Principal Eric Johnson was elated to get the opportunity to reward students who come to school and give their best efforts every day. He is pictured here at a celebration reception in the cafeteria with Nick Martin and his mother, Shannon Hairston.

Wheatmore holds awards ceremony

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TRINITY — Honor, pride and valor were exemplified at the Wheatmore High School Academic Awards ceremony held last week in the school auditorium.

Principal Eric Johnson and lead teacher Kelley Ivey distributed commendations for outstanding achievement in subject departments that included exceptional children, health and physical education, math, science, English, Spanish, history, career-technical education and cultural arts.

Hunter Batten was among Wheatmore students who were praised for extra efforts for earning college credit through Randolph Community College while they are still in high school.

Those who received kudos in physical education included fall 2017
Christopher Lewallen and Kayla Lewallen received Valor Awards from Randolph Community College.

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A 2017 award for Weight Lifting went to Justin Woody.

Principal Eric Johnson is just as happy about student achievement as Matthew Tinsley, pictured here with an Honor Award for AP Calculus.

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Female Health and P.E. Award recipient Taylor Bundy and Weight Lifting Award recipient Justin Woody.

Jacob Beasley achieved great strides in Honors Forensic Science. A 2017 Valor Award also went to Jackson Powell for American History I.

As his parents Richard and Jennifer Tinsley watched, Jamie Tinsley walked across the stage to accept a Math I commendation.

Matthew Tinsley received accolades for his achievements in AP Calculus.

In the cultural arts department, McKinnlee Lang was acknowledged for Beginning Concert Band.

Shannon Hairston could not have been more proud when her son Nick Martin was called to the stage to accept a certificate. Martin was not satisfied until he had collected a high-five, a fist bump and a hug from Principal Johnson.

"I just want you to know what it means to me to be able to stand up here and commend all of you students for the hard work that you do," said Johnson from the podium.

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