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COLLETON PREPARATORY ACADEMY TOP *Graduates*

By CINDY CROSBY

**KENLEIGH MORGAN CROSBY**

Daughter of Robin and Bryan Crosby, Islandton

GPA: 5.1579

Class Rank: No. 1

College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina – Salkehatchie with plans to pursue nursing

Career Goal: My career goal is to obtain my undergraduate degree in nursing, then I hope to enroll in a nurse practitioner program through MUSC.

Scholarships: Lions Club Scholarship, Life Scholarship, Salkehatchie Academic Scholarship

Favorite Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of the moment until it becomes a memory." – Dr. Suess

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 affected my senior year by not having many classes at Colleton Prep. I took most of my classes at Salk, but I would not have wanted it any other way (besides the masks, of course!). Taking most of my classes through Salk, prepared me for how college will be and taught me how to be responsible with time management.

**WESLIN GENE JONES**

Daughter of Sonda and Wesley Jones, Walterboro

GPA: 5.07

Class Rank: No. 2

College Plans/Major: Charleston Southern University with plans to major in kinesiology

Career Goal: To become a physician's assistant

Scholarships: Jairy C. Hunter Jr. Scholarship, Johnny Rhodes Family Endowment, LIFE Scholarship

Remarkable High School Memory: Winning the SCISA AA State Softball Tournament this spring during my senior year.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 affected my senior year by not having classes at CPA. All my classes were taken at USC – Salkehatchie.

**RIANNA KHRISTYNE BAILEY**

Daughter of Rhonda and Brent Bailey, Walterboro

GPA: 5.08

Class Rank: No. 2

College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina – Columbia with plans to major in elementary education

Career Goal: I would love to teach second grade and possibly be a speech teacher down the road.

Scholarships: Robert E. Ishler's Dean Award, PMPED Scholarship, Lions Club Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship

Remarkable High School Memory: All my favorite memories from high school include any of my four sports (tennis, basketball, softball, and cheer) and the memories associated with them.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 did not necessarily alter my senior year, other than canceling some of the games during the fall season. I am extremely grateful for my school and how they supported us and continued to fight for us to have a normal school year.

**DANIEL KYLE HOOKER**

Son of Becky and Robbie Hooker, Ritter

GPA: 4.85

Class Rank: No. 4

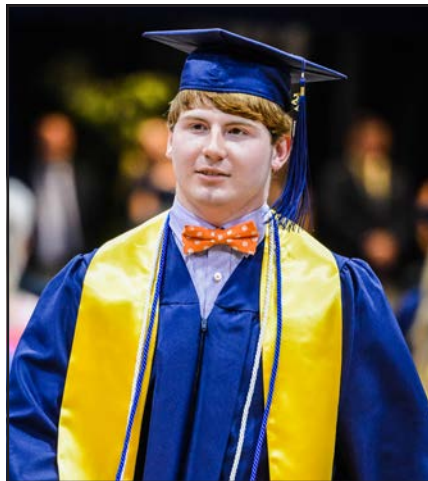
College Plans/Major: Florence-Darlington Technical College with plans to major in turfgrass management.

Career Goal: I would like to manage the turf grass realm of a golf course or sports field in the lowcountry of South Carolina.

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship, Florence-Darlington Technical College Athletic Scholarship (baseball)

Favorite Quote: "If you always have something to fall back on, failure will never bother you and you will never reach your full potential. Learning to fail forward and take failure to heart and grow from mistakes is what will make your dreams come true." – Denzel Washington

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: The virus did not really affect me in the academic portion of my senior year, but I know our class missed out on many opportunities to do things that would have happened if not for the virus.

**JACOB BRELAND**

Son of Richard and Lisa Breland, Ruffin

GPA: 4.8

Class Rank: No. 5

College Plans/Major: Clemson University with plans to major in mechanical engineering

Career Goal: To establish the largest engineering firm in the Southeastern United States

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship

Remarkable High School Memory: The moment I tripped going up the stage to get the Headmaster's Award during graduation.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 made me put more emphasis on washing my hands and to be selective with where I go because I did not want my mom to get sick.

**RACHEL ELIZABETH WRIGHT**

Daughter of Leah and Jack Wright, Walterboro

GPA: 4.76

Class Rank: No. 6

College Plans/Major: Trident Technical School with a focus on dental hygiene

Career Goal: To work in a dental hygienist position

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship

Remarkable High School Memory: Senior Sleepover

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 affected me by only getting to take one in-person class.

**ASHLYN CARSON LANGDALE**

Daughter of Stacey and Greg Langdale, Islandton

GPA: 4.735

Class Rank: No. 7

College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina – Salkehatchie then MUSC for nursing

Career Goal: Pediatric Oncology Nurse

Scholarships: USC Salk President's Award Scholarship





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ANNE MATHIS THOMAS
Daughter of Shelley and Johnny Thomas, Walterboro
GPA: 5.32
Class Rank: No. 1
College Plans/Major: Anderson University majoring in elementary education
Career Goal: I would like to be an Elementary School teacher to be a light in young students lives and share the knowledge my past teachers have given me.

Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, Anderson- Founders Scholarship (\$12,000), Denmark Scholarship (\$5,000), PRTC Scholarship, SWU- Presidential Scholarship (\$9,000)

Remarkable High School Memory: Being able to see a large crowd together, singing and dancing while watching the performance of Mamma Mia! After a year of isolation and quarantining, that was a moment I will never forget from high school.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 definitely put a wrench in our ideal senior year plans, however we were able to rise-up and make the most of our situation. It was different, but we got through it, and we can now be known as the "online" class that made it to graduation through a pandemic.



