

EDUCATION

# Fourth term honor roll at KM High School

Kings Mountain High School A honor roll for the fourth term:

9th grade - James Black, William Blackburn, Austin Bridges, Eleni Brooks, Anicia Cardo-Perez, Melvin Clark Jr., Katelynn Daniel, Daniel Dyer, Nathan Fore, Taylor Gettys, Victoria Greene, Jessica Grigg, Ellen Hall, Hayley Hoyle, Ramey Kerns, Chasity Llewellyn, William Locke Jr., Bradley Lovelace, Mallory Mansfield, Hannah McDougal, Bryan Moffitt, Taylor Neisler, Ashton Orders, Sachin Patel, Diana Phanthalack, Ansley Putman, Ashley Ray, Vina Sananikone, Sarah Smith, Dexter Tate Jr., Jennifer Vassey, Joshua White, Ashley Williams.

10th grade - Nicholas Bartlett, Lyndsey Batchler, Brittany Baucum, Octravious Bess, Megan Chapman, Hannah Clark, Michael Clinton, Camden DeVane, Jordan Doty, Chasiti Falls, Ethan Fujita, Imalvis Hernandez-Perez, Brittney Horn, Jordan Hubbard, Craig Hunt Jr., Chelsea Ingram, Jessica Injijikian, Ethan Jenkins, Daniel Luangsay, Jannat Majeed, Katherine Martin, Alice

Ouaneoudone, Phanthalack, Alexandra Plonk, Sharon Russell.

11th grade - Melinda Bell, Aaron Bridges, Emily Britton, Ryan Davis, Megan Ellis, Amanda Fllas, Josh Pascual, Arti Patel, Rahil Patel, Taylor Rippy, David Scognis, Eric Van Buren.

12th grade - Elizabeth Atkins, Karrie Bell, Elizabeth Bridges, Casey Camp, Cassandra Cobb, Shadoe Collins, Erica Elliott, Brittany Falls, Tonya Jackson, Dustin Nichols, Laurie Nothstine, Bennett Suber, Heather Wright, Jessica Yarbro.

KMHS B honor roll for the fourth term:

9th grade - Anastasia Alpeter, Brittany Beam, Torrey Belcher, Carlos Bell, Heather Black, Dylan Blanton, Akosua Boakye, Brittany Brakefield, Justin Brown, Courtneigh Bumgardner, Steven Burton, Malynda Byrd, Katelynn Casey, Angel Champion, Tony Chanthaphaeng, Kasey Chapman, Austin Clemmer, Shelle Coleman, Joni Collison, Lalka Cooper, Kurstin Cordle, Teal Curry, Kasey Dagnen,

Davis Megan Davis, Trisha Davis, Roger Deal, Rashaida Dimetros, Amanda Dotson, Ryan Doty, Christopher Dye, Lauren Forbes, Joshua Foster, Antonia Garriett, Joseph Gladden, Natoya Goode, Kaitlin Goodson, Robert Gren, Joshua Guffey, Ryan Hale, Samantha Haskett, Zachary Hayes, Billy Heath, Sarah Hovis, Megan Hoyle, Taylor Hullender, Amber Hyder, Carolina Jean-Louis, Alan Jones, Christopher Jones, Jerrin Jordan, Clyde Kerns Jr., Jamie Lail II, Marlin Lawrence, Brooke Lockhart, Latoya Lockhart, Tiara McClain, Thomas McGinnis, Erica Moore, Richard Morrow, Christian Mullis, Ryan Neal, Patrick Ortega, Ashley Ouelette, Helen Pajevski, Amy Poeng, Christina Ransom, Joshua Roberts, Casie Romero, Daniel Roper, Quantria Ross, Jaclyn Rowland, Kristin Rowland, Chelsea Sahms, Courtney Sanders, Lorne Sepaugh, Stephen Sharp, Elizabeth Sheffield, Casey Stafford, Heather Stevens, Hunter Summitt, Raven Thomas, Michael Thompson, Jade Truett, Kala Vestal, Tierra Watkins, Krystal Weaver, Meagan Welch,

Joshua Whetstine, Bobby Williams, Kelsey Wray.

