

# Seniors 2001

## 2001 Senior Awards

Nikki Wood--Woodman of the World, Academic Team  
Warren Whitaker--Agriculture, John Lair  
Angela Mullins--Business  
Tony Hayes--Nutritional Science  
Eric Denny--Housing & Interior Design  
Felicia Smith--Library Award  
Granville Graves--Spanish II, Band  
Martina Maurer--Spanish III  
Kandis Jamison--Spanish III  
Scarlett Jones--Spanish IV  
Cheyenne Carmack--Journalism, French, DAR, Army Reserve Scholar Athlete  
Stephen Hopkins--Math, Academic Team  
Amanda Chism--Academic Team, Creative Writing  
Kristie Whitter--Chorus  
Jeremiah Myers--English, Advanced Anatomy  
Mindy Bullock--Art, PEPP  
National Honor Society  
Amber Falin--Athletic Girl  
Derrick Russell--Athletic Boy, Yearbook  
Tom Mills--Band,  
Marine Semper Fidelis Award  
Rachelle Hammond--Science, Marine Athletic Girl  
Zach Gentry--Social Studies  
Jeremy Neeley--Army Reserve Scholar Athlete  
Greg Harper--Marine Athletic Boy  
Tara Cox--PEPP  
Missy Wilburn--PEPP  
Jennifer Carmack--Yearbook  
Zach Pennix--Yearbook  
April Day--National Honor Society  
Brittany Owens--National Honor Society  
Katy Powell--National Honor Society  
Jamie McFerron--National Honor Society  
ROTC--Tami Taylor  
Jennifer Woodall--Kentucky Child Care Certificate  
Nicole Green--Kentucky Child Care Certificate  
Tammy Blackburn--Kentucky Child Care Certificate

## With Honors *One on one with the top two 2001 RCHS scholars*

### RCHS Valedictorian, Stephen Hopkins

#### What extra curricular activities are you involved in?

KREEPS; Y-Club; Beta Club; NHS; FCA; FBLA-officer; FCCLA-officer; Track; Statistician for Girls Basketball

#### What are your plans for after high school?

I'm going to Georgia Tech.

#### Why did you chose Georgia Tech?

They have one of the best engineering programs in the nation, and it's relatively close to home. I didn't choose that school just because it was far away. I will definitely miss my friends and family.

#### What has been your highest honor?

It was being an elected officer at the Kentucky Youth Assembly and at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly.

#### What is your favorite quote?

"Far better it is to dare mighty



Stephen Bernard Hopkins

things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer too much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt

#### What is your most memorable moment of high school?

Going camping with Katy, Cheyenne, and Cathie.

#### Any last words?

I'd like to give my sincerest thanks to the lunch ladies who have kept me well fed."



Amanda Jean Chism

### RCHS Salutatorian, Amanda Chism

#### What extra curricular activities are you involved in?

Band; Governor's Scholars; Creative Expressions, KREEPS, Chess Club, and French Club

#### What are your plans for after high school?

I am going to Georgetown.

#### What are your thoughts about college?

I'm excited about college I think it be a good change.

#### Do you believe you are prepared for college?

I think I'm fairly well prepared. Of course the change is going to be hard to deal with, but that is part of the fun, adapting to new situations.

#### What has been your highest honor?

Being drum major for two years.

#### Are you going to join a sorority?

No, I don't want to limit myself to one social circle. I want to get to know everybody.

#### Do you have any words of wisdom for underclassmen?

Enjoy it because it goes by really fast.

#### What is your most memorable moment of high school?

I think it will be project graduation.

#### Any last words?

You can never have too many shoes.

## Dear Seniors:

BY CHEYENNE CARMACK

I've always heard that the last ten percent of a canned beverage is actually nothing but spit.

To the best of my knowledge, spit, more properly called saliva, is a mixture of proteins, mucus, water, salt, and an assortment of other things that break down the starches and food particles we ingest.

Knowing this, it makes it considerably more difficult to take that last gulp.

But I always do. I have peace of mind knowing that the can is completely empty.

What's more, it tastes the same. I'm almost certain that all 170-something of us have had at least one can of Coke or Pepsi.

I'm also guessing that the first time you learned about the last gulp being spit, you thought twice about drinking it. It just made you think a little differently.

We are inhaling the last gulp of

our senior year.

It's a bittersweet combination of past memories and future excitement. It's that inevitable time of reflection that changes our views of the past and our outlook on our tomorrows.

Memories are overwhelming me right now. I look back over the past thirteen years, smiling over every moment that I made.

You, my classmates and my friends, are in every single one of those moments, behind every single smile.

With the smiles and memories come a few tears.

Where did time go? we wonder. Can you believe it's really over? we ask.

And I'm forced to recall the quote from Sir Winston Churchill, that couldn't be closer to the truth.

"This is not the end. This is not even the beginning of the end. It's

only the end of the beginning."

We'll move on, knowing that so much lies ahead of us. The rest of our lives lies ahead of us.

It's a clean slate, a new start. New people, new places. How wonderfully promising that seems.

And yet that makes goodbye no easier to say.

Not easy, but inevitable.

Just like that last swig of cola, we can make the best of it, enjoying this last few days with each other the best they can possibly be.

Think about it. The only thing that keeps you turning up the can for that final swallow is the refreshment and sweetness you received from the other 95% of the drink.

The past seven years have quickly become just memories, haven't they?

Those memories are the things that make this so special, but at the same time, so difficult.

They're also what will keep smiles on our faces through the goodbyes, and then throughout our entire lives.

We've made this special. We've made this real. Our class is a very special group of people -- one that won't quickly be forgotten by those we're leaving, or by each other.

We have been students. We have been athletes. We have been friends, enemies, teammates, and rivals.

We have certainly been extraordinary; nothing as simple and everyday as a can of Coke.

Graduation day is finally upon us. Only time will tell where all of us end up, but one thing is certain -- it's been good until the very last drop. I love you!!!

Cheyenne  
Philippson