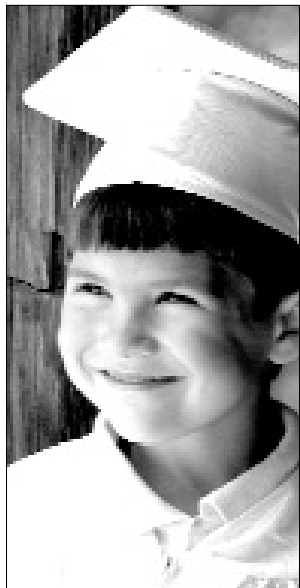


Education

C.A.T.C.H. Graduates



Summer Booker
Class of 2007



Hunter Newberry
Kindergarten



Xander Pasoley
Kindergarten



Kristi Rodgers
8th grade

CCHS graduates earn awards

By Dee Ann Campbell
The Choctaw Sun

BUTLER – Members of the Choctaw Co. High School Class of 2007 were awarded with numerous scholarships and honors during Senior Night last Tuesday evening.

Valedictorian Daniel Dykes received the Auburn University Spirit of Auburn Scholarship, University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship, U of A Engineering Leadership Scholarship, U of A at Birmingham Presidential Scholarship, U of A at Birmingham Academic Excellence Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, U of A Alumni Book Scholarship, Regions Bank Valedictorian Award, West Alabama Bank & Trust Valedictorian Award, U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, First United Security Bank Award, and the Principal's Award.

Salutatorian Erin Bryan received the Georgia-Pacific Scholarship, Bellhaven College

Academic Scholarship; University of Alabama Alumni Book Scholarship, First United Security Bank Salutatorian Award, and West Alabama Bank and Trust Salutatorian Award.

Other scholarship and award winners were:

Demetrius Brown – Talladega Alumni scholarship; Nikita Brown – Alabama State University Incentive Scholarship; Candace Bush – Miles College Dean "A" Scholarship; Laquita Bush – Alabama A&M Agriculture Scholarship; Christopher Carter – Stillman College Athletic Scholarship and Shelton State Community College Electrical Program Scholarship; Seaira Carter – Talladega College Alumni Scholarship, Alabama A&M ROTC Scholarship, Alabama A&M Agriculture Scholarship.

Amanda Coleman – Birmingham Southern College Foundation Award, University of West Alabama Trustee Leadership Award, Talladega College Academic Dean's

Scholarship, Alabama Southern Community College Leadership Scholarship, Principal's Leadership Award, U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence, Principal's Award, and University of Alabama at Huntsville Academic Excellence Award.

Jahmad Harris – University of Southern Mississippi Leadership Scholarship, U.S. Army Student-Athlete Award; Alisha Johnson – Talladega College Alumni Scholarship; Anthony Johnson – Alabama A&M Agriculture Scholarship, Talladega College Alumni Scholarship; Alisha Keeton – Talladega College Scholarship, Alpha Kappa Alpha Choctaw Co. Academic Scholarship; Derrian McGrew – Eric President Art Award; Jaleesa McNeely – UWA Trustee Leadership Scholarship, Talladega College Alumni Scholarship, Alabama State University Incentive Scholarship, and U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. Arielle President –

Vinny T. Jackson Award; Jessica Rodgers – Talladega College Alumni Scholarship, University of Mobile Dean's Scholarship, U.S. Army Student Athlete Award; Jerrell Sealey – Vinny T. Jackson award; Marlon Thomas – Stillman College Athletic Scholarship, Miles College Athletic Scholarship, Jacksonville State University Athletic Scholarship, and Jackson State University Athletic Scholarship.

Courtney Wallace – Principal's Award; Willie Wise – University of West Alabama Trustee Award, U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award; and Bryan Winston – Arthur Vinson Scholarship.

The following graduates are enlisting in the Armed Forces: Brandon Sharpe – U.S. Navy; Kimberly Wilson – U.S. Navy; Derrian McGrew – U.S. Army; Alisha Johnson – U.S. Air Force; Lakeisha Holcombe – U.S. Navy; and Sherita Johnson – U.S. Navy; Brittney Harris – Air National Guard.

Abston earns Ruth Evans Award

TOXEY -- The Ruth Evans Christian Character Award was presented to Laura Abston, a recent graduate of South Choctaw Academy. This prestigious award was established to honor Miss Ruth Evans, a long-time educator. Since 1974, this award has been given annually to a graduating Senior who exemplifies Christian character and virtues in his or her life.

Laura was chosen for this honor by the Ruth Evans Award Committee. This committee is appointed by the Administrative Council of the First Methodist Church of Butler where "Miss Ruth" was a Sunday School



Laura Abston
teacher and church pianist for many years. The committee is composed of per-

sons from different areas of Choctaw County. At South Choctaw Academy's graduation ceremony, Suzan McKenzie, committee chairman, presented Laura with the award and a \$500 check.

