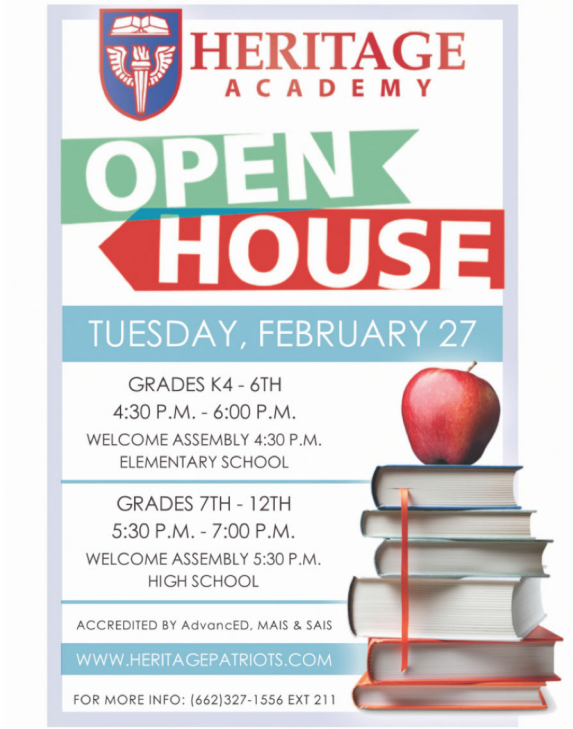
HERITAGE ACADEMY

the Patriot Report

February 23, 2018
News to keep our parents, alumni, grandparents and friends informed



OPEN HOUSE
Feb. 27th

Prospective families are invited to come see our school!
Invite your friends!

Returning families are invited to explore their child's upcoming grade for 2018-2019!

Calendar Items

Feb. 27 OPEN HOUSE
JrK - 6th 4:30 - 6:00
7th - 12th 5:30 - 7:00
Feb. 27- Mar. 1 Registration for Current Families for 2018-2019 school year
March 2 Registration Opens for New Families
March 8 Staff District Meeting (Early Dismissal)
March 9-16 Spring Break(No School)
March 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 30 Good Friday (No School)
April 2 Easter Monday Holiday (tuition raffle goal met)
April 3 School Day ACT for current 10th & 11th grades
April 9-13 Aspire Testing for 3rd - 6th grades
April 28 Junior-Senior Prom
May 4-8 Senior Exams
May 7 AP Chemistry Exam
May 9 AP Literature and Composition Exam
May 9 High School Awards Day for Grades 7-11
1:00 p.m.
May 10 Class Day 9 a.m.

Note: Recently added dates or changes are in RED. Check the School Calendar on the HA Web Site often for updates! www.HeritagePatriots.com

KEY to Newsletter Abbreviations:
JrK - Junior Kindergarten SrK - Senior Kindergarten
EL - Elementary School HS - High School
AR - Accelerated Reading AM - Accelerated Math
STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
SAB - Student Activity Building
MAIS - Miss. Association of Independent Schools
FCA - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

MyPaymentsPlus makes paying for school lunches easy and conveinient!

Use your child's MyPaymentsPlus account to keep up with his or her account balance, to transfer money into his or her account and more! Questions? Contact HA's Patriot Cafe Manager, Mrs. Dot Reichle: heritage-manager@mmihg.com.

Tell your friends, family and colleagues some of

Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.
May 11 6th Grade Graduation, HS SAB, 1:00 p.m.
May 11 Class of 2018 Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
Trotter Convention Center
May 14 Elementary Awards Day, Grades 1-5
May 15 Elementary "Patriots Play Day"
MAY 15-18 Exams, Grades 7-11
May 16 JrK & SrK End of Year Programs
May 17 Elementary Field Day
May 18 Exam Make-Up/Teacher Work Day

the great things that are happening at Heritage Academy!

REGISTRATION for 2018-2019
Current Families Feb. 27-March 1
New Family Registration begins March 2
Please contact Nicole in the Business Office if you did not receive your registration information in the mail
nbateman@HeritagePatriots.com

- Academy Honors & Honor Roll Report -

Each 9 weeks, the names of students in 3rd - 12th grades who qualify for Academy Honors or Honor Roll List are printed in *The Commercial Dispatch*. If you missed it, see it here!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HA SENIORS EARN PRESTIGIOUS HONORS

NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST - Congratulations to HA Senior Abby Akins who has been named a 2018 National Merit Scholarship Finalist! This designation was based in part on SAT scores and on the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

STAR STUDENT & TEACHER - Each year, the student with the highest ACT score at HA is chosen as STAR student. Congratulations to HA's 2018 STAR student Wade Lawrie! Wade selected Dr. Elizabeth O'Keeffe as his STAR Teacher.

Students in the News

LOWNDES COUNTY DISTRICT SPELLING BEE WINNER - HA 7th grader Chloe Barr won 1st place at the annual county wide spelling bee! The event was hosted by

MSU "I AM GIRL" Program - Congratulations to these young ladies who have been accepted into the "I Am Girl" program at the Bagley College of Engineering, Mississippi State

the MUW Education Department for 4th - 8th grade students in all schools in Lowndes County. As a 5th grader, Chloe also won 1st place honors in the District Spelling Bee!

C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s, Chloe!!!

