



Spyglass

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Green

By PEYTON SULLINS

Hannah Brooke Green was born on October 14, 1996 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Her parents are Pam and Westey Hopper, and Chris and Rhonda Green. Her siblings are Brock and Jaron Green, and Robert, Talla, and Maddie Hopper.

Hannah's hobbies include being a cheerleader for Gosnell High School, participating in Key Club and Spanish Club, and TRIO. One word to describe Hannah would be funny. "I love and tend to make people crack up," she says. The craziest thing Hannah has ever done was competing in gymnastics in Disney World and getting third place out of a lot of girls.

Hannah's best friends are India Kuykendall, Andrea Olivares, Chloe Ridley, and Kelsey Fields.

"India has always been there for me and doesn't judge me for my decisions. Andrea is like my twin sister that was separated from me at birth. We are just alike. Kelsey has been my best friend since junior high and has never left my side. Chloe and I have been best friends for eighteen years now. We don't have to talk every day to know that we are best friends," Hannah added.

India responded, "I've known Hannah for a while now, and I know she is a great person and very compassionate. I will never judge her for the decisions she makes, but instead I will continue to encourage her. I wish her nothing but the best, always and forever. Love you, Hannah!"

Andrea responded, "Hannah is one of the funniest people I know. I am so glad that we got closer this year and she became one of my best friends. We're literally one in the same! I don't know what I would do without her."

Kelsey said, "I'm so thankful to have a friend like Hannah. We're the type of friends that don't talk everyday but we still know that we'll always be there for each other."

Chloe stated, "We have been friends since I was born. We always know that we are there for each other and will never turn our backs on each other. We haven't been as close as I would like to be, but I know she is always a text away." Her favorite teachers have been Mrs. Blount and Mrs. Wright. "They were like second moms to me. They were always there if I needed anything."

Mrs. Wright responded, "Congratulations, Hannah! I remember with a smile



that shy, little junior high cheerleader you once were. You have come a long way! Now you successfully juggle a job, school, and cheerleading. Keep working hard, and may God bless your future." Hannah's favorite class throughout high school has been Mrs. Bowdler's English class. "I love English, and she made it fun and easier to learn."

Hannah loves being a senior because she gets to be a leader in the school and loves having younger kids look up to her, but she also feels sad about leaving high school. "I don't want to leave all of my friends behind and go separate ways, but I will cherish all of the memories."

Hannah plans on going to college at Arkansas Northeastern College and doing her basics, and then transferring to Lyon College for nursing. After college, Hannah hopes to marry her best friend and become a successful nurse. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to take high school serious and do not fool around. "Do all of your work, and do not try to impress people. Be yourself," she added.

Her greatest accomplishment has been growing up. "Turning eighteen has been a big accomplishment in itself," she added. Hannah's most difficult challenge so far has been College Algebra because it's just too hard.

Hannah's great-grandma has inspired her the most because "she is a very strong Christian lady, and she inspires me every day to be a better person."

To her parents, Hannah says, "I love my mom, stepdad, dad, and stepmom. You have helped me accomplish so much and I couldn't have done it without you."

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India Kuykendall

By DEJA ROBINSON

India Imani Kuykendall was born January 30, 1997 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Cynthia Ann Burks and Wayne Kuykendall. She has 3 sisters and 1 brother; Briana Hall, Z'kiah and Ke'Askia Kuykendall and Waylon Kuykendall.

India is a member of Spanish Club, Beta Club, Key Club, FBLA, Chamber Choir, FOR Club, GHS track and captain of the GHS cheerleading team. She enjoys singing, cooking, cheering and playing basketball.

One word India uses to describe herself as is spontaneous.

India said, "I had to do a tuck at the pep rally when I don't know how to tumble. I almost broke my neck because Hannah told me to."

India's advice to freshmen is, "Don't get in the seniors way."

India says, "The ACT is by far my most difficult challenge."

Her greatest accomplishment has been being recognized being positively, and a role model to younger children.

India's favorite things about being a senior is, "I get to leave school early, and the preparation for college."

About leaving high school India said, "I feel like I'm going to miss it, yet I know my future will be bright so I'm looking forward."

India does not have a favorite teacher.

She responded, "I don't have a favorite teacher all my teachers have helped me tremendously, they're all equally appreciated."

Hannah Green, Andrea Olivares and Jadrien Herron have been India's best friends.

Andrea said, "India is such an amazing person. She is always there when you need her and she isn't afraid to tell



you when you are wrong. I am grateful for her, I am so glad I got to spend these 4 years of high school with her. She is a good person. Love you India!"

Hannah responded, "India has been my backbone in cheer for many years now. She's been by my side through thick and thin and has never left. I don't know where I would be without my best friend. Love you tons!"