SYDNEY MACKENZIE HOWARD
Daughter of Diane and Mark Howard, Cottageville
GPA: 5.28
Class Rank: No. 2
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina majoring in environmental science
Career Goal: I want to work in climate change research or a field prioritizing sustainability.

Scholarships: Palmetto Fellows, Dean's Scholar Award, USC Stem Supplement
Favorite Quote: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe." – Anatole France

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: I was a full-time student at USC Salkehatchie this year, so getting used to a schedule loaded with college courses and adjusting to learning virtually was tough.



IAN PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN
No bio available



SAVANNAH "RHAYNE" BONGIORNO
Daughter of DeAnna Herndon, Walterboro
GPA: 5.146
Class Rank: No. 4
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina – Columbia with plans to major in computer information systems.
Career Goal: I want to go into Cyber Security with a large company or with the government.

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship, Garnet Scholar
Favorite Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: The biggest thing that affected me was band. I was one of two drum majors for the Band of Blue and we had to alter our show and our season because we could not practice the way we could before, and we were not going to any competitions. I am proud of all the band members as well as the staff and parents that made the season memorable despite the setbacks.



GRACE ANN COX
Daughter of Jennifer and Daniel Cox, Ruffin
GPA: 5.095
Class Rank: No. 5
College Plans/Major: Anderson University with plans to major in communication – public relations
Career Goal: My number one career goal is to love the job I do. I want to enjoy working, and I want to also help others. My dream job is to become a wedding/event planner and travel all over the world.

Scholarships: Anderson University Awarded Scholarships: Founders Scholarship—\$12,000, Baptist Scholarship—\$300, Girls State Scholarship—\$1,000, LIFE Scholarship—\$5,000

Remarkable High School Memory: The most memorable thing from high school, which I learned from my weightlifting coach, is "Life sucks, then you die. But die hard." This quote could be interpreted in a brutal way, but the way I see it is life may throw obstacles in your path of success, but you must make the most of them and give it your all, every single time.

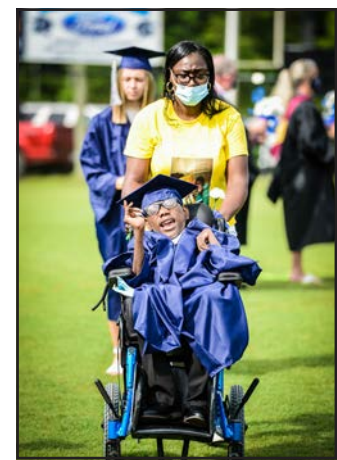
The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 brutally ripped many things away from the seniors, but we survived. There are many things our school performed this year that would not have happened in a "normal" school year. As students, we were challenged with learning new technology platforms at the same time our facilitators and teachers were. This made it difficult to ask questions, and to figure out technical difficulties and such. We overcame many things, and I am beyond proud of each one of my classmates.



ASHLEY CAROLINE GOETTEE
Daughter of Samantha and Dale Kizer, Walterboro
GPA: 4.974
Class Rank: No. 6
College Plans/Major: USC – Salk with plans to attend cosmetology school
Career Goal: I hope to eventually own a pageant consultant studio where I do hair and makeup, photography, and coaching.

Scholarships: Life Scholarship, Miss Cougar Scholarship, Miss Grits Festival Scholarship
Remarkable High School Memory: My favorite memory was being in Shrek the Musical my sophomore year. Being one of the three blind mice was something I will always remember.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: After losing all the first semester, my senior year has felt very incomplete. Although it was hard, it had made me appreciate the little things so much more.



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NOAH OREN BROCKMAN
Son of Allison Brockman and Francis "Squeaky" Brockman, Walterboro
GPA: 4.94
Class Rank: No. 7
College Plans/Major: College of Charleston with plans to major in marine biology
Scholarships: Access to Excellence Scholarship, College of Charleston Merit Scholarship, LIFE Scholarship
Remarkable High School Memory: When our principal dressed up as a student during lunch and sat at my table.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: Classes being canceled, and students stuck doing packets of homework for the last part of our junior year, will always be a memory I hold from COVID-19. My senior year was comprised entirely of Dual Enrollment classes, which had in-person classes, but even those were limited. Group work was difficult due to social distancing, and we were heavily encouraged to wash our hands often.



ZORA AMARIS JAMISON
Daughter of Lakeesha Crosby and Leon Jamison, Lodge
GPA: 4.869
Class Rank: No. 8
College Plans/Major: Furman University with plans to major in neuroscience
Career Goal: To become a neurologist
Scholarships: Furman Scholarships include Joseph Vaughn Scholarship with full tuition annually (valued at \$212,000), NSF STEM Scholarship (\$5,000 annually); SC LIFE Scholarship, Gregory Kinsey Memorial Scholarship and DAR Good Citizen's Award.

Remarkable High School Memory: In English class my junior year, my friends and I would have unofficial karaoke. We sounded awful, but other classmates would join in so there was never a dull moment.

