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CHICKASAWS



Senior Spotlight

Dasia Davis

Also known as “Dee Dee,” Dasia Davis is the daughter of Virginia Bailey and Timmy Woods Sr. She is a member of FCCLA and is very passionate about her future. After high school, Davis plans to get a job at Nucor, eventually moving away for more opportunities and personal growth.

Even when high school is challenging, Davis says, ***“Never let your grades look like what you’re going through.”*** This mindset helped her make it to state with FCCLA. Davis’ favorite teacher is Kim Byrd. Her favorite memory came from junior year when she saw her friend, De’asja, dressed up as a shark and remembers bursting into laughter.

Outside of school, Davis enjoys writing poetry, singing, and taking long walks. Davis also considers going to Jackson State to major in psychology, which is her favorite subject. She believes psychology is the key to communication and wants to work towards getting her doctorate, so she can help people figure themselves out.

Her message to the underclassmen: ***“Don't be so eager for the future that you forget to enjoy the present. Keep the right crowd. Show me your friends and I'll show you your future.”***





Michael Ecton III

Michael Ecton III has been attending the Blytheville School District his whole life. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, traveling, playing pool, and gaming. Ecton also likes to work out and watch anime.

Ecton’s favorite high school memory is laughing in class with his friends, Payden Brown and Reyadh Alkayfee. His biggest accomplishment in high school, so far, is making the honor roll.

Ecton is most inspired by his mother, Jernal Woods, and father, Michael Ecton Jr. His words to the underclassmen are:

“It’s a terrible day for rain.”

Ecton dreams of becoming a car salesman and would like to major in accounting. A fun fact about Ecton is that he can somersault.

After high school, Ecton will mostly miss the little moments with his classmates and the atmosphere of Blytheville High School.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

The Blytheville Chicksaws team has started off to a slow season, but the coaching staff is working tirelessly to lead the team to success. The BHS football coaching staff includes: head coach Katon Hill, offensive coordinator Justin Ellis, defensive coordinators TaMuarion Wilson and Jordan Jackson, and lineman coaches Josh Plunket and Jacquin Benson.

The team has ten seniors this year, including Xzavion Liddell, Jatavion Wilson, Chad Bell, Treyvon Orr, James Riley, Joshua Holton, Yahyr Gonzalez, Albeyro Gonzalez, Jordan Holton, and Izreal Craighead. These seniors, along with the other players, are working day in and day out for success.

Come out and support the Chicks!













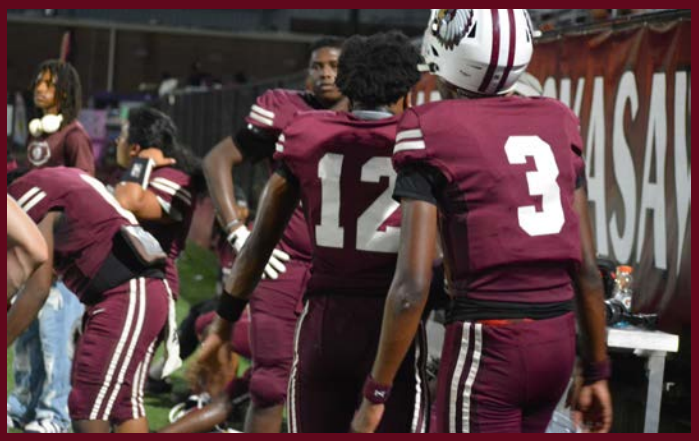

Senior Spotlight

Lanaeshia Lincoln

Lanaeshia Lincoln is the daughter of Delana Billups and Earnest Blair. She is known for her bright personality, and outgoingness, both on and off the basketball court.

Lanaeshia Lincoln is 18 years old, and is very active in school. Her favorite teacher at BHS is Kim Byrd, the FCCLA and Culinary teacher. Byrd, says that she admires Lincoln's hard work and eagerness.

Beyond the classroom, Lincoln is also hardworking and eager on the basketball court. She has been playing basketball since 2nd grade, and says she immediately fell in love with it. It makes her very happy, so much so, that she wants to play ball at Alabama State University after high school. In five years she sees herself in the WNBA, doing what she loves professionally.

Lincoln looks up to her mom, Delana Billups, because she is strong despite going through so much, yet still comes out happy on the other side. Lincoln says she is like a soldier.

Her advice to anyone is, ***"Never give up, strive to be the best, and try new things."***





Marcus Anderson Jr.

