

# 2015 SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



**BEST PERSONALITY**  
Shawn Adams  
Erica Carpenter  
2nd place: Cole Clampett,  
Amontae Perkins



**MOST DRAMATIC**  
Jack Pearson  
Emily Gilbert  
2nd place: Jacob Edmonson,  
Kat Carpenter



**MOST CHANGED**  
Nathan Bennett  
Lauren Ferrell  
2nd place: