PATRIOT REPORT

HERITAGE ACADEMY - COLUMBUS, MS

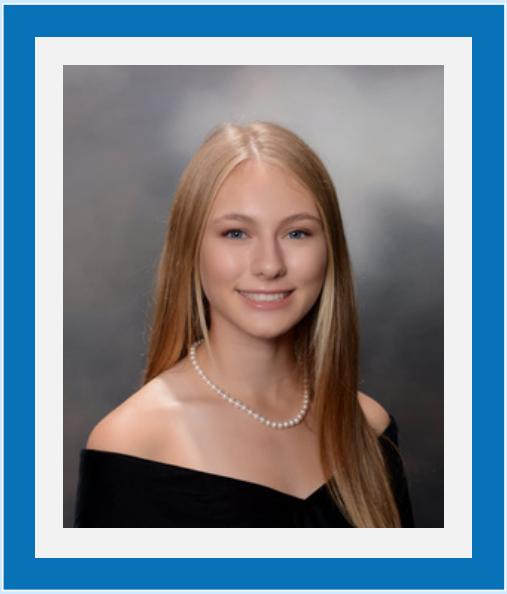
June 2021

Hardy, Kelly Lead HA Class of 2021 Graduates

Graduation Ceremony held at Trotter Convention Center

VALEDICTORIAN

Hanna Cathryn Hardy



SALUTATORIAN

Kendall McCauley Kelly

Hanna Hardy has been a student at Heritage since Junior Kindergarten. The daughter of Mrs. Allen Boyd Hardy (Mary Anne) and the late Mr. Allen Boyd Hardy (HA '77), this accomplished student will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall. Read more about Hanna's honors **here**.

Kendall Kelly has been a student at Heritage since Junior Kindergarten. The daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Joe Berry Kelly , this high achieving student will be attending the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in the fall. Read more about Kendall's honors **here**.

CLASS OF 2021 AT A GLANCE - 41 SENIORS

Scholarships Offered: Over $3 million
Offered over $100,000 in scholarships: 10
Student Athletes Signing Letters of Intent: 7
Number of Service Hours Performed: 6,441
Money Raised for Make a Wish: $11,155

Highest ACT Score: 35
Top 5 ACT Average: 32
Top 10 ACT Average: 29.9
Top 15 ACT Average: 27.6
College Credit Earned: 474 hours

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations, Class of 2021

Baccalaureate and Class Day

HA HALL OF FAME - new members l-r are: Kendall Kelly, Emma Hardy, Hanna Hardy and Nick Hairston.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS!

HA HALL OF FAME

One of the highest honors at Heritage Academy is to be named to the Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to **Kendall Kelly, Emma Hardy, Hanna Hardy** and **Nick Hairston** whose names will be added to the Hall of Fame board located in the front hallway of the Instructional Complex. These students have demonstrated superior qualities of leadership, service, scholarship, and citizenship throughout their years at Heritage.

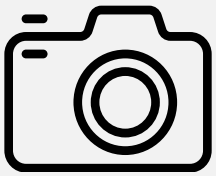
SCHOOL NEWS

Family Matters

It has often been said that we do not fully appreciate something until we no longer have it. Such was the case with a "normal" school year! This extra long edition of the *Patriot Report* is a celebration of the extra effort made by our administrators, staff and faculty to provide a safe and meaningful 2020-2021 year that was "as normal as possible".

Thank you for supporting us through this past year! We look forward to 2021-2022!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!



As we wrap up the 2020-2021 school year, a BIG thank you is extended to these awesome photographers who have so generously (and often) shared their time, talent and photos with our HA families and *the Patriot Report*:

CINDY ADAIR
KELLY HAYES
MARY MARGARET SWEDENBURG
TOM WHITAKER

HA is proud to be fully accredited by 3 prestigious organizations

DO YOU KNOW A FAMILY THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN OUR SCHOOL?

Please send them our way or let us know and we can reach out to them!

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HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HANNA HARDY was named HA's 2021 STAR STUDENT. She selected Mrs. Christy Shivers as her STAR TEACHER. Read more here.

OWEN RILEY was chosen to participate in the prestigious "Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence Program at the University of Mississippi. Click here to learn more.