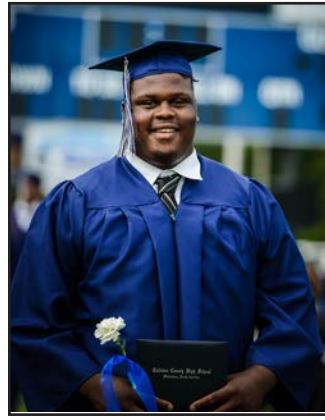
The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: What makes high school great are the small moments, things that seem insignificant, for example eating lunch with your friends or walking to class together. This year, I did not get to make anymore of those memories. Senior year was always something I could not wait for, but it ended up being something I will not have memories of. I will always wish things were different, but I am thankful I survived something that took the lives of so many.



MAKENZY PAIGE HAND
Daughter of Kenny Hand and Jessica Bell, Walterboro
GPA: 4.866
Class Rank: No. 9
College Plans/Major: North Greenville University with plans to major in psychology
Career Goal: To use psychology to help people and possibly becoming a high school guidance counselor. I would also like to get involved with mission organizations.

Scholarships: NGU Founder's Scholarship (10,000 a year) and SC Life Scholarship (5,000)
Remarkable High School Memory: Winning the spirit stick as juniors after we did an incredible dance at the pep rally.

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 affected my senior year by making it quite easy to catch "senioritis." It was extremely hard to stay focused and positive, but I managed and finished the year off strong and happy.



REBEKAH LYNN GRACE HANNA
Daughter of Jerilyn and Scott Hanna, Walterboro
GPA: 4.861
Class Rank: No. 10
College Plans/Major: Charleston Southern University majoring in early childhood education
Career Goal: After college, I plan to teach kindergarten in Colleton County and be a light to our future generations.

Scholarships: John A. Hamrick CSU Scholarship, Teaching Fellows, Jerry C. Hunter CSU Scholarship, Palmetto Fellows
Remarkable High School Memory: Without a doubt, my most remarkable and unforgettable memory in high school was participating in the spring musicals with the CCHS Singers under Mrs. Stephanie Drawdy's teaching. I acted in Beauty and the Beast my freshman year as part of the ensemble and again in Mamma Mia my senior year as Donna. I will always cherish the amazing memories and long-lasting friendships I made during these experiences.

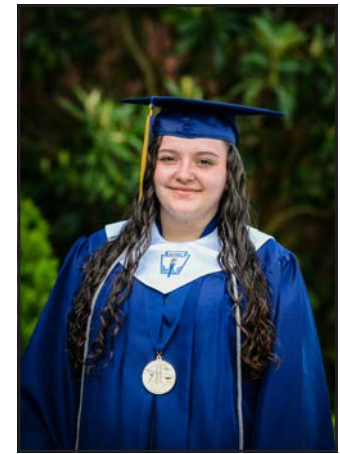
The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 presented a challenge to the Class of 2021, but I am proud to say we thrived and pushed through it. Personally, COVID-19 taught me how to be truly responsible, remembering due dates and commitments without the constant reminder of a face-to-face teacher. It also taught me to appreciate the little moments with friends and loved ones, because you never know what crazy things could happen in the future. Most of all, COVID-19 taught me how to persevere and to discover my goals and work for them, no matter how difficult, because that is how we truly succeed.



DOROTHY GRACE DESOYE
Daughter of Patti and Bernie Dessoye, Walterboro
GPA: 4.82
Class Rank: No. 11
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina with plans to major in marine biology
Career Goal: I hope to become a marine biologist.

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship; USC Garnet Scholarship
Remarkable High School Memory: Hearing our principal call us alumni for the first time.

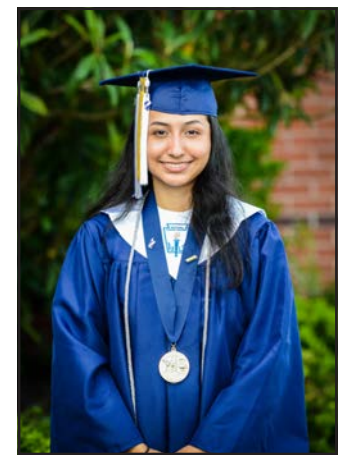
The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 changed how our school operated. Our learning style, teachers, and friends changed. We lost out on a normal senior year, but we managed to make the best of it. Being able to participate in sports and chorus were two of the most exciting things about this year. I am glad we were able to do so.



CHRISTINA LEIGH MORRALL
Daughter of Kim and Robert Morrall, Walterboro
GPA: 4.755
Class Rank: No. 12
College Plans/Major: Undecided; plans to major in marketing
Career Goal: I plan to pursue my marketing dreams and hope to open my own insurance company in the future.

Scholarships: Not available
Remarkable High School Memory: An unforgettable memory would be when the Class of 2021 won the spirit stick as juniors!

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 affected my senior year in many ways. One way was we had to adapt very quickly to learning differently, along with no interaction in person. Not being about to see any of my classmates face-to-face made it extremely hard on teamwork.



MARIA SOLEDAD GUARDADO CAUDILLO

Daughter of Yadira Lyons and Dale Lyons, Jr., Ruffin
GPA: 4.726
Class Rank: No. 13
College Plans/Major: University of South Carolina - Columbia with plans to major in pre-pharmacy

Career Goal: I hope to one day be a pharmacist for a rural community in need. Seeing how many lives I touched through my career would be the most rewarding achievement I could dream of.

Scholarships: LIFE Scholarship, College of Charleston Merit Scholarship, Micro-Scholarships

Favorite Quote: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

The Class of 2021 weighs in on COVID-19: COVID-19 impacted my senior year by making me appreciate all my high school memories and friends. I will forever hold those experiences close to my heart and thank everyone who made a positive impact on my life.