10th grade - Lauren Adams, Sierra Barnett, Wesley Bell, Dominique Bess, Mary Blake, Matthew Boheler, Justin Boyd, Chelsie Bridges, Jacob Bridges, Danquon Brown, Megan Brown, Jasmine Bullard, Jasmine Burch, Hayley Burgess, Nathaniel Camp, Michael Chastain, Sheena Crocker, Jesse Cross, Anthony Dalton, Tyler Dixon, Tamra Dover, Terry Edwards, Sara Ellis, Meghan Eiters, Lewis Fannin III, Kathleen Flemming, Amanda Ford, Kierra Gardner, Matthew Gray, Sydney Gregory, Matthew Griffin, Benjamin Hardee, Lauryn Hayes, Jeffrey Howell II, Robert Jenkins, Katilyn Johnson, Kristopher Johnson, Guy Jones Jr., Cecily Jordan, Alexis Marable, Jennifer Marr, Amanda Martin, Ariel Martin, Candice Mayes, David McDaniel, Gabriel Montesino, Patrick Moore, Brittany Moss, Casey Owensby, Steven Philbeck, Destiny Pittman, Nicole Plonk, Antonio Poole, Jasmine Pratt, Lauren Proctor, Timothy Ridgley, Rai Robinson, Brittany Rodden, John Roberson, Elizabeth Sherrill,

Kateya Smith, Jared Spicer, Jessica Sprouse, Elizabeth Theuamthalaray, Michelle Timms, Mikel Treece, Branigan Wheeler, Amber Willis, Tedrick Wilson, Ashley Witherspoon.

11th grade - Dymon Adams, Brooke Avery, Haley Barrett, Jessica Bell, Megan Bledsoe, Leslie Boyd, Sharif Burris, Caleb Campion, Anthony Capotosta, Charles Christenbury Jr., Brooke Davis, Hillary Davis, Lucas Garcia, Brian Goodwin, Justin Greene, Kyle Greene, Justin Gsellman, Kelsey Harvey, Townsend Haynes, Tyler Hellstrand, Jonathon Hines, John Hinson, Alexis Uluch, Kayla Horton, Jaye Jackson, Hollie Jones, Adam Kates, Chaz King, Jessica LaPoint, Katelyn Latham, Hannah Locke, Alexis Lockett, Ashley Lovelace, Joseph Maner, Caitlin Mezey, Rhonda Morelock, Sarah Pace, Jordan Page, Robert Patterson Jr., Haley Peeler, Christopher Potts, Lewis Reed III, Jeffrey Robinson Jr., Carmen Scism, Kristen Tate, Elaine Thompson, John Walters.

12th grade - Amber Baxley, Cortni Bazzle, Brittany Beard, Larry Benton, Lindsey Blalock,

Mada Blanton, Amber Brooks, Wendell Bunch Jr., Tasha Calhoun, Daniel Cantrell, Bryan Chapman, Whitney Childers, David Clark Jr., Jennifer Cole, Amber Collins, Kaytlin Cooke, James Cox, Brittany Dockery, Jessica Dover, Ashley Duncan, Erin Ellis, William Fredell, Katie Freeman, Brittany Grant, Christopher Greene, Robert Hairston, Kaitlyn Howell, Lauren Hudachko, David Hunter, Ben Lail, Candy Lewis, Jennifer Lineberger, Ashey Lockhart, Kristen Long, Darrick Marable, Jennifer Martin, Kelsie McCraw, Travis McDaniel, Lakeisha Miller, Cole Moore, Megan Neely, Brittney Odems, Sarah Page, Eric Pardo, Jr., Kristen Parker, Adam Pasour, Jalisa Pettis, Lorrin Plyler, Jacqueline Presnell, Sara Roberts, Shante Roseboro, Antwain Ross, Chelsey Rucker, Aaron Rue, Nikta Scotland, Adam Sellers, Andy Siravanta, Christopher Skibo, Diandra Sloan, Kirsten Spanial, Caitlyn Suber, Lauren Suber, Courtney Tate, Jessica Thacker, Christy Whetstine, Brittany White, Kelly Williams, Julia Wyatt.

## KMHS Computer students build experience for future at BBG

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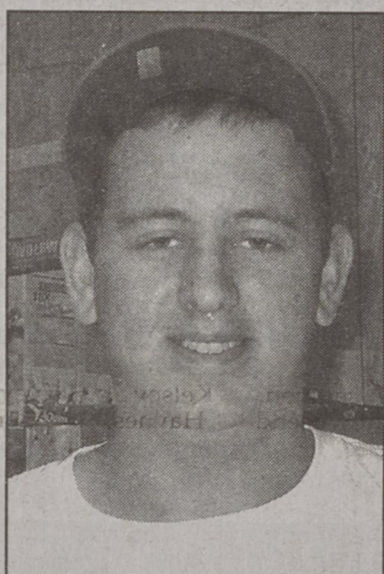
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Kings Mountain High School Computer Engineering Technology teacher Alfred Ash not only gives his students the gift of instruction, he also offers them invaluable experience.

Hundreds of college graduates throughout the state begin the long process of job hunting after they receive their diplomas. The process seems to be made even longer as most of them realize, the degree alone is not their meal ticket. They need experience.

Unfortunately experience is often unattainable until after a diploma, leaving many struggling to catch a break. Ash is helping to eliminate that future struggle. During the school day he teaches his students the necessary computer curriculum. But after school and during the summer, he gives some of them hands-on experience in his shop, BBG (Blessed By God) Computer Sales & Services.

