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# BULLDOG UNLEASHED

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## Senior Student Spotlight

Jacob Meyers is a senior who thoroughly enjoyed working in Mrs. Brandie Maddox's plant lab. "We worked with virtual reality headsets and it was a fun project. I had a great time in this class."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Cullman County Softball Tournament**
  April 6-8, 2026
  Come cheer on our Bulldogs to victory.
- **Cap & Gown Delivery**
  April 7, 2026
  Caps and gowns will be distributed in the meeting room at Hanceville High School.
- **Golf County Tournament**
  April 15-16, 2026
  Come join us on the links and represent our Bulldog pride.



# Senior Powers Through Her Final Year in Softball

The Hanceville Softball team has fifteen athletically fierce and dedicated varsity players. One of these players, Eden Clements, is a senior and a third base player. Third base is her personal best position and her favorite. When asked about the importance of the third base position, Eden replied, "I enjoy getting people out in the infield." Some of Eden's best memories are when she was able to bond and connect with her teammates.

One of the best memories she has include "A Night to Shine" which is a special needs prom that she and the team volunteered to help with this year. At this event, Eden rode in a limousine with her team. Eden also fondly remembers participating in math team, NHS, volleyball and athletic training.

### Seniors Say Farewell...

Don't forget the last day for seniors is May 8

Teacher Feature

# Mrs. Cone's Creative Writing Class

Mrs. Rachel Cone is a teacher of creative writing, and she works hard to make sure the class is a comfort zone for all writers. Her students write poetry and short stories and have a great bond with her.

"Mrs. Cone stated, I've witnessed my students blossoming as writers; they've become more confident in their writing abilities and developing their voices as writers."



***My focus is to provide students with opportunities to express themselves and build confidence through writing poetry and prose***

- ***Mrs Rachel Cone***

## Seniors Remember



**Allison Sharp** - Allison loved doing senior activities such as Senior Sunrise and she cheered all four years of high school.



**Brian Recher** - Brian fondly remembers playing drums at the homecoming pep rally when Fox News visited.



**Kylie Campbell** - Kylie remembers her junior prom and the fun she and her friends had at The Loft.



**Samuel Abney** - Samuel will miss being out with his basketball teammates after a good win.



## Senior Farewell

We finally made it. We have survived four years of 7 am alarms, long school days, and exams to last a lifetime. Honestly, if we can get through the ACT together, we can face almost any of life's upcoming challenges.

Now looking back, it wasn't just about surviving the school day. It was about the people who made it worth showing up for. From freshman year jitters to these final senior sunsets, games, and fun field trips, we have grown into a family. We are thankful for the late night laughs with friends, the big wins, and the busy hallways that we never knew we would miss.

As we head our own way to build our futures we will never forget the roots we grew right here. It has been real, it has been fun and it has been an absolute honor to be a Bulldog.

-Laiken Cryer
Class of '26

Teacher Feature

# Ode to HHS Class of '26

*Ode to HHS Class of '26*
*An imitation of Keats' "Grecian Urn"*
*by Braxton Pitts*

*You yet-graduated class of purple,*
*You children of banter and slow time...*

*Yearbook, who tells*
*A colorful story more vivid than our words:*
*What senior portraits appear on your pages*
*Of suits or dresses, or of both,*
*In smiles or looks of hunger?*
*What boys or immortals are pictured? Which girls look the other way?*
*What mad pursuit? What struggle to escape?*
*What hairstyles and jewelry? What angst?*

*Sung alma maters are sweet, but one yet sung*
*Is sweeter; so, students, dream;*
*Not for the adults, but, soon-adults,*
*Dream your dreams you yet know:*
*Youth, beneath your graduation caps, you explore*
*The dream, and never can those wishes be blown out from elsewhere;*
*Bold child, never, never can you sing more true,*
*Than when gaining near the goal. And don't fret:*
*It won't exactly end, even if you never again walk these halls,*
*Forever you will dream, and YOU WERE HERE!*

*Oh, happy, happy pictures! that cannot fade*
*Your smiles, never graduating in your hearts;*
*And, senior quotes, unwavering,*
*For you always meant what you said;*
*More happy pictures! more happy, happy pictures!*
*For ever grinning and still to be enjoyed,*
*Forever scheming, and forever young;*
*All readers from annoying freshmen to juniors,*
*Follow with a heart of imitation and*
*Desire for what you will soon have.*

*Who are these coming to the stage?*
*To what name do you call next, O administrators,*
*Who lead the pupils that stare into the stands,*
*With all their cords and best dress?*
*What little town by creek or lake,*
*Or county roads with single lanes,*
*Is emptied of folk, this celebratory morning?*
*And, little town, your roads*
*Will silent be; and not a soul to tell*
*Why you are emptied, until caps come down.*

*O book! Our book! With photographs*
*Of boys and girls of '26,*
*With baby pictures and athletes and clubs and shenanigans;*
*You, silent book, do remind us of old times*
*As nostalgia does: With Warm Regards!*
*When payments and commitments this class make,*
*You will remain, in midst of other classes*
*Than this one, a reminder to all future graduates, to whom you play a word-song:*

*"Hail Alma Mater,*
*For Thee we hold*
*Love everlasting*
*As the years go by."*







As the class of 2026 is taking their leave and showing how at Hanceville High School we can really influence growth and push through challenges, we thank those who have been role models, friends, and peers to us in these last four years. It will be a long journey ahead, but we will never forget you and our roots as Bulldogs.

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