Marcus Anderson is the son of Stacy and Marcus Anderson, Sr. He is known for being a good person and a good basketball player.

Anderson is the captain of the Chickasaw Basketball Team, and he is on the A-B honor roll. He enjoys being outdoors, including kayaking, cutting grass, walking, and long drives. After high school, Anderson plans to go to college to play basketball and major in sports medicine to become an athletic trainer.

Anderson's favorite memory at BHS is everyone welcoming him with love when he first arrived at Blytheville High School earlier this year. His favorite subject in school is science. He advises the younger students by saying, ***"Always believe in yourself and take the risk to overachieve what you want."***

Anderson is very family-oriented and would like to first give thanks to God for his success. Anderson also thanks his parents, sister, and grandparents for their part in driving him towards success.

Staff Spotlight

Mallory Stormer

English 1



Mallory Stormer has been teaching 9th grade English at BHS for two years. She was originally born in Brookland, Arkansas, and came to Blytheville when she heard about the open teaching position.

Stormer is married and has two beloved children. She credits the Blytheville School District with helping her meet many amazing people, including teachers, administrators, and students.

Stormer encourages her students to learn by showing up every day with her best foot forward. She strives to create a positive learning environment in her classroom. Stormer notes that her students encourage her by coming to her every day with their bright smiles and greeting her with hugs.

Stormer wants to encourage other students to enroll in BSD. She says, ***"Our community of teachers and administrators is truly giving their all every day and is dedicated to giving [students] the best education possible."***

Kim Byrd

Culinary and Restaurant Management



Kim Byrd is starting her 25th year of teaching in Blytheville. She has a strong background in business and family consumer science. She holds a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Arkansas State University and an associate degree from Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) in Blytheville. Byrd is also a National Board Certified Teacher.

Throughout her teaching career, Byrd has taught business and family consumer science classes. She currently teaches Food Safety and Nutrition and Culinary 1 and 2 because she enjoys helping students learn important skills they can use in everyday life.

Her teaching philosophy is centered around encouraging students to focus on who they are and how they respond to others. Her motto is, ***"It's not what people call you, it's what you answer to."***

Outside of school, Byrd is active in her church and enjoys spending time outdoors. She loves walking her dogs every day, which she describes as her time to meditate and relax. She also enjoys reading, working in the yard, and cooking.

9/11: THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

There's a saying about how light shines in the darkness. That there is a calm after every storm. That to see the good, we must endure the bad. Twenty-five years ago, America experienced such a storm. On that day the world went silent.

September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked by the terrorist group, Al Qaeda. Two planes crashed into the Twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and one crashed into the Pentagon, which is the U.S. Department of Defense headquarters. On the fourth plane, brave passengers on board fought back against the hijackers, but ultimately crashed the plane in an empty field in Pennsylvania to avoid the intended target, The White House. To see the light in tragic situations like this, one must take a closer look.

New York

People woke up to a normal day, but that all changed around 8:00am, when American Airlines Flight 11 was hijacked. Two flight attendants, Betty Ong and Madeline Sweeney, were both stabbed, and the terrorists overtook the cock pit. About 5 minutes after the hijacking began, Betty Ong would called American Airlines in Cary, North Carolina to report what was happening: ***"The cockpit's not answering. Somebody's stabbed in business class and — I think there's mace — we can't breathe. I don't know, I think we're getting hijacked."*** She stayed on the phone for 23 minutes before the plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46am, killing everyone on board instantly. New Yorkers watched with confusion, shock, and horror, but this was only the beginning.

United Airlines Flight 175

At the same time, another flight was also hijacked with the intention of flying into the South Tower. The terrorists hijacked the plane from approximately 8:42am until 8:46am. As a result, they killed both pilots, stabbed flight attendents, and used various weapons like bombs and mase. Flight United 175 had little communication with the ground, so the first sign of something wrong came at 8:47am when air control noticed the flight heading off-course. Passengers also called family members to report what was going on and say their goodbyes.

At 9:03 am, United Airlines Flight 175 collided with the South Tower. Everyone on board was killed instantly, along with numerous people who were just starting their work day at the World Trade Center.



Virginia

While all eyes were on the tragedies unfolding in New York, the Pentagon, in Arlington County, VA, was also attacked. American Airlines Flight 77, departed from Washington Dulles airport at 8:20am on a routine flight. Between 8:51 and 8:54, the hijacking began. Flight attendant, Renee May, and passenger, Barbara Olsen, called their families to alert everyone of what was going on.

