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TEXARKANA ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOP GRADUATES

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2021 TASD TOP GRADUATES



VALEDICTORIAN

Nicholas Watson

is the son of Marian and Andre Watson, two brothers, Christopher and Joshua, grandparents: Pastor David and Valerie Watson and the late Rev. Londell Williams and Mary Williams

Nick is active in sports at Arkansas High, participating in four years of varsity soccer, basketball, track and field. Nick was named to All-State and All-Conference basketball in 2021. He received the Tony Hartman Award for Boys' Soccer and helped the varsity track and field team win the 2021 state championship.

Nick earned a 4.8 GPA and 64 hours of college credit and has received over \$1.5 million in scholarship offers from 45 institutions.

Nick received numerous awards and honors and has membership in many prestigious organizations

including National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, and Mathletes. He is a recipient of the Governor's Scholastic Honors, Jack and Jill Club of America in 2019, Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year in 2018 in which his portfolio is still competing on the international level for additional scholarships, and Nick is an Outstanding Young Man honoree for this year.

His motto since entering high school has been #MORETHANASPORT. Nick has always wanted people to see that he was more than a player on the court or field. He was a student first and then an athlete. He has worked to "destroy" stereotypes and wants others to know you can be a scholar and an athlete if you balance properly.

Nick has committed to play basketball at Harding University and will major in electrical engineering.

SALUTATORIAN**Madison Jo Atchley**

has a GPA of 4.75 and will graduate with 27 college hours. Madison is the daughter of Rachel and James Atchley and Kristy and Brandon Taylor. She has two younger brothers, Ben and Corbin Atchley, as well as two older sisters, Emily Taylor and Erin Combs.

During Madison's high school career, she has been an active member of the Razorback Band where she was flute section leader, Interact Club, NIKE where she served as vice president and Fellowship of Christian Students. Madison was invited into Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders.

Madison has a strong desire to make a positive impact in the lives of others, and she believes that this can be accomplished even in the simplest of ways.



This fall, she will pursue a degree in psychology from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

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Riley Bennett

is the son of Jo and Kenny Bennett. Throughout high school he was a part of the Trap team, Eagle Scout and a member of the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend college at Texas A&M-Texarkana and major in biology.



Kayla Bradford

is the daughter of Lynette Walker. She is graduating with the AP Capstone. Throughout high school, Kayla was a part of the student council.

She will attend Langston University.



Karli Bruce

is the daughter of Jennifer Shelton. Throughout high school she played soccer, was a part of NIKE, ROSA and a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas to pursue a degree in nursing.



Jaelyn Bunch

is the daughter of Megan and JR Bunch. Throughout high school she was on the Varsity Cheer team, a member of the National Honor Society and Collegiate Academy. Jaelyn was voted as a Porker Beauty Queen, received the Toni Tacket Award, and was a part of the 2021 Homecoming Court.

Jaelyn plans to attend Ouachita Baptist University and hopes to one day become a speech therapist.

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Evin Burton

is the son of Debra Lynn and Charles Burton. Throughout high school he was a part of Razorback TV, International Thespian Society, National Honor Society, InterAct and RYLA. Evin is a three-time recipient of the Broadcast Excellence Award with Razorback TV. He also received All State Cast recognition from the Arkansas Thespian Society.

He will attend Hampden Sydney College to study political science.



Brayden Bushman

is the son of Clamece and Twela Moore. Throughout high school, Brayden was part of Quiz Bowl and the Razorback Band.

He will attend University of Central Arkansas and major in political science.



Vanarith K. Nathan By

is the son of Shophal Pao and Sitho By.

Nathan will attend Texas A&M University-Texarkana and major in electrical engineering.



Brayden Capps

is the son of Cash Oliver and Sarah Hagins. Throughout high school he was a part of Razorback TV and the Theatre Club. He also received the Skills USA gold medal for best audio production.

He will attend the University of Arkansas to pursue a career in the entertainment or news industry.



Hannah Corbin

is the daughter of Chandra Holliman and Jeremy and Mary Corbin. Throughout high school, she played soccer and was a part of the band. She was also nominated as an AHS Porker Beauty Maid.

She plans to attend Texarkana College.



Sarah Crane

is the daughter of Renee and Sam Crane. Throughout high school she was a part of FCS, NIKE, InterAct, Varsity cheer and tennis. She was also a member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend University of Arkansas, Hope-Texarkana and pursue a career in radiology.