Laura is the daughter of Randy and Melanie Abston. She is a member of Womack Hill Baptist Church and she is involved in all of the church activities. At South Choctaw Academy, she was president of the Student Government Association, an Executive Officer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, member of the National Honor Society and the Senior BETA Club. She was a member of

"Teens Getting Involved In The Future" where she was a role model and team leader for sixth graders. She is also Choctaw County's Junior Miss and was awarded an academic award at the state Junior Miss program. She has been involved in service projects such as Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Can-a-thon for the needy and blood drives.

To quote one of her teachers, "Laura has a humble spirit, a big heart, and a loving personality. She exemplifies Christian character in all aspects of her life and she is respected by her peers for her values."

Randolph gets Gwen Wray Catrett award

BUTLER -- Tony Harper Randolph, Jr. is the 2007 recipient of the Gwen Wray Catrett Christian Character Award. Each year this scholarship is presented by Mr. Bobby Catrett to a Choctaw County graduating high school senior that displays outstanding achievements in academics, church and community services. This \$750 scholarship is given in memory of the late Mrs. Gwen Wray Catrett, who for many years, was a teacher at Choctaw County High School. Through the years she helped guide students in preparation for life after graduation and Mr. Catrett seeks to continue her desires by providing this scholarship. Among his church and



Tony Randolph
community services Tony has assisted with Tuscaloosa Crush 12-year-old and under baseball team helper; church Vacation Bible School; Stuffed with Love project for Hurricane Victims; Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-thon (5 years); Patrician Academy Summer Volunteer (4

years); Butler Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fireman's Banquet (1 year); and was credited with 185 hours of community service.

As an athlete at Patrician Academy, he played Jr. Varsity Football; Jr. and Sr. Varsity Baseball and was Jr. Varsity Baseball Most Valuable Offensive Player I; was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Treasurer I); Junior National BETA Club; Junior National Honor Society; Senior National BETA Club; Senior National Honor Society; Science Fair Winner I; Mr. Saintrion 1st alternate I; Jr. Mr. Saintrion King I; Member of the Varsity Baseball State Championship I; Member of the Varsity Football State Championship Runner-up I; Highest Academic Average in Biology I; Advanced Integrated Algebra 2/Geometry, Research and Writing, Advanced World History, Science, Algebra 1, and Computer I. Tony plans to attend Shelton State Community College and the University of Alabama with a career goal in engineering. He is the son of Tony and Sherri Randolph of Butler.

the President's Education Awards Program for Outstanding Academic Excellence; Duke University Talent Identification Program; Junior National BETA Club; Junior National Honor Society; Senior National BETA Club; Senior National Honor Society; Science Fair Winner I; Mr. Saintrion 1st alternate I; Jr. Mr. Saintrion King I; Member of the Varsity Baseball State Championship I; Member of the Varsity Football State Championship Runner-up I; Highest Academic Average in Biology I; Advanced Integrated Algebra 2/Geometry, Research and Writing, Advanced World History, Science, Algebra 1, and Computer I. Tony plans to attend Shelton State Community College and the University of Alabama with a career goal in engineering. He is the son of Tony and Sherri Randolph of Butler.

Nineteen local students among UWA Spring 2007 graduates

LIVINGSTON, Ala. – Nineteen local residents were among 300 graduates to receive diplomas during the University of West Alabama's spring commencement exercises on May 5, including those earning undergraduate and master's degrees from the Colleges of Business, Education, Liberal Arts, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the Division of Nursing and the School of Graduate Studies.

Local graduates include (by hometown): **BUTLER:** Tiffany R. Bledsoe, Associate of Science in Nursing; Jessica L.

Carney, Bachelor of Science; Anna J. Eaves, Bachelor of Science; Jason S. Etheridge, Bachelor of Science; and Dixie G. Norwood, Associate of Science in Nursing.

GILBERTOWN: John R. Gibson, Bachelor of Science; Robert J. McWilliams, Master of Science in Continuing Education; and Kristin M. Mosley, Bachelor of Science.

LISMAN: Shenella L. Carlisle, Associate of Science in Nursing; and Lindsey S. Roberts, Associate of Science in Nursing. **MILLRY:** Derrick T. Hester, Bachelor of Sci-

ence; James R. McLain, Associate of Science in Nursing; and Ashley M. Smith, Associate of Science in Nursing.

NEEDHAM: Robbie M. Crook, Bachelor of Science.

PENNINGTON: Gina M. Norton, Associate of Science in Nursing; and Amy D. Taylor, Bachelor of Science.

SILAS: Gaylena Crager, Associate of Science in Nursing; and Martina L. Pickens, Associate of Science in Nursing.

TOXEY: Lauren S. Skinner, Associate of Science in Nursing.



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