TODD SHARP (right) was selected honored to be selected to participate in 4-County Electric Power Association's Youth Tour Program. Learn more here.

ACT 30+ CLUB

Congratulations to these students who scored a 30 or higher ACT composite score.

(top row l-r) :
Owen Riley
Anthony Lovegren
Hanna Hardy
Kendall Kelly
Chloe Barr

(bottom row l-r):
Susan Jessop
Sid Stegall
Drew Knittig
Elizabeth Nichols
Andrew Salyer

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce
2020-2021 EDUCATION AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Pictured (l-r) are: HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle, Andrew Salyer - HA 10th Grade Highest GPA (tie), Hanna Hardy - HA 12th Grade Highest GPA and BankFirst Corporate Scholarship, Chloe Barr - HA 10th Grade Highest GPA (tie), Shannon McElhinney - HA 9th Grade Highest GPA (tie), Gracie Dinh - HA 9th Grade Highest GPA (tie), Kendall Kelly - HA Outstanding Senior, Emma Hardy - Kiwanis Club Corporate Scholarship, Drew Knittig - HA 11th Grade Highest GPA and HA Guidance Counselor, Amanda Shelton. Awards for highest averages were based on current year GPA on March 1.

MRS. VELMA GORE NAMED COLUMBUS LOWNDES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Velma Gore, center, was honored by being named "Middle School Teacher of the Year" at the Chamber's Annual Awards Program. A long time math teacher at HA, Mrs. Gore enjoys challenging her students, taking them to math competitions and helping students as needed.

She was congratulated by HA Headmaster Dr. Greg Carlyle, left, and HA Guidance Counselor Amanda Shelton, right.

Beauty Review 2021

TOP 5 Beauties and Beaus (l-r): 4th Alternates, Hailey Pushis and Harrison Buffa; 2nd alternates, Kelly Bell and Todd Sharp; Most Beautiful, Sarah Curtis and Aaron Downs; 1st alternates McKenzie Rhett and Mitchell Woodard; and 3rd alternates Stephanie Madison and Braden Davidson.

Miss Congeniality

Anna Studdard

LAI Social Club Presentation was held at The Depot Event Venue on Saturday, April 17th. Senior girls are pictured above in long white dresses and are surrounded by their 9th grade little sisters in short black dresses. Following the presentation, heavy hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed with family members and the evening ended with a DJ for the seniors.

LAI SOCIAL CLUB

HA Social Clubs are a great opportunity for girls in the 9th - 12th grades to be involved in a group that provides service, leadership, and social opportunities.

Some of the service performed by LAI included making shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, donating to Little Libraries in Columbus, as well as Batson Children's Hospital, helping Columbus Lowndes Humane Society, and working with Helping Hands Food Pantry in Columbus.

ATHLETICS

-CONGRATULATIONS-

HA BOYS TENNIS TEAM WINS 2021 MAIS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!!

Pictured l-r are: HA Tennis Coach Billy Gip Clark, Blake Ward, Graham Buxton, Owen Riley, Sarah Curtis (Mixed Doubles), Drew Knittig, Joshua Tedford and Brayden Oswalt.

SPORTS CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES
Thursday, July 29
5:30 pm (HS SAB)

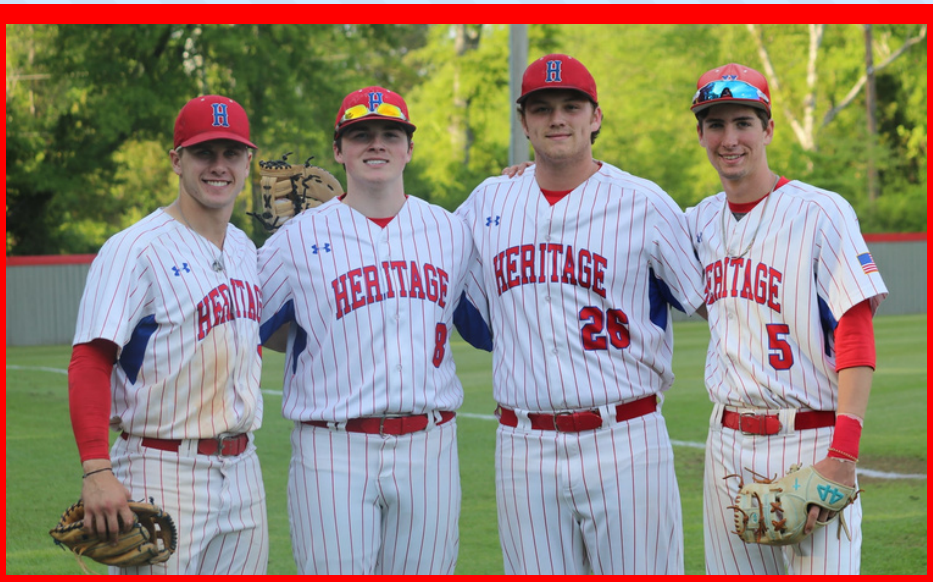
- SAVE THE DATE - HOMECOMING 2021
September 24
HA vs Bayou