At 9:29am the autopilot was turned off and the flight took a 330-degree turn, descending 2,200 feet toward the Pentagon. At 9:37am, the flight crashed into the Pentagon, killing everyone on board, as well as many military and civilian personnel in and around the building. Although tragic, this was still not the end of the devastation on that day.



Newark, New Jersey

United Airlines Flight 93 was the fourth plane hijacked on the morning of September 11th. The plane took off from Newark, New Jersey at 8:42 with 37 passengers including the hijackers. The hijackers attacked at 9:28. Although threatened with a bomb, the passengers were brave and decided to fight back. At 9:57, the passengers' revolt began, and within 6 minutes, they had recovered the flight controls well enough to force the plane into a crash landing in a vacant field, rather than crashing it into The White House, making the suicide mission a failure.

That despite everything that happened, from the crashes, to the towers collapsing, and all the lives lost, some may look at this tragic day and see only the darkness. They may think only about the lives lost, the tears cried, and the hope lost. Healing takes time, and there is light in the darkness of such a tragic day.

September 12, 2001.

The following day, and many days to come, brought fruitless rescue missions, enduring states of shock, and people from all walks of life trying to pick up the pieces and move forward with living. Underneath all the darkness, the heaviness, the sadness, and the despair, there was light, hope, and momentary sparks of joy.

People everywhere were united in this tragedy. They showed love to those around them, and helped those in need. The oneness extended past New York, past America, and throughout countries around the world. For example, the Maasai people of Kenya tried to give 14 cows to the American people because they wanted to offer something of great value.

In addition to hospitality, bravery and courage was evident. First responders, average citizens, children, and even animals assisted in rescues. Rescue missions took their toll on the mental health of the rescuers. It was even noted that the rescue dog handlers had to fake living rescues just to give their animals hope.

Despite the heartbreaking events of 9/11, the American spirit prevailed. The people pieced their lives back together and built their hope in a new tomorrow. September 11th is a day that will never be forgotten, not just the darkeness, but also for the light.



Senior Spotlight

Jordan Moore

Jordan Moore is a senior at BHS, where he has attended for the past four years. Throughout his time at BHS, Moore has made memories and built connections that have helped shape his high school experience. One memory that stands out most is Senior Sunrise with his classmates.

After graduation, Moore plans to attend college and pursue a bachelor's degree in aviation. He says Robilyn Key has had the biggest impact on him because she is always there when he needs advice, and she has been an all-around great influence.

Moore is most proud of serving as Choir President this year. His advice to underclassmen is, ***"Grind hard. Your crown is waiting for you as soon as you find the courage to wear it."***





Aaliyah Ray

Aaliyah Ray was born and raised in Blytheville, Arkansas, and has been attending the Blytheville School District her whole life. Ray says people would describe her as nice, generous, loving, and smart. So far, her biggest inspiration in life has been her mother.

After high school, Ray plans to go to college to become a nurse. To get a head start on her future academics, she participates in her school's med club. Ray's favorite high school memory was the 2025 Homecoming. Her favorite teacher is Dara Still because she always pushes her to her limits and believes in her.

Ray plans on making her last year of high school count by continuing to have fun, taking risks, and being outgoing. Her advice to freshmen is to, ***"Always be yourself, change for no one, and always take risks."***

Staff Spotlight

Madison Groves

Biology, AP Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology



Madison Groves, known as “Baby Groves” at BHS, is from Blytheville, AR. She was the BHS Valedictorian in 2017 before attending Arkansas State University. She began teaching science classes at BHS in 2021, and anticipates finishing her Master’s in Biology from Clemson University in May 2027.

Groves says that she has always had a passion for science and biology. She originally aimed for a career in healthcare before discovering her love for education. She was inspired to teach by her mother and grandparents, who were all educators themselves. Outside of the classroom, she loves crocheting, reading, and playing video games, and she is absolutely loves the movie, “Project Hail Mary.”