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Photo by Cindy Crosby
VALEDICTORIAN. Kenleigh Crosby delivers her Valedictory Address during Colleton Prep's Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony held Thursday, May 27, 2021.



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SALUTATORIAN. "This is just the beginning of an incredible opportunity called life. Everyone in this class has the opportunity to be successful, and I think this school has helped us grow and show our strengths to the world." – Rianna Bailey, CPA Salutatorian.



Photo by Cindy Crosby
CO-SALUTATORIAN. "Life is certainly going to throw us each our fair share of challenges but keep going because there are always new goals that need to be accomplished." – Weslin Jones, CPA Co-Salutatorian for the Class of 2021.

Colleton Prep holds Class of 2021 Commencement

By CINDY CROSBY

Colleton Preparatory Academy held Commencement for the Class of 2021 ON Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Colleton Preparatory Gymnasium, during which 21 candidates were presented diplomas, including 13 Honor Graduates.

Nine members of the Class of 2021 were recognized as 12-Year Graduates, including Kenleigh Crosby, Rianna Bailey, Weslin Jones, Jacob Breland, Allyson Crook, Ella Nolte, Mark Peters, Jr., Parker Tuten and Rachel Wright.

Following a Processional of the Board of Directors, faculty and staff, the graduating seniors entered to the traditional Pomp and Circumstance.

Head of School Jill Burtram welcomed the guests and was followed by the Invocation given by Dr. Chase McRae, Ashton Baptist Church.

Rianna Khrystyne Bailey, Salutatorian, addressed the guests saying, "Good evening parents, friends, teachers, staff, and most importantly the class of 2021. Tonight, we will celebrate the end of not only high school, but also closing a chapter of our book of life. These seven buildings have been our home for the last 13 years, but it is time to move on to our next adventure. During our online school, casually changing teachers, and any other curve we have been thrown, we have overcome and made ourselves stronger, and I couldn't be prouder of the 21 of us."

Bailey went on to say, "Here is a little bit of advice that I have realized over the last four years of high school – high school isn't necessary the end of our lives, but this is actually the start. Some of us will separate and go to school, some to work, some to the military and some to still figure out how they will spend their lives. There is no doubt in my mind that our paths will cross with each other through our lives wherever we shall go. This is just the beginning of an incredible opportunity called life. Everyone in this class has the opportunity to be successful, and I think this school has helped us grow and show our strengths to the world."

Co-Salutatorian, Weslin Gene Jones, opened her address saying, "I

am so honored to be able to speak as the Co-Salutatorian which hasn't happened here since 2014, but here we are. Before I begin, I would like to thank my family, friends, coaches, and teachers. To my teachers, thank you for sticking with me for all these years. You have taught me everything I have needed to know not only through education but in life as well. Trust me there are so many others I could thank but we would be here all night."

Jones closed her speech saying, "I am going to wrap this up by saying this, Class of 2021, never give up on your goals because once it is accomplished it is the best feeling. Life is certainly going to throw us each our fair share of challenges but keep going because there are always new goals that need to be accomplished"

Valedictorian, Kenleigh Morgan Crosby, opened her commencement address saying, "Good evening Board of Directors, faculty and staff of Colleton Prep, friends, and the class of 2021. About 6 years ago, after watching a CPA graduation ceremony, I set a goal for myself that I wanted to be a future Valedictorian. As I have worked toward that goal over the past years, I somehow forgot about how many people I would have to stand in front of if I accomplished this. As I sat reflecting on what to say tonight, it became clear to me, this should not be hard, as tonight is a celebration of the journey of this class, really this 2021 family, and the time we have spent together. After coming to this realization, I can say it is truly an honor to stand behind this podium today and honor every member of the class of 2021."

Crosby went on to say, "As we celebrate together tonight, I would like to take a moment to remember some special people who are not with us today – Mrs. Mrs. Tammy Peters and Mrs. Mary Howell Fletcher. I did not know either of them on a very personal level, but Pete and Scott,

I am sure they are both looking down on you today smiling from ear to ear. You both are wonderful people and I know you are going to do great things in the future to make them proud. I would also like to take a moment and recognize Scott Fletcher and Ryan McMillian, these two classmates spent last summer in boot camp working hard instead of having a relaxing summer. Both are going into the Armed Forces to serve our country and we sincerely thank you."

