurse Aide test which qualifies them to be on the state registry to be employed as a nurse aide. It is also required for admission to most nursing programs at the collegiate level:
- Kimberly Danielle Day
- Bailey Hart
- MacKenzie Herrington

Carpentry
The following student has passed the NCCER (National Center for Construction Education and Research) certification for Carpentry Level 1. This is a nationally recognized certificate for the construction industry.
- James Tyler Kirk

Electricity
This student has passed the NCCER certification for Electricity and is a nationally recognized certificate for the Electrical Construction Industry.
- NCCER Core Curriculum: Alicia Fulks.

Welding
The following students have passed the certification tests for the AWS (American Welding Society) and is nationally recognized in the Welding Industry.
- AWS 2F Certification: Jacob Tinsley, Kenny Todd.

Automotive
The following student has earned ASE Student Certification through the NATEF Program Accreditation for:
- Automatic Transmission & Transaxle, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Electrical/Electronic Systems and Maintenance and Light Repair: Cole Easley.

Workkeys
The following students have earned a Silver National Career Readiness Certificate based on their performance on the Workkeys test.
- Kevin Chandler
- Alicia Fulks
- Bailey Hart
- MacKenzie Herrington
- James Tyler Kirk
- Dakota Lynch
- Nicholas Robison
- Lindsay Sizemore
- Charles Tinsley
- Donald Young
The following students have earned a Gold National Career Readiness Certificate based on their performance on the Workkeys test:
- Darren Sharp

KOSSA – Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment
- MacKenzie Hewitt: Allied Health.
- James Tyler Kirk: Construction.
- Darren Sharp: Manufacturing.
- Charles Tinsley: Manufacturing.

■ PRESCHOOL



Tiny Tot graduates four

Graduation ceremonies for Tiny Tot Day Care in Marion were May 23 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Graduates include (from left) Kendall Hoover, Lathan Lynch, Haylie Hunt and Kendra Guess.

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Remembering a classmate

During Friday's commencement ceremony, Crittenden County High School Class of 2014 remembered former classmate Jake Hodge, the son of Denis and Shannon Hodge, who died inexplicably in his sleep in June of 2008 at the age of 12. Classmates lit 11 candles in honor of the number the young athlete wore on his back.

Congratulations,
GRADUATES

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



Magan Sunderland Maggie Collins Hayden McConnell

Congratulations to Ashley Cooper and Magan Sunderland, Recipients of the 2014 Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary Scholarship and Maggie Collins, Recipient of the Charlotte Fowler Memorial Scholarship.



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