At the beginning of each year, Groves focuses on being fun and approachable, so she can truly connect with her students’ unique interests. Her favorite part of teaching at BHS is simply getting to see her students every day and share her love of science. If she could give her students one piece of advice, it would be, ***“Don’t get too overwhelmed by all the high school drama. Instead focus on building meaningful relationships and friendships.”***

Candice Groves

French, Journalism, AP Language and Composition



Candice Groves, known as “Mama Groves” at BHS, was born in Malvern, AR, and began her journey with the Blytheville School District in 2006 as the computer teacher at the Primary School. In 2012, Groves joined the staff at BHS. Her passion is teaching French, but she has also taught a wide variety of other subjects over the years, including Journalism, Virtual Spanish, Critical Reading, and newly added this year, AP Language and Composition. Groves says that the very best thing about Blytheville High School is, without a doubt, her students. ***“[My students] keep me coming back year after year and push me to continue growing as an educator.”***

Outside of school, Groves enjoys watching documentaries and Marvel movies. One of her favorite memories at BHS is when her own kids were students here. She enjoyed helping them decorate parade floats and going on school trips with them.

Something interesting about Groves is that she is very competitive and is a perfectionist. She has attended five colleges/universities over the years, and says that if she could afford it, she would stay in college classes forever because she loves to learn new things. To those who think her classes might be too hard for them, Groves says, ***“I will push you to be your very best, but it is your responsibility to keep up. As long as you do your work and study along the way, my class is really not that hard.”***



STUDENT COUNCIL

The school year is off to an incredible start, and the Blytheville High School Student Council has already been hard at work behind the scenes, officially welcoming new representative for each grade level and electing officers. Each are excited to represent the student body and be the voice of BHS.

The Student Council representatives and the school leadership team are excited to announce that the Student Council will be under the new leadership of Ms. Nadea Massey this year. Massey, who is also the FFA sponsor, will be guiding students to explore fresh new perspectives and is sure to make this school year's activities among some of the best as she is ready to take on the challenges and celebrations ahead.

Over the past month, the Student Council has used their time, energy, organizational skills, and school spirit to host and manage the year's first pep rally. From coordinating the music and getting the crowds hyped up, to leading the loudest cheers in the bleachers, the student council worked tirelessly with the staff and student body to ensure the event was a success.

Now the Student Council is shifting into high gear, collaborating on upcoming campus initiatives, community service projects, and future spirit weeks. Keep an eye out for upcoming events and Homecoming Spirit Days.



2026-2027 Student Council Officers

Seniors

President : Koree Weatherspoon
Vice President : Honee Wells
Secretary : Sherri Walton
Treasurer : Jordan Moore

Juniors

President : McKinley Walker
Vice President : Maliyah Jones
Secretary : Deshawn Barnett
Treasurer : Ty'Rica King

Sophomores

President: Cordero Rogers
Vice President : Malik Lard
Secretary : Da'Kenzi Bell
Treasurer : Keontae Phillips

Freshmen

President : Kha'Miyah Jackson
Vice President: Jaziah McDougal
Secretary : Jarrell Hill
Treasurer : Curtis Davenport

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HOMECOMING WEEK

Blytheville High School

OCTOBER 5 -9

MONDAY

Twin Day

Grab a friend and match your look



MONDAY

Powder Puff Game

5pm - Haley Field
Tickets are $5



TUESDAY

Career Day

Dress for your future career and show us what next for you!



WEDNESDAY

Celebrity/Character Day

Dress up as your favorite celebrity or character and bring them to life



THURSDAY

Class Wars

9th : Senior Citizens
10th : Throwback
11th : Favorite Holiday
12th : Wacky Tacky
Staff : Camo/Fatigues