Jamiya Greene

is the daughter of Tracy and Kimberly Greene. Throughout high school Jamiya was a part of the Collegiate Academy, a member of FBLA, FCCLA, InterAct club, National Honor Society, Student Council and Quiz Bowl.

Jamiya plans to attend the University of Arkansas and major in biology with hopes of one day becoming a medical doctor.



Benjamin Gustafson

is the son of Shannon and Howard Gustafson. Throughout high school he was a part of Quiz Bowl and the Razorback Band.

He will attend school at Southern Arkansas University pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

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Jackson Harris

is the son of Jamie and Chris Harris. Throughout high school he played baseball and was a member of the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend Arkansas State University and become a traveling physical therapist.



Brady Ives

is the son of Chris Jennings and Tammy Ives. Throughout high school he was on the tennis team and a member of the Pride Academy.

He will attend Arkansas State University with plans to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.



Megan Lee

is the daughter of Crystal and Jeff Lee. Throughout high school, Megan was a part of the Collegiate Academy, AHS Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. She was awarded All-Region recognition all four years of high school, qualified for All--State three years in a row, and made All-State for Jazz and Concert band.

Megan will attend Southern Arkansas University where she plans to study music education and nursing.



Graydon Martin

is the son of Kimberly and DJ Martin. Throughout high school he played baseball, football and was a member of the National Honor Society.

He will attend University of Arkansas, Little Rock and plans to become a physician's assistant.

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Nathan McCoy

is the son of John and Amy McCoy. Throughout high school he was a part of the Razorback tennis team, PRIDE Academy, and InterAct Club. Nathan is graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors from Arkansas High.

He plans to attend the University of Arkansas with hopes to one day become a coach or athletic trainer.



Mason McDowell

is the son of David McDowell and Amber Walls. He was a member of the Razorback Baseball Team throughout his high school career.

He plans to attend Arkansas State University and major in electrical engineering.



Faith McGregor

is the daughter of Mark McGregor and Dawn Evans. Throughout high school she was the History Club Treasurer and a member of the National Honor Society.

She will attend Texas A&M and University of Arkansas, Little Rock, to study computer science with a focus on cybersecurity.



Savannah McLaughlin

is the daughter of Donna and Ken McLaughlin. Throughout high school she was the captain of Redline and also danced outside of school. She was the president of the NIKE club and member of the National Honor Society.

She will attend Arkansas Tech University where she plans to double major in marketing and management.

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Zniah Nelson

is the daughter of Lesley Nelson. Throughout high school she was a part of cheer, volleyball, basketball, track and student council.

She plans to attend the University of Arkansas and hopes to become a lawyer.



Deyonte' Range

is the son of Linda Tefteller.

Deyonte' plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



Michael Roberts

is the son of Kim and Clay Roberts. Throughout high school he was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council President, Quiz Bowl, Young Republicans, History Club, cross-country and track, and Tomorrow's Youth Today's Leaders. Michael received the Spirit of Trey Award, MVP award for cross-country, Arkansas Governor Distinction scholarship, University of Arkansas Chancellor Community Scholarship, and the Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarship.

Michael plans to attend the University of Arkansas and major in business.



Aiden Shipp

is the son of Christina and Archie Shipp. Aiden was active in Quiz Bowl at Arkansas High. Aiden will attend Louisiana Tech University.

Nicholas Smart is the son of Phoebe Dennis Pascarella and Miranda Smart. Throughout high school, he was a member of the orchestra and made All-State three years for upright bass.

He plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in political science with hopes to become a criminal lawyer.



Timothy Aiden Smith

is the son of Shane Smith and Kellie Chattaway. Throughout high school he played baseball and a member of the Student Council.

Aiden will attend Arkansas State University.



Jordyn Standley

is the daughter of Jason and Shelley Standley. Throughout high school she was part of NIKE, HOSA, and played softball. Jordyn is graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors from Arkansas High.

Jordyn has plans to attend SAU Tech in the fall and play softball.



Olivia Vanderveer

is the daughter of Gina and Reid Vanderveer. Throughout high school she was a member of the AHS band.

She will attend Ouachita Baptist University.



Gaylon Williams

is the son of Doreen Watts and Darrel Williams. Throughout high school he played football, was a part of Razorback TV and Student Council. He received the 50th Boy Award and All State Football Award in 2019 and 2020.

He will be attending Ouachita Baptist University and plans to double major in communications media and business.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

May the sky be your only limit.



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