Jadrien Herron said, "I think that India is a great, high-spirited person. She's beautiful and such a blast to be around. I don't think that God could've created anyone more optimistic and understanding."

Besides her parents, Allie Fells has inspired her the most. "She is such a beautiful person when no one is watching. She accepts my flaws and encourages me to be my best."

To India's parents, India says: "Thank you for teaching me to be independent, strong, loving, and well mannered. In this day and time there aren't too many girls like me. Thanks for teaching me to be spontaneous, Love y'all."



Traeviona White

White chosen for All-State

By DEJA ROBINSON

Class 3A chooses 24 young ladies across the state of Arkansas to participate in their All State for Dance. Gosnell Senior Traeviona White was one of the 24 to be given this honor.

Traeviona says Mrs. Hancock inspired her to start dancing. "She was my favorite teacher in Jr. High, and she was also the dance coach at the time. So I just

decided to try out because of her."

Getting to represent her school and getting to go to dance competitions are Traeviona's favorite things about being a dancer.

Traeviona was very excited about making All-State. She responded, "Making All-State was so unexpected for me, but I'm so excited I made it. I'm also happy because they started noticing my hard work."

Learning dances, remembering them, and learning counts have been Traeviona's most difficult challenge about being a dancer.

Traeviona would like to give a big thanks to her mother Krystal Chew, Sara Jenkins, Melissa Quearry, Stephanie Hancock, Sandy Poff, Haley Poff, and Kemiya Mathis. "Thank you for supporting me and pushing me to do my best! Love you guys!"

PICK OF THE PIRATES

Ms. Vicki Baker

By DEJA ROBINSON

Ms. Vicki Baker was born on May 15th. She grew up in Kennett, Missouri where she graduated from Kennett High School. Ms. Baker attended Arkansas State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in English.

Ms. Baker is the 12th grade English teacher. Her favorite thing about her job is "getting to know my students every year, and hopefully helping them to graduate and have a successful life." Ms. Baker's mother has influenced her most in her life. She said, "My mother is such a wonderful role model. She



was a teacher and worked very hard to achieve her goal." Ms. Baker said if she had to do it all over again, she would work in a school. "I love to teach. It is so rewarding to see these young

men and women achieve their goals in life."

Ms. Baker's most rewarding experience is making a success out of her students' lives. One thing about her job that most people don't know she says is, "I think all teachers care so much about their students, and many people don't realize how much they do."

"Work hard, study, and never give up on learning" is her advice to students to succeed in school. Ms. Baker said, "I have loved teaching at Gosnell, especially with my fellow teachers. It is a great school system with wonderful and caring people."

PICK OF THE PIRATES

Mr. Bryan Goff

By DEJA ROBINSON

Bryan Goff was born February 25, 1972. He is married to April Goff and has two children, Annmarie, 11, and Eva Grace, 5.

He grew up in Blytheville, Arkansas where he attended Blytheville High School. Mr. Goff earned a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Arkansas State University. He is a nationally registered EMT and is currently an ANC Career Coach for Gosnell and Armored High Schools.

Mr. Goff has worked with Gosnell for four years. His favorite thing about his job is seeing students succeed and



graduate and move forward to college. "Knowing that I was able to help someone just warms my heart," says Mr. Goff.

His most rewarding experience so far has been "see-

ing students improve on ACT scores, getting awarded scholarships, being accepted into colleges, being selected for internships, and making their parents proud." All of this makes Mr. Goff proud.

"I was formally an associate director for different YMCA's, worked on a cruise ship the biggest one in the world, then I ended up here doing it all over again. I love working with students and being back home to do that."

Mr. Goff's advice for students to succeed in school is "Students need to have a goal but make sure that goal is attainable and just take it one day at a time."

Important Dates

January 22 - Lady Pirate Basketball at Cave City at 5:00 p.m.
January 23 - Pirate Basketball at Cave City at 5:00 p.m.
January 26 - Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Pochontas at 5:00 p.m.
January 27 - Pirate Basketball at Brookland at 6:00 p.m.
January 29 - Lady Pirate Basketball at Brookland at 5:00 p.m.
January 30 - Pirate Basketball vs. Highland at 5:00 p.m.
February 2 - Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Westside at 5:00 p.m.

February 3 - Pirate Basketball vs. Harrisburg at 6:00 p.m.
February 5 - Lady Pirate Basketball at Harrisburg at 5:00 p.m.
February 6 - Pirate Basketball at Pochontas at 5:30 p.m.
February 9 - Lady Pirate Basketball vs. Trumann at 6:00 p.m.
February 10 - Pirate Basketball vs. Trumann at 6:00 p.m.
February 13 - Pirate Basketball at Rivercrest at 6:00 p.m.
February 16 - Pirate Basketball Senior High District Tournament
February 16 - No School! President's Day Holiday!