2021 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE
(Click here)

ATHLETICS

BASEBALL SENIOR NIGHT

Congratulations to these Seniors who were honored at their last home baseball game. These Patriots will be missed! Pictured l-r are: **Aaron Downs**, **Layne Jourdan**, **Reed Brewer** and **Sam Hannon**.



STEGALL BRINGS HOME THE GOLD!

Congratulations to Sophomore Sid Stegall on his performance at the MAIS State Track Meet. He won the 1600 in 4:34.92 - the best in all classifications by far. An hour later he won the 800 in 1:59.85, also by far the fastest in all classifications. Sid is now a 3200m, 1600m, and 800m STATE CHAMPION!! We are so proud of this track star!

Congratulations, Aaron Downs!

- MAIS ALL-STAR
- ALL-MAIS TEAM
- *CLARION-LEDGER* DANDY DOZEN
- PBR # 2 PLAYER IN MISSISSIPPI
- PERFECT GAME HS TOP 100 PLAYER IN THE NATION

We Are Proud of You, Aaron!

- photo courtesy of Kelley Hayes Photography

HERITAGE SPORTS NETWORK

Thank you, **Lathan Dunbar-Keys**, **Anthony Lovegren**, **Nick Hairston, Casey Johnson and *all* the HSN team for all your work this year behind the scenes!**

These guys live streamed many school events throughout the year when attendance was limited by the pandemic.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION & AWARDS DAY PROGRAM

Our 37 sixth grade students sang the "HA Alma Mater" and "Be a Light" during the program.

Elementary Principal Mrs. Dawn Dawkins presented the "Principal's Awards" to ELIZABETH GOLDEN and WILLIAM GOLDEN.

ABBY EDWARDS (center) was the recipient of the "Kim Keys DIckey" award. It was presented by Mrs. Creely and Mrs. Sheffield.

JACE RICHARDSON was the recipient of the "Fran Hazard Award." He was congratulated by Mr. George Hazard, Jr.

CHASE GATHINGS (center) was the recipient of the Citizenship Award. It was presented by Mrs. Creely and Mrs. Sheffield.

SWAYZE BERRY (center) was the recipient of the Citizenship Award. It was presented by Mrs. Creely and Mrs. Sheffield.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Students in Mrs. Courtney Hutchins' Elementary Art Classes really shined in the MAIS District and State Competitions! See the winners, their awesome artwork and the ribbons they won in various categories!

Sixth Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Laura Lea Sharp** (Painting) 1st Place District, 2nd Place Overall MAIS; **Abbie Asadi** (Crayon) 1st Place District, 2nd Place Overall MAIS; **Elizabeth Golden** (Other Single Media) 2nd Place District; **Abby Edwards** (Single Drawing Media) 1st Place District.

Fifth Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Sarah Rose Scurti** (Single Drawing Media) 1st Place District, 1st Place Overall MAIS; **Reese Atkins** (Painting) 1st Place District; **Anna Crawford Fowler** (Other Single Media) 2nd Place District.

Fourth Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Kyle Huang** (Other Single Media) 2nd Place District Winner; **Kirksey Heard** (Mixed Media) 1st Place District.

