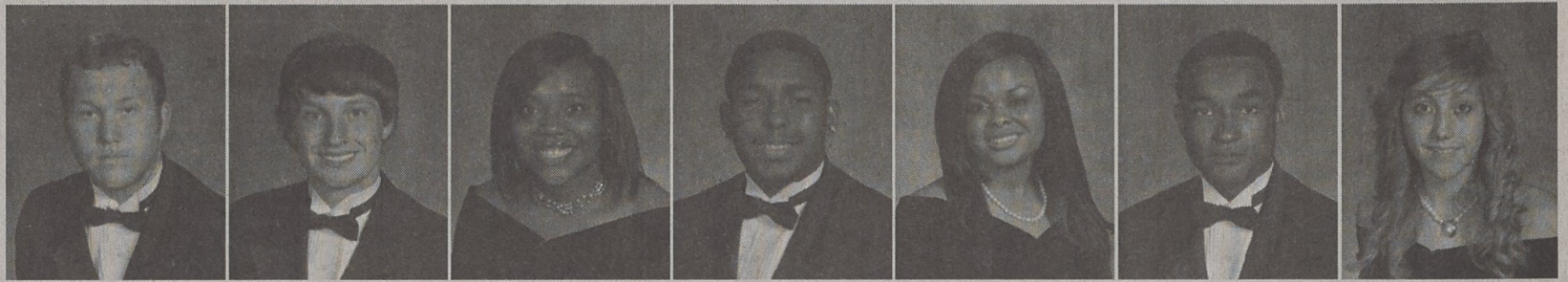
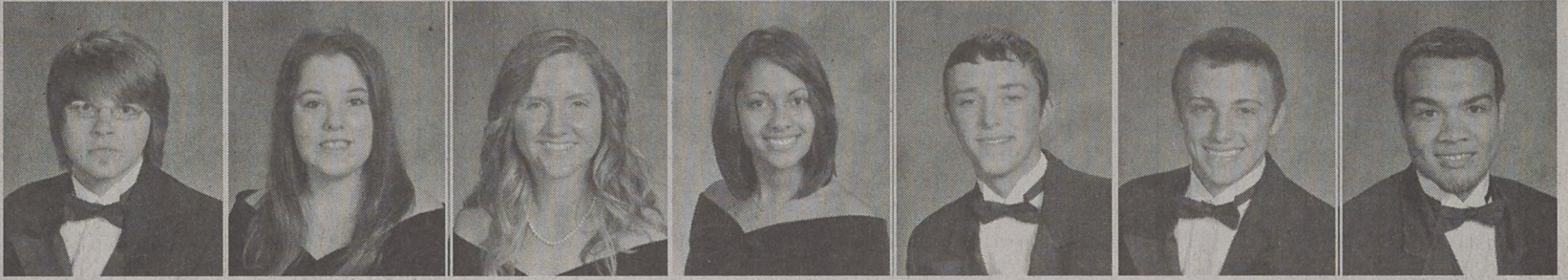


Kings Mountain High School Class of 2013

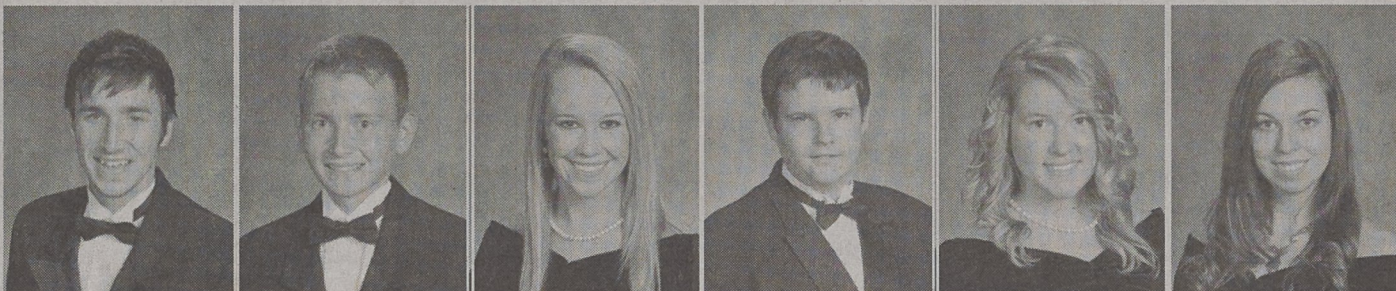
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Khadijah Watkins
Bobby Watson
Camille Watson
Jonathan Watson
Baylee Weaver



Joshua Webb
Carlotta Welch
Emily Whitaker
Alyssa White
Christopher White
Dillon White
Andrew Williams



Dillon Wilson
Dalton Worley
Stephenie Wright
Taylor Wright
Hannah Wyte
Celina Zinnerstrom



Seniors not pictured:

Christopher Allen
Caleb Allison

Dylan Allison
Caleb Deal
David Dority
Joseph Dow

Aaron Foster
Octavia Gill
Terry Jones, Jr.
Landon Keeter

Amanda Long
Robert Mason
Jordan McMillin
Kevin Petrack

La'Esa Stewart
David Story
Carl Wilson
Justin Wray

Simmons to serve in the Army

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Allison Simmons has thought for years that after she graduated from Kings Mountain High School she would go to college.