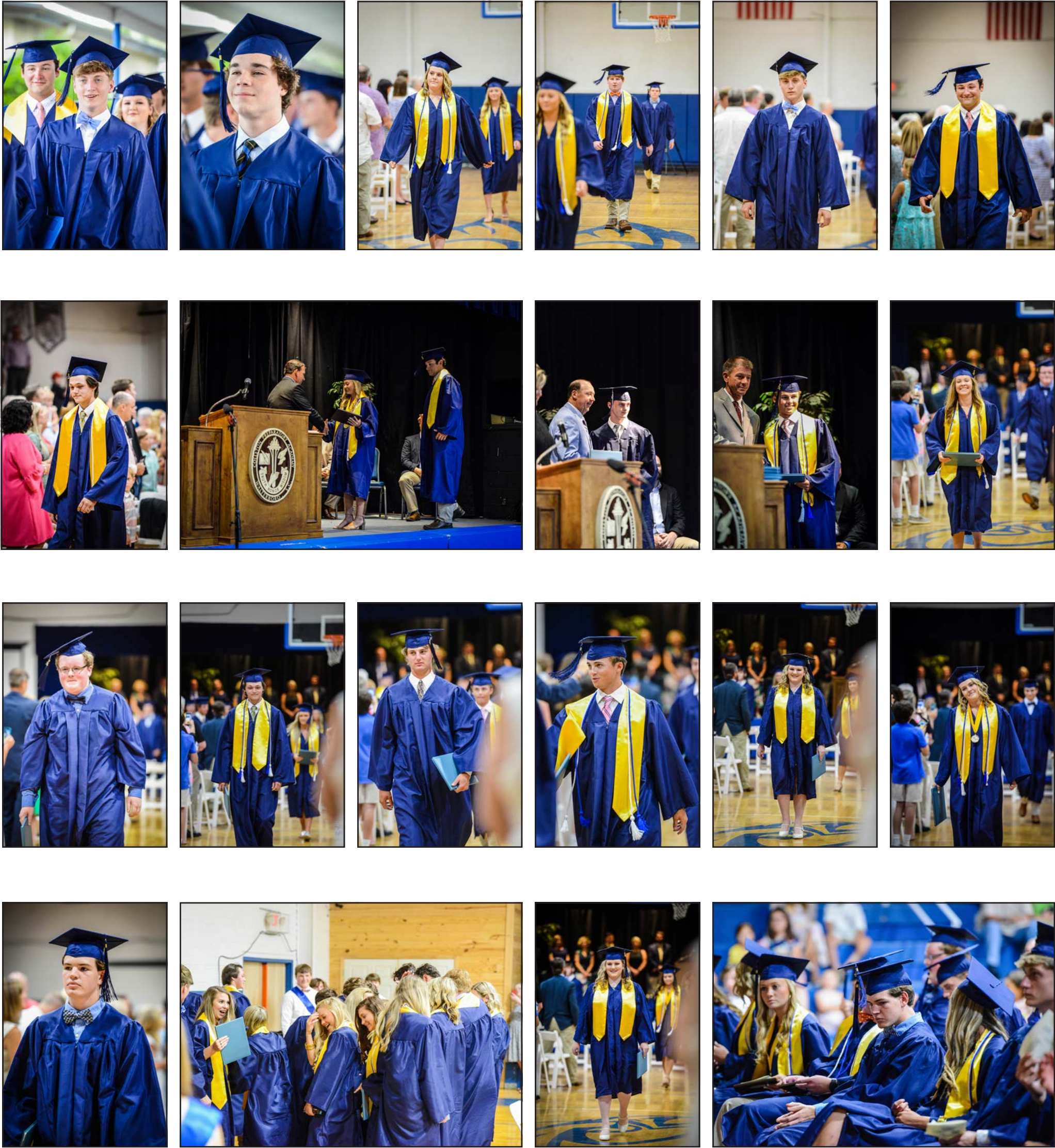
She closed her speech with, "So my friends, I want to leave you with one final quote. The Lord says in Jeremiah 29:11 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' This next chapter in our lives will not always be easy. When it is not, and life gets tough, let's remember this verse. It is not a promise that God may immediately rescue us from hardship or struggling, but that he has a future planned for us regardless of the situation and he can work with us to let us prosper and give us hope. Class of 2021, our future is bright, and it is near. Let us be bold in our beliefs, strong in our values, and not be afraid to conquer our dreams."

The Presentation of Diplomas was given by Heath Griffith, Chairman of the Board of Directors and was followed by the singing of the Colleton Preparatory Academy Alma Mater. The Benediction was given by Dr. Chase McRae before the Class of 2021 Recessional to Trumpet Tune by Purcell.

During the ceremony, Jacob Breland was awarded the Headmaster's Award for Excellence. The Debbie Powers Award was bestowed upon Weslin Jones, and the newly established Joe Carroll Award was presented to Kyle Hooker.

Marshals included Haley Bootle, Wes Brown, Emily Wilson, Walker Nettles, Jackson Sims, Matthew Williams, Jeb Bootle, Hannah Strickland, and Olivia Sumner.

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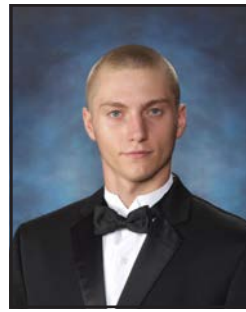
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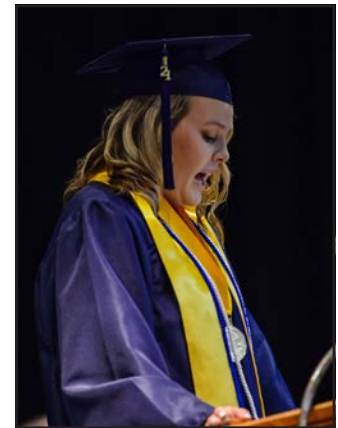
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VALEDICTORIAN. First Honor Graduate, Anne Mathis Thomas, gives her Valedictory to the Class of 2021 closing by saying, "As we enter this next chapter of our lives, I encourage you all to never stop dreaming, and to define your own success. Pursue what you love and be the good flavor."



Photo by Jim Killian
TURNING OF THE TASSELS. Senior Class President, Grace Ann Cox, leads the Turning of the Tassels for the Class of 2021.



Photo by Cindy Crosby
SALUTATORIAN. "Chase after your dreams relentlessly and let no one get in the way," said Sydney Howard, CCHS Salutatorian.