FRIDAY

School Spirit

Fill the stand. Dress in your maroon and white showcasing that Chickasaw Pride

Senior Spotlight

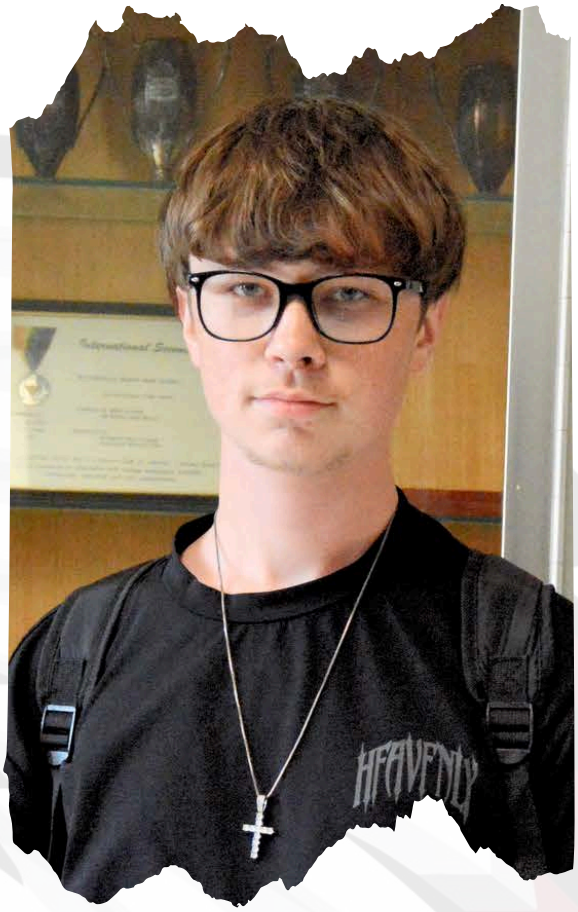
Rubi Juarez

Rubi Juarez, also known as “Rubes” to friends and family, has lived in Blytheville nearly her whole life. She is known for her kind heart and being very social. Her favorite part of high school is study hall with her friends. She is very passionate about caring for the people that she loves. Her favorite staff member is Candice Groves because she pushes her to be her best self academically. Groves says that, ***“Rubi loves to talk and play, but she is serious about her grades and strives to be successful.”***

Juarez is the president of the FFA. She is also in the French Club, FBLA, Science Club, Interact Club, NHS, and SHF (National French Honor Society). Her mentor and great friend, Makayla Wilson (BHS c/o 2025), has given her a lot of advice on life after school and how to prepare for life in general. A quote she lives by is ***“You don’t have to bend to the whole world.”*** -Dourian Coroey.

Juarez plans to major in nursing in college to become a hospice nurse because she wants to provide steady, compassionate support to patients and their families during their most vulnerable time.





Cordyn Smith

Cordyn Smith was born and raised in Blytheville. His favorite subject is science because he likes learning how different things work. Smith is involved in several school activities and has participated in multiple FFA events, where he always works hard and demonstrates great teamwork.

In his free time, Smith likes to stay active by taking walks and hanging out with his friends. He is also super creative and loves showing off his talent in his rap songs. When he finds time to relax, Smith likes to play video games.

Smith plans to go into welding, and hopes to be able to invest to make a lot of money within the next 10 years. He also plans on starting his own business so that he can be wealthy and financially stable, aiming to be his own boss and turn his skills into a lifelong career.

Staff Spotlight

Nadia Massey

Agricultural Education, Student Council, FFA



Born and raised in Fayetteville, Nadea Massey attended Arkansas Tech, where she earned a degree in Agricultural Education. She currently teaches Agricultural classes at BHS including Intro to Agriculture, Plant Science I-III, and Intro to Energy and Natural Resources.

Massey chose teaching because she enjoys helping people understand the importance of agriculture. What she likes most about BHS is the students. Her main goals are to grow and expand the agricultural program, strengthen the Student Council as much as possible, and continue building the FFA Club.

Outside of school, Massey enjoys spending time with friends and family, baking, and taking road trips.

Her advice to her younger self and students is to, ***"Find something you enjoy, give it a try, and stick with it."***

Candice Richardson

CTE Business, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship



Candice Richardson was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but was raised in Blytheville, Arkansas. Richardson attended Arkansas Northeastern College and Arkansas State University for college. This year marks her fifth year teaching. Richardson chose teaching because she always wanted to be an educator, a decision heavily inspired by the teachers she had growing up.

Currently, Richardson teaches CTE classes at Blytheville High School, including Business Intelligence, Marketing 1, and Entrepreneurship 1. Richardson is dedicated to preparing her classes for real-world success and bringing fresh energy to the school's career programs every day.

Outside of the classroom, Richardson enjoys spending time with her children and friends.

One piece of advice that Richardson would give to her younger self and students is, ***"Don't rush when doing things. You don't have to grow up so fast."*** Richardson also lives by the motto, ***"When life kicks you, let it kick you forward."***



Suicide Prevention Month





September is National Suicide Prevention Month. In this month, we raise awareness regarding mental health and the prevention of suicide. Suicide is very evident among the youth, being the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24. Also, 80% of teens who attempt suicide show warning signs in advance. That is why people must recognize the signs and act immediately. Some of the signs are withdrawal from family, friends, or previously enjoyed activities, engaging in risky behaviors, mood swings, and neglecting their personal appearance (through bad hygiene).