This changed on the day that Army Recruiter, Sergeant Tyo visited Allison's class and talked to them about the Army. By the end of the presentation, Allison was ready to join the US Army!

She went home and discussed this option with her mother who has been very supportive. Her father was a little hesitant, because she's still his little girl, but Allison says he knows that she is headstrong and will



Allison Simmons will be off to the Army in September.

do what she wants, so he's "ok" with it now.

Tuesday, May 21, Allison went to Charlotte to be sworn in at M.E.P.S. She had to be there for her physical at 5 a.m., and was sworn in at 2 p.m.

She will be reporting to Fort Jackson, SC, in September, and looks forward

to her experiences in the Army. She will be at Fort Lee in Virginia for her Advanced Individual Training.

While in school, Allison has been working at Weiner Works to help pay for gas and other expenses. She has enjoyed working with the drama department throughout high school, and hopes to continue working in theater.

After serving two years in the Army, she plans to be a paralegal specialist.

Allison is the daughter of James and Judy Simmons and the granddaughter of Nell Lowery. She has two brothers, Alex, 25, and Austin, 19, and one sister, Alyssa, 21.

"It's a learning process"

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Christine Phanly applied her curiosity and compassion about homelessness to volunteer at a soup kitchen.

Lexie Hurd, mindful of the dangerous phenomenon of school bullying, reached out to students in the community to try to nip the practice in the bud.

Tyler Herndon believed that sports and extracurricular activities are so important to students overall performance in high school that he became a coach to some of the youngest soccer players in the area.

Amid the relief of wrapping up last classes and spring exams and the excitement of graduation preparations, KMHS seniors presented their graduation projects for final judging recently, and these are just a sampling of what for many may hint at career choices down the road.

The projects, which range from job shadowing to volunteering to ambitious welding presentations, are designed to get students thinking about life after high school and how they may be able to use their talents.

For most students the projects represent a labor of love. That's not to say that many aren't dreading the public speaking part. That's where they must explain their choices and elaborate on their results before a panel of three judges, usually comprised of business leaders or former teachers and administrators.

"I was really, really nervous," said Phanly, who worked at Central United Methodist's soup kitchen for many afternoons over the winter and spring.

Jordan Pearson, whose project aimed to educate the community about how mam-



Jordan Pearson's graduation project raised awareness about breast cancer and mammographies. She intends to pursue a nursing degree.

mograms are essential to screening for breast cancer, said she intends to pursue a nursing career. She seemed to welcome the challenge — of the research involved and the experience of speaking to strangers.

"I practiced a lot. I kept getting tongue twisted when I practiced with my friends," she said. "(But) now I'm prepared for the future."

That's the idea, say administrators and mentors who are involved in annual rite.

"The purpose of all of this is to get students thinking — about how they can contribute," said Marcie McCready, who teaches 12th grade English and supervises graduation project for all seniors. "It's supposed to be a learning process."

Phillip Quinn, who has an interest in sports writing and local athletes, helped write a four-part series of profiles about recent Kings Mountain Hall of Fame inductees for the Herald. "It involved him doing a lot of research here," said Gary Stewart, the newspaper's longtime sports editor who also served as Quinn's mentor. "He did a good job."

Hullenders: many options = tough decisions

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start talking to new people. I'll have to grow up a little bit," Ryan said.

Chase, who says he won a number of out-of-state soccer scholarships but wasn't interested in living far away, says he's "nervous about leaving everything behind. The thought of a new chapter is scary."

When pressed about what college he'll pick, Ryan says he's leaning toward UNC-Wilmington because of its strong programs in marine biology. Those are two of his strengths: "science, animals." He's also

been feeling that Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C., would be the right place for him, for the same reasons.

"He changes his mind a lot," says mother Kim Hullender.

The two seniors, who share much genetically but apparently much less in terms of worldview, have an easy way with each other and don't appear to see themselves at competition. Still, arguments sometimes arise.


"They don't really last that long," Ryan said. "It's usually over the smallest and stupidest stuff."


Congratulations Seniors on a job well done!

We wish you the best of luck in the future!

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