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## Rocky Mount Senior High's New Principal

Sana Odeh, Assistant Editor

Long-time assistant principal Stan Bastian became acting principal on Monday, Feb. 14. He replaced the departing Tony Cates.

Bastian hopes to raise test scores and see a higher percentage of success in students. As he steps up to the position of

principal, Dr. Kathy Lawson will be filling in as assistant principal.

Cates, who left to become principal of Pinecrest High School in Pinehurst, N.C., says his decision to leave was a career move. "I really enjoyed being here and getting to know the students, staff, parents, and community," Cates said. "I always hope that students and

faculty have the most success."

On June 1, Bastian will officiate at graduation exercises. This year makes his twenty-fourth such event . . . and his last. In June, Bastian will retire. "Rocky Mount Senior High is like a home to me, both my sons graduated from here." Just like the upcoming graduates, he is "sad to leave, but at the same time happy" to be moving on.



Photo by Josh Smith

Principal Stan Bastian makes time to talk with faculty members.

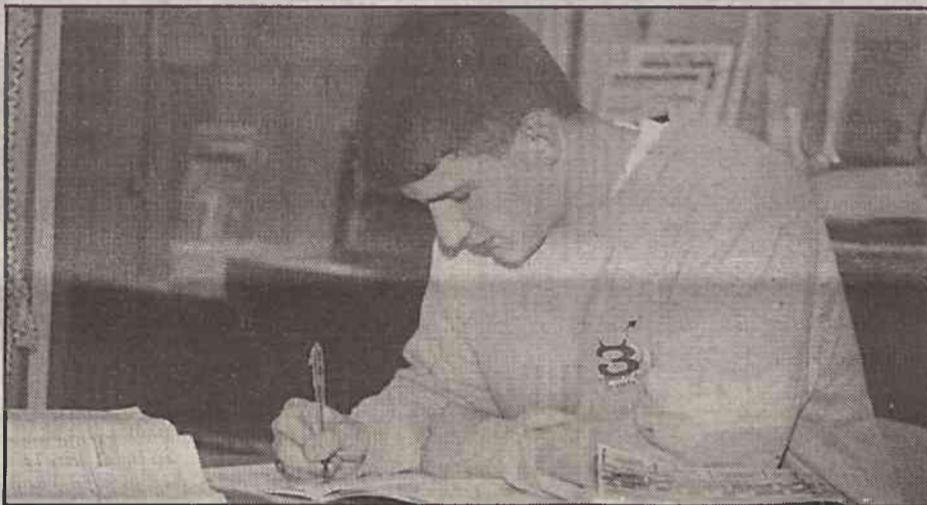


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Senior Jonathan Fisher prepares for life after graduation by filling out college applications in the guidance office.

## College Applications 101

Kristi Riley, Managing Editor

Many seniors are filling out college applications for this fall. The application process is long and tedious, and there are many things that applicants need to know.

Applications are available in the counseling office for in-state schools. For most out-of-

state schools, the applicant must send off for the application or obtain one from a website. All applications should be typed or printed in blue or black ink.

It is very important that the applicant follow all directions in the package, being sure not to overlook anything. A missing element means a delay in **continued on page 2, College**

## NVTHS Holds Candle Light Induction

Sana Odeh, Assistant Editor

On Feb. 10, 22 students who maintained at least a 90 average in five vocational courses were inducted into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society during a candle light ceremony held in the Nashville Agriculture Center.

The evening began with speeches by Felisha Brake,

Nikki Brinkley, Maxine Wright, and the guest speaker, Reginald Silver. Silver stressed to students the importance of setting goals. "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail," he said.

NVTHS advisor Debra Harding began the induction by asking students to take the Society's pledge. After the purposes of the society were explained, Superintendent Dr. George Norris handed each stu-

dent their certificate. The inductees were Sarah Anderson, Mary Blair Ange, Joseph Baudo, Shawn Carlisle, Christopher Critcher, Charquinta Davis, Lakiya Davis, Brian Fleming, Kelly Godwin, Stephanie Jenkins, Davida Jones, Tameka Lucas, Tenika Mercer, Lindsey Morris, Sana Odeh, Robert

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