Be the “good flavor” – CCHS holds Class of 2021 Commencement

By CINDY CROSBY

In an exceptional year filled with hurdles along the way due to COVID-19, Colleton County High School held the Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Cougar Stadium at 8:30 a.m. With limited tickets for graduates, the ceremony was the culminating event for the Class of 2021 who started the year virtually, then went hybrid and finished in-person.

The Class of 2021 had 244 ranked graduates that combined for \$13,274,358.00 in scholarship offers which included external, institutional, Palmetto Fellow, Life, and Hope Scholarships. There were seven Distinguished Honor Graduates with a minimum 4.9 GPA or higher and 23 Honor Graduates with a cumulative GPA between 4.5-4.89.

The Class of 2020 boasted 43 National Honor Society Members and 28 students earned an Honor's Certificate. Additionally, there were 125 Career and Technology Completers.

Following the Processional of Graduates through Cougar Field House, the Presentation of Colors was given by the Colleton County High School NJROTC along with the National Anthem.

Recognition of Memorial Honorees included Ja'Kye Kayshawn Butler, Ali Jamani DuBois, Julian Scott Guy, and Donaisha Angeliah Kelly.

Third Honor Graduate, Ian Patrick McLaughlin, gave the Invocation.

The Colleton County High School Chorus presented a musical selection entitled "You Raise Me Up," followed by the Recognition of Military Enlistees totaling six-plus.

Sydney Mackenzie Howard, Salutatorian, welcomed guests saying, "It is my pleasure to welcome students, families, faculty, and staff here today. Graduates, today is the final step in our journey through high school. This journey was by no means easy, especially in this past year. The COVID-19 pandemic affected all aspects of our lives, like school, work, travel, friendships, family stability, and mental health. Though it was rough on everyone, we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel quickly approaching. Even though we are all happy to be vaccinated, maskless, and getting back into our normal lives, we should never forget the people who did not get to this point. The pandemic took the lives of over 3.8 million people

worldwide, including members of our community and our staff. Let us all take a moment of silence to honor and remember those who are not with us today."

Howard went on to say, "Our years in high school may be coming to an end, but this is just the beginning. Some of us are heading off to college, the military, or straight into the workforce. These all hold the same value as steppingstones in the paths of our lives. No matter where we go or what we do, there are many challenges ahead of us. We will encounter obstacles that try to take us off our path, like changing our major for the fifth time or getting stuck in a job we hate. Instead of giving up and giving in to these challenges, meet them straight on with your shoulders back and head held high. Continue to challenges with sistance you have Continue to find events that test to learn from your mistakes of those In closing, she nothing else take this: never yourself. However sound, the faith self to succeed, factor in whether you do. Chase after your dreams relentlessly and let no one get in the way. Congratulations to the class of 2021."

Senior Class President, Grace Ann Cox, presented the Class of 2021 gift to Mr. Maurice Cannon, Sr.

First Honor Graduate, Anne Mathis Thomas, gave her Valedictory address calling for the Class of 2021 "to be the good flavor" in the world. Thomas opened saying, "To the Class of 2021, we made it. Not to mention, amid a global pandemic, we made it. This year, we have gone from seeing each other in little boxes on Google Classroom, either from home or in our small learning pods at school, to being back face-to-face in the classroom with our teachers. With, or without spectators, sports games were able to contin-

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ue, and the band and chorus were able to perform. Although a wrench got thrown in our ideal senior year plans, we made the best of our situation and we made it to where we are today. For that, I am so immensely proud of us."

Thomas then went on to deliver a well-received and much-loved address comparing life to game of "Bean Boozled" saying, "Bean Boozled is a game of chance as to what flavor you get, but in life, we get to choose our flavor. We get to choose whether we want to be the good flavor or the bad flavor. We get to choose the way we treat others, and the way we react to situations."

"As Maya Angelou said, 'I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' You can be remembered for the good, or for the bad – you choose. People are going to remember you and the way you treated them. Are you going to be remembered as the one who made someone's day, or the one who ruined it? I know sometimes it is difficult to take the high road. Sometimes the bad flavors in life can get to you. But you get to respond anyway you want to any situation. And I encourage you, when someone goes low, choose to go high. Choose to be the good in someone's life, you never know what it could mean to them."

In closing, Thomas said, "As we enter this next chapter of our lives, I encourage you all to never stop dreaming, and to define your own success. Pursue what you love and be the good flavor, thank you all!"

Presentation of the 2021 Graduation Candidates was given by Principal Cannon, followed by the Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates by Cannon, Mr. John Tindal, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Sharon Witkin, Chairman of the Colleton County School Board, Mr. Shon Johnson, Ms. Bria Burke, and Mr. Ryan Pearson. They were assisted by the CCHS Counselors and the Class of 2021 Advisors.

Following the Turning of the Tassels, led by Grace Ann Cox, the Class of 2021 followed tradition, tossing their white carnations into the air. Following the singing of the Alma Mater, Anne Mathis Thomas, Student Body President, led the Benediction.

The Class of 2021 Recessional, "War March of the Priests" by Felix Mendelssohn, closed the ceremony.