Third Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Annie Edwards** (Single Drawing Media) 2nd Place District; **Emiline Allgood** (Other Single Media) 1st Place District; **McKinley Johnston** (Crayon Only) 2nd Place District; **Madalyn Dinsmore** (Painting Only) 2nd Place District.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

More artists and their winning artwork!

Second Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Olivia Scurti** (Mixed Media) 2nd Place District; **Hadley Hicks** (Other Single Media) 1st Place District .

First Grade Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Gracie Edwards** (Mixed Media) 2nd Place District; **Hadlee Pack** (not pictured) Painting Only,1st Place District; **Sam Heard** (Other Single Media) 2nd Place District.

Senior Kindergarten Art Contest Winners (l-r): **Stella Kate Allen** (Other Single Media), 2nd place District Winner; **Kate Allgood** (Single Drawing Media) 1st Place District, 2nd Place Overall MAIS; **Carlton Legg** (Crayon Only) 2nd Place District; **Waylon Atkins** (Mixed Media) 2nd Place District; **Anne Lowry Earwood** (Paint Only) 1st Place District, 2nd Place Overall MAIS.

"Every Child is An Artist"

- PABLO PICASSO

ELEMENTARY NEWS

JAYLEN WILLIAMS RECEIVES THE 2021 SHIRLEY MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Shirley Miller Memorial Award is presented each year to a HA Elementary student who has risen above obstacles in his or her path and developed an inner strength and positive attitude.

Shirley Miller taught 4th grade and piano at Heritage. She taught not just academics but also life lessons and she believed in the importance of overcoming life's challenges with faith, hope and courage.

This year's recipient of the Shirley Miller Memorial Award is HA Fifth grade student **Jaylen Williams** who exemplifies those traits. He is pictured with HA Elementary Principal **Mrs. Dawn Dawkins**.

-ELEMENTARY-
STEM
CLASS

HA STUDENTS BRING HOME TOP HONORS AT MAIS STEM/ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to our 6th Grade Students in **Mrs. Tracy Britt's** STEM classes who represented HA in a MAIS competition this spring. These twelve 6th graders competed against 12 other schools in the 6th - 8th grade division and they brought home top honors! Click **here** to see their results!

Field Day 2021

What a special way and wonderful day to end the 2020-2021 school year! Click **here** to see more pictures.

ALUMNI NEWS

Olivia Laws Named 2021 Junior Auxiliary of Columbus Charity Ball Queen

Olivia Laws, HA 2017, was crowned Junior Auxiliary of Columbus' 2021 Charity Ball Queen in a ceremony held this past spring at the Lee Home. She and King Floyd McIntyre were selected based on their service to the community and to children (photo at right).

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Laws (Jamie). Bill is a 1986 HA graduate.

Read more about the 2021 Royalty here.

photo courtesy of Katie McDill Photography

Anna Kathryn Weathers West Earns Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

Congratulations to **Anna Kathryn (AK) Weathers West HA '2014,** who recently graduated cum laude with her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)! In addition, she married Jonathon West on June 5th. He is a middle school history teacher and baseball coach at Caledonia.

The couple recently purchased a house and AK is a floater pharmacist working for Walgreens in the Golden Triangle and surrounding area.

Photo: **AK**, center, is pictured with her grandmother **Joby Coggin** (former HA 5th grade teacher) and her Mom, **Amy Coggin Huckaby**, **HA 1986**.

ALUMNI NEWS

Return to the HA Baseball Diamond!

Senior Baseball players from the **Class of 2020** were invited to throw out the first pitches for the HA vs Bayou Academy game. It was great to have these guys back on campus! Pictured l-r: **Blayze Berry, Seth Harris, Carter Putt, Davis Fitch, Noel Fisher and Reid Huskison**.

Jasada Dunbar, **HA '98,** (left) is pictured with her son, L**athan Dunbar-Keys** (far right) and his 9th Grade English Teacher **Mrs. Evans** (center). Jasada spoke to Lathan's Freshman English class as part of a writing assignment about the school history. Read more here.

Parker Maner, HA '20, has been selected to participate in the prestigious Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence Program at Ole Miss. It is the only program of its kind in the USA. Students in this CME program consistently receive a job offer or graduate school placement rate at or near 100%. Congrats, Parker!

Welcome, Class of 2021! We now have 2,214 HA Alumni!!

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