Ash has been teaching for the past 23 years, the last six of which have been focused on the "wave of the future," computers. As far as running BBG, he said the business takes care of itself, financially. But his main motivator of opening up the shop six years ago was not really for the "almighty dollar." "I really did it for the kids," he said. "A lot of the times you have kids that want to go into this field but when they go to apply for a job, they want to know if they've got any experience. So I put some of the kids that are interested and



DANIEL MCABEE

that show an aptitude for it and give them a chance to get that experience."

Right now, he employs three students. One graduated from KMHS a year ago and works part-time at the shop. Another one, Daniel McAbee, just graduated and works about 30 hours a week with Ash. The third one, Jerry Lowery, 17, is going to be a senior at KMHS in August and works about 35 hours a week.

"He's a good teacher. He'll show you what you need to know," Lowery said.

He's had 10 other students come through his shop, some of which have gone into the field of computers. His son and former student, Matthew, is now working with Information Systems and Operations Management for UNC-Greensboro. Will Denton, another apprentice, is working in

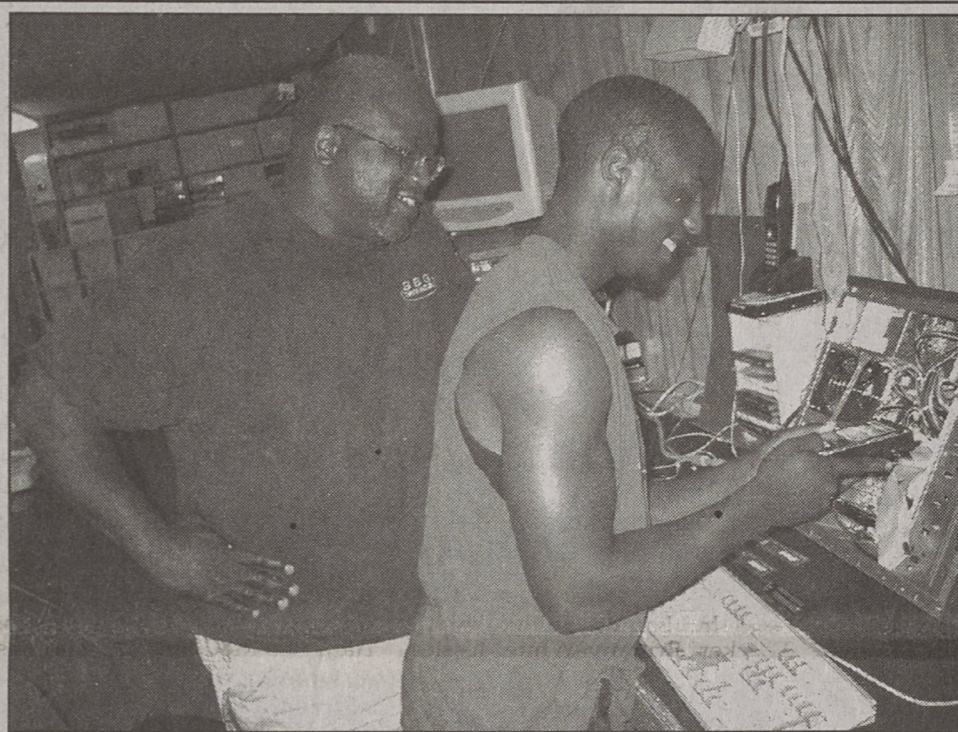
the IT department at Gaston College.

Another former student has opened up his own shop in Kings Mountain bringing a little competition to Ash, who welcomes it proudly. Lowery also said that he wants to have his own shop one day.

Working at BBG, the students have a chance to diagnose, repair, build new computers and deal with customers. But that's not all they do. They also cut the grass, carry out trash, sweep and whatever else is needed to maintain operations. It's not just experience, it's also about responsibility.

McAbee finished up his Computer Engineering Technology II class last semester, making a 90 on his final exam - the highest grade on finals in Ash's class last semester. "That is a tough test," Ash said. "I think him having the experience and the exposure to different things here, made a difference." McAbee will be going to college in the Fall to study computer information systems. He'll also be running the shop during school hours.

Ash lives in his hometown of Kings Mountain with his wife, Connie, and their adopted daughter, Kayla, 11. They also have three other children who are now grown Matthew, Anthony and Niki. BBG repairs, rebuilds, refurbishes, builds and sells made-to-specification computer systems Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ash hopes to expand the business in the future to be able to employ 10-15 students.



Alfred Ash (left) teaches Jerry Lowery Computer Engineering at Kings Mountain High School and gives him practical hands-on experience at his shop, BBG Computer and Sales, in KM, after school and over the summer.

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