Photos by Jim Killian

COLLETON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Graduates*



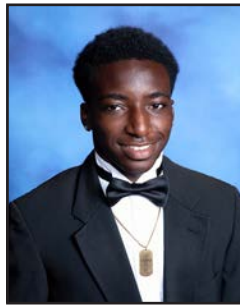
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I am so proud of you! Love, Mom

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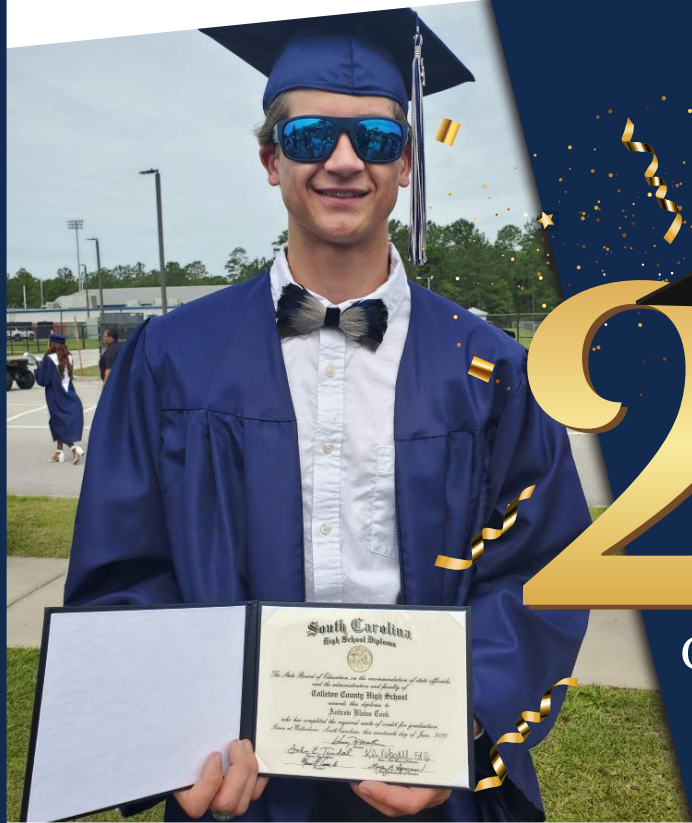
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Morgan Hadwin



Amari Hamilton



Jazmyne Hamilton



Ashlynn Hammonds



Makenzy Hand



Rebekah Hanna



Cavarion Haynes



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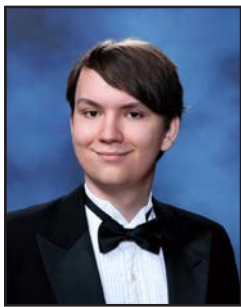
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Sherrill awarded NSPS Scholarship

By CINDY CROSBY

Colleton County High School senior Cadet Jaducus Sherrill was recently awarded the Presidential Navy Junior ROTC Preparatory Scholarship worth over \$100,000 in total to attend Norwich University in Vermont. Sherrill was awarded this scholarship based on his academic and accomplishments in the Navy Junior ROTC program at Colleton County High School.

"Jaducus rose through the ranks of the NJROTC at Colleton County High School to achieve the billet Executive Officer and the rank of Cadet Lieutenant," said Lt. Col. Depinto. "He was awarded several accolades to include Scholastic Excellence, The Military Order of World Wars JROTC Award, Naval Science Outstanding Cadet Ribbon, Exemplary Conduct Ribbon, and Distinguished Cadet Ribbon to name a few. Jaducus is a well-rounded individual who excelled in academics, NJROTC and football. We would like to congratulate him on a job well done."

Jaducus is the son of Susan Sherrill and the late Anthony Sherrill of Walterboro.



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SHERILL AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL NJROTC SCHOLARSHIP. Colleton County High School senior Cadet Jaducus Sherrill was recently awarded the Presidential Navy Junior ROTC Preparatory Scholarship worth over \$100,000 in total to attend Norwich University in Vermont.

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WALMART RECOGNIZES GRADS. Walmart recognized their graduates and treated them to lunch on June 11.



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PHOTO submitted by Project Search



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MELVINA RICHARDSON
PHOTO submitted by Project Search

Walmart recognized graduates and interns

By VICKI BROWN

Walmart sponsored a very special graduation ceremony in the garden department of the store on Friday, June 11.

All Walmart employees who were seniors were congratulated on their graduation from high school. Also, Project Search senior interns were recognized in a special ceremony sponsored by the store. As Project Search graduates walked through Walmart to their graduation recognition ceremony, Walmart employees and shoppers applauded and saluted the interns.

Project Search is a Transition-to-Work program led by teacher Karen Lockerman that helps special needs teens learn how to gain real-life work experience.

This program assists high school seniors with significant intellectual and developmental disabilities participate in employment preparation for one-year on a job site. The student interns have a combination of classroom instruction, career exploration and hands-on training at a worksite.

The goal for each intern is successful employment, so students gain real-life work experience, training and independent-living skills. Teens with special needs are able to transition to productive adult life.

Special Needs instructor Karen Lockerman, under the auspices of Colleton County School District's Department of Special Services, has successfully implemented this program at CCHS and Walmart for over a year along with Lynn Marcom of Vocational Rehabilitation.

"This program has been so successful. Project Search provides the life training skills that our students need, and Walmart has been so wonderful in helping us," said Lockerman.

Students who participate in the program clock in and head straight out to their training jobs in Walmart. They have lunch and classroom time where they work on computer skills, resume and interview skills, telephone skills, workplace safety, team building and ways to prepare for and maintain employment.

Students receive a mock paycheck, learn how to deposit it, and then practice paying bills by writing checks for rent, lights, food, phone and other necessities. They work with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to get support beyond school.