For suicide prevention, there are three R's to keep in mind: Recognize, Respond and Refer.

Recognize means to spot the warning signs of distress, watch for changes in behavior and talks about death or suicide, notice mood swings, and recognize feelings of hopelessness. Respond means to talk to the person directly (showing concern), asking them if they're thinking about suicide, and listening without judgment (taking the person seriously). Refer means to connect the person with professional help or a trusted counselor, directly taking them to a professional resource, or helping them contact a helpline.

There are various resources for students who are struggling with mental health. Some of these resources are the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, Crisis Text Line, and Teen Line. Organizations such as The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), The Jed Foundation (JED), and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) also provide support for people battling mental health. Mental health is a serious issue and should be taken seriously. That is why students should check on their friends occasionally to make sure they are okay. Through this, they will feel seen, cared for, and loved.

Senior Spotlight

Koree Weatherspoon

Koree Weatherspoon was born and raised in Blytheville, Arkansas. She may seem shy at first, however, her bubbly personality comes out as you get to know her. Over the last four years, Weatherspoon has most enjoyed bonding with her classmates and making memories that she will keep for years.

Weatherspoon has been involved in many activities and clubs that have helped her to become a better person and leader. She is the Senior Class President, and a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, FBLA, and Target Club. She is also a licensed CNA which has given her early experience in healthcare and has taught her more about compassion and teamwork.

After high school, Weatherspoon plans on going to college and working in the healthcare field. She is determined to make her future bright and be a good role model to those around her. As her high school years are coming to an end, Weatherspoon is proud of all the things she has accomplished at BHS and hopes to continue reaching her career and life goals.





Marely Bruno

Marely Bruno was born in Mexico and became a U.S. citizen as a child. Since her freshman year, she has grown both personally and academically; she says high school has helped her understand herself better. Bruno's biggest influence in life is her family because their support motivates her to work hard and build a future that she can be proud of.

Bruno loves being in her senior year because, to her, it feels like the beginning of a new chapter in life. She finds inspiration in the quote, ***"There is more peace in missing out than forcing yourself to belong."*** - Kim Namjoon.

After high school, Bruno plans to continue her education and pursue a career in veterinary medicine to become a veterinary technician. The most important thing high school has taught her is that growth takes time and to keep moving forward. The advice she has to give to an upcoming freshman is to, ***"Stay focused on your goals and do not be afraid to try new things."***







BHS Behind the Scenes...

Concession Stand

While the football team is giving it their all on the field, spectators can visit the concession stand where student volunteers serve cold, refreshing drinks, hot food, and sweet treats for fans to enjoy while watching the game. In the concession stand, students work hard at volunteering to serve the public while earning community service hours to fullfill their graduation requirements.

These BHS students ensure that hungry fans are well-fed while they are watching the Chickasaws try to dominate their opponents. When the halftime buzzer hits, many people come rushing to the concession stand, so the students have to work quickly to make sure that everyone gets exactly what they want before 3rd quarter begins.

"It gets very intense during halftime," one of the student workers explained. ***"You have five people shouting orders for BBQ nachos and popcorn all at once. But once you get into a rhythm with your friends, it's a blast. It's like our own game night challenge."***

Supported by some of the hardworking BHS staff members, everyone works together to keep things running smoothly and customers satisfied.







Senior Spotlight

Natalie King-Hudson

Natalie King Hudson is known for her bubbly and loud personality. Others describe her as caring and someone who is easy to be around. King-Hudson has lived in Blytheville her whole life.

King-Hudson's advice to underclassmen is to ***"Never ever ever let situations, bad teachers, or drama surrounding you affect your grades, attendance, or how you treat others. Don't let anything reflect [negatively] on you or your future."***

King-Hudson's favorite teacher is Coach Katon Hill because he helps her through difficult situations and is always willing to listen. She appreciates that Hill lets her know they can talk whenever she needs someone. What King-Hudson loves most about school is that there is always something going on and there is never a boring day.

King-Hudson's favorite subject is science. After high school, she plans to become a labor and delivery nurse. Her goal is to make money, build a family, and have a successful career.





Autumn Allen

Autumn Allen was born in Jacksonville, Tennessee, to Samuel Allen and Kimberly Burmite. She is known for her quiet, easy-going personality. What she loves most about school is her classmates.