University. The program is for middle school girls and teaches engineering principles and concepts. Pictured: **Gabrielle Richard, Meg Waits, Hailey Pushis, Lexi Schmidli and Kayla Riley.**

HA STUDENTS PLACE 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Mississippi Secretary of State's Essay Contest

Three HA students took top honors in our region in an essay contest sponsored by Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann. Pictured are first place winner (and recipient of a $100 prize!) **Lores Sharp**, 2nd place **Stella Nichols,** and 3rd place **Jackson DiCicco**.

The event was part of the Secretary of State's "Promote the Vote" program. Congratulations to each of these students!

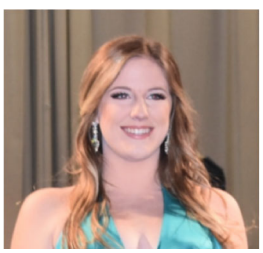
Walters Selected for Four-County Electric Power Association Leadership Program

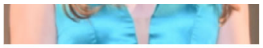
Congratulations to HA Junior **Clay Walters** who received 2nd place in the 4-County Electric Power Association Youth Leadership Program. He will be attending the Mississippi Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson this month and the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June!

HA Beauty Revue - Miss & Mr. Heritor Selected

HA BEAUTIES - **Neely Mullins** (center) was crowned Miss Heritor at Heritage's Beauty Revue. Others in the top 5 included (l-r): **Erin Wallace**, 3rd alternate; **Mallory Amos**, 1st alternate; Mullins; **Lanie Thomas**, 4th alternate; and **Lydia Dyson**, 2nd alternate.

HA BEAUS - **Austin Dotson** (center) was selected as Most Handsome. Others in the top 5 include (l-r): **Thomas Chain**, 3rd alternate; **Blake Phillips**, 4th alternate; Dotson; **Eli Acker**, 1st alternate; and **Zach Brady**, 2nd alternate.





Sophomore **Grayson Jones** was selected "Miss Congeniality."

Our beaus enjoyed entertaining the audience!

Backstage - the senior girls are pretty in pink!

ATHLETICS

Varsity Boys Claim MAIS North State Championship! Patriots Advance to Semi-Finals!

PATRIOTS WIN
NORTH STATE TITLE

A 54-37 win against Canton Academy on Feb. 10th secured a district title for our Varsity Boys Basketball team. The MAIS Class AAA, District 2 champs then advanced to the 2018 North AAA Tournament where they defeated Starkville Academy to become the North State Champions!

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Following a win on Feb. 21st against Columbia Academy, the Patriots will be playing in a Semi-Final game against Riverfield Academy on Friday, Feb. 23rd (tonight!) at 6:00 p.m. Good luck team!

HA Boys Soccer Team Advanced to North State Championship!

The 2017-2018 Boys Soccer season has been an exciting one! Most recently they defeated Bayou Academy 8-0 in the first round of the MAIS Division III tournament.

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Yesterday, the soccer team faced off against Starkville Academy for the North State Championship. Although the game ended with a tough loss (1-0) our guys played hard and had an outstanding season!

Team photo courtesy of Kelly Hayes Photography

HA Student Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

HA Senior **Haley Fisackerly** signed a letter of intent to play Soccer for Mississippi University for Women (MUW).

HA Senior **Dontae Gray** signed a letter of intent to play football for the United States Military Academy (USMA).

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Sixth Grade STEAM Challenge: SeaPerch

This project was funded through our annual Tuition Raffle!

SeaPerch, is an innovative underwater robotics program that equips students and teachers with the resources to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). STEAM Instructor Mrs. Tracy Britt, with the help from other staff and parent volunteers, is implementing the program with our 6th grade STEAM classes this year. Throughout the project, students will learn engineering concepts, problem solving skills, teamwork and technical applications. Student teams will practice with their vehicles in the Mississippi University for Women (MUW) pool and then participate in a competition at Mississippi State University against other schools set for March 29th.

"This has been a great experience for our 6th grade students," according to HA Elementary Principal, Mrs. Cindy Wamble, "and we hope to have the funds available to expand the robotics program to other grades in the future."

WILL BURRIS WINS GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to 6th grade student **Will Burris**, the winner of the HA Elementary School National Geographic Bee. Will is pictured with HA Elementary Principal, Mrs. Cindy Wamble (left), and 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Mrs. Susan Baird (right).

ALUMNI NEWS

Brad Willcutt (pictured far left) - HA Class of 2000 - was recently inducted into the M-Club Hall of Fame at the University of Southern Mississippi. Brad was a standout in baseball at both HA and USM.

HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle (right) recently served on an Accreditation Team visiting Ashley Hall School in South Carolina. While there, he had the chance to catch up with HA Alum **Paige Pilkinton**, HA Class of 2014. Paige is a senior Marine Biology major (with a minor in Sustainability) at the College of Charleston. She plans to go to graduate school in the fall at the University of Miami to get her masters of professional science in Marine Biology!

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Heritage Academy Patriots

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Remember to use your Kroger cardevery time you purchase groceries and gas at Kroger!

Keep clipping and saving Box Tops for HA! Box Top earnings are used to enhance our Elementary Library! The next classroom competition ends on April 30th!

Log in to your Amazon account at smile.amazon.com. On your first first visit to AmazonSmile, select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a 0.5% donation to HA. (We are listed as **Columbus Educational Fdn. In.**)

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HA Mission Statement - Heritage Academy is a college preparatory school that inspires, challenges, and motivates its students as it prepares them for college and for life. This mission is encapsulated by our motto, "High Moral Standards and Academic Excellence."