Graduate Caleb Cox said he loves Project Search. "I like everything about it," said Cox.

Lockerman said the program has one more year until the grand ends. "It has been a such win for Walmart as well as the kids that we plan to continue it," said Lockerman.

To honor these special needs seniors, Walmart held the graduation there and served lunch to the graduates and their families. The students were visibly excited and full of smiles as they received their certificates acknowledging 12 years of attendance in school. While the certificate is not an official diploma, to the students, it means a lot and they are proud of their accomplishments.

Deanna Parish, coordinator of Special Services at CCSD, said she has been so impressed with the program that she hopes to expand it. "This program was a pilot of the University of Cincinnati Children's Hospital and it grew across the nation. But we are the very first retail site to host Project Search anywhere. Karen Lockerman will continue with the program but will also be a facilitator working with CCSD Department of Special Services to expand opportunities for these special needs children," said Parish. Lockerman already has plans that are in the

works.

She is working to provide and design a pilot program to partner with the Colleton County Recreation Center to begin therapeutic recreational

activities like basketball, pickleball, and track and field. Lockerman said she needs volunteers and help to implement the program.

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COLLETON COUNTY ADULT ED GRADUATES FIFTEEN. The Colleton County Department of Adult Education held the Class of 2021 Commencement Thursday June 17. Fifteen graduates were presented diplomas by John Tindal, Colleton County School District Interim Superintendent, and Chris Horvath, Adult Education Director.

Colleton County Adult Ed graduates honored in 2021 Commencement

By CINDY CROSBY

The Colleton County Department of Adult Education held the Class of 2021 Commencement on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at Faith Walterboro. Fifteen graduates were presented diplomas by Chris Horvath, director of Adult Education, and by John Tindal, the interim superintendent for the Colleton County School District.

The Invocation was given by graduate Jasmine Lashae Outley, followed by the greeting.

Class of 2021 graduate Darrien Malik Alexander gave the Graduate's Message, thanking the staff of CCSD Adult Education, family, and friends.

"Thank you all for coming together in support of our 2021 graduating class. I want to take a moment to recognize and praise all my fellow graduates for accomplishing such a major step in their lives," said Alexander. "We have all been through different circumstances, but those experiences have led us to be here, together. And through our encounters we have learned that whatever you put your mind to, you truly can achieve."

Alexander went on to say, "Today, we are officially graduates. We have worked so hard to be here – and man, does it feel good. I am proud of everyone here for all we have accomplished, and excited for what we all do in the future, though it is unknown; one thing is certain, we will breach through any obstacle in our path, and come out as winners. As we all step into the next chapter of our lives, we will be prepared and ready to stand tall against anything that is thrown into our course."

"We will face hardships eye to eye but when times seem to get overwhelming, we will always persevere and continue to thrive for greatness," he said.

Chris Horvath, Adult Education director, spoke to the graduates and guests, stating that since 2003, Colleton County Adult Education has served over 5,000 adult learners.

"Our leaders seated here this evening represent the Colletonians,

who this year alone, earned 26 South Carolina High School Equivalency Diplomas, one SC High School Diplomas and 67 South Carolina Career Ready to Work Credentials."

"Graduates, I see the future in each of you, and I sense the amazing things you will do with your lives," said Horvath. "In achieving your destiny, let your drive and determination pave your way, and understand you were created to be great. Always keep in mind you are equipped to meet any challenge you face. I am immensely proud of each of you."

Horvath added, "Great achievements do not just happen by chance. We merge our learners' grit with the professionalism of our faculty and staff. Please acknowledge the dedication of Mr. Palmer Hudson, Mr. Joey Ritter. Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, Ms. Kristie Long, Mrs. Mary Kaye Bailey, Mrs. Jaime Fitch, Mrs. Denise Wright-Johnson, Mrs. Delores Crosby, Ms. Martha Adams, and Mrs. Ginger Armentrout. Also, our team at CALC would not be successful without the support of Mrs. Jessica Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. John Tindal, Interim Superintendent."

"Mr. Tindal this will be our final year together, and we at CALC would like to recognize your friendship," said Horvath, before presenting Tindal with an appreciation plaque. "You, given the support of your wife and God, are a selfless leader in education within South Carolina. Please accept this small token of appreciation from our graduating class and your CALC family. Thank you for your commitment to the adult learner."

Jaime Fitch shared a poem entitled 'Dare to Dream' by Julie Anne Ford and was followed by a message given by Jessica Williams, assistant superintendent of the Colleton County School District.

The Class of 2021 Adult Education graduates included Darrien Alexander, Haley Boltin, Javon Farmer, Roxanne Lawton, Brittany Longnion, Shawn Myers, Jasmine Outley, Brittany Rawls, Zoey Robertson, Kristopher Small Jr, Layla Stevens, Sarisa Sullivan, and Patsy Wilder.



ALEXANDER DELIVERS GRADUATE MESSAGE. "As we all step into the next chapter of our lives, we will be prepared and ready to stand tall against anything that is thrown into our course. We will face hardships eye to eye but when times seem to get overwhelming, we will always persevere and continue to thrive for greatness." - Darrien Alexander, Class of 2021 Adult Education.



SUPERINTENDENT TINDAL RECOGNIZED FOR ADULT EDUCATION FRIENDSHIP. Colleton County Interim Superintendent, Mr. John Tindal, was recognized by Chris Horvath, Director of Adult Education, for his friendship and commitment to the CALC during last week's commencement.

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