Allen's favorite high school memory comes from her ninth grade year, when she first started finding her footing and figuring out who she was. Her favorite teacher is Dara Still because she has helped her in more ways than one, including building the confidence she carries into everything she does.

Her advice to underclassmen is to, ***"Just get to school and don't let anybody distract you. You might think it doesn't count, but it really does count."***

Reading is her favorite subject, and it's the one class where she feels most at ease. Her goal for the future is simply to walk across the stage and graduate from high school to make herself and her family proud.















FIRST PEP RALLY

Excitement filled the Chickasaw Arena as students enjoyed a fun-filled atmosphere including a wild game of Hungry Hungry Hippos, classic tug-of-war, and music to celebrate the football team!















Senior Spotlight

Aniyah Cantu

Aniyah Daniela Cantu was born in Harlington, Texas, and raised in Blytheville, Arkansas. Looking back on her high school years, she managed to balance all her academic responsibilities with her extracurricular activities, including being a part of the Target Club.

Cantu says that her teacher, Dorothy Brooks, is the biggest influence in her school life. Brooks always made sure Cantu kept her grades up, never let her fall behind in class, and still checks in on her even after completing her courses.

After high school, Cantu plans to attend college to major in psychology. Outside of school, Cantu enjoys going to new places and trying new things.

One piece of advice that Cantu would like to give to the underclassmen is, ***"Stay on top of your grades and keep your GPA up."***





Jatavion Wilson

Jatavion Wilson is the son of Tiffany Poland. He has made a name for himself at BHS by playing football and running track. Throughout high school, Wilson has worked hard to develop his skills and become a successful athlete.

Wilson's biggest role model is his mother. Her ability to stay positive and handle difficult situations has made a huge impact on him. All his hard work and dedication to the game led him to his biggest accomplishments: He's coming out of high school as a 3-star football player and is at a D1 level. After high school, Wilson plans to play football at the college level for Missouri State.

Wilson's favorite memory from high school was attending the pep rallies because of the motivation, fun, and excitement they brought before the games.

His advice to the underclassmen is simply, ***"Never let a girl get in the way of your future."***

Gear Up Arkansas

GEAR UP Arkansas is a college and career preparation program that helps students from low-income families and/or students who are the first in their families to attend college. It encourages students to set goals, believe in themselves, and prepare for life after high school. The program also helps students overcome challenges such as financial problems, limited college information, and uncertainty about their future.

Students can receive tutoring, academic advising, mentoring, ACT preparation, college application help, scholarship information, and assistance completing the FAFSA. GEAR UP Arkansas also provides college visits, career activities, job-shadowing opportunities, and guest speakers. These experiences help students learn more about college, explore different careers, and make better plans for their future.

The GEAR UP program also supports families and teachers through financial literacy workshops, college-planning resources, and professional training. Families can learn about paying for college, applying for financial aid, and finding scholarships. Teachers and mentors help students stay motivated and focused on their goals.

GEAR UP Arkansas also helps students understand that success can look different for everyone. Some students may want to attend a four-year college, while others may choose a trade school, community college, or a career-training program. The program helps students learn about these different options so they can choose a path that matches their interests, goals, and natural abilities. It also teaches students important skills like responsibility, communication, time management, and decision-making.

By providing academic support, guidance, and real-world opportunities, GEAR UP Arkansas helps students build confidence to become better prepared for college and careers. The program gives students the tools and encouragement they need to create successful futures in Arkansas and beyond.









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MEET OUR JOURNALISM/MEDIA TEAM

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CANDICE GROVES
Journalism I-III
Yearbook & Newsletter

SENIORS



CHAD BELL
12th grade
2nd year journalist



KE'NIYA WILLIAMS
12th grade
2nd year journalist



MAKHILA WILKINS
12th grade
1st year journalist

JUNIORS



DASHAWN BARNETT
11th grade
1st year journalist



SYRIAH CLARK
11th grade
1st year journalist



OCTAVEYAH MCKILLION
11th grade
1st year journalist



CHEYANNA NEALEY
11th grade
1st year journalist



PAICYN PANKEY
11th grade
1st year journalist



MCKINLEY WALKER
11th grade
2nd year journalist
CHIEF EDITOR



PARIS WRIGHT
11th grade
1st year journalist

SOPHOMORES



LAYASIA CARTER
10th grade
1st year journalist



ED'DREUNA GUESS
10th grade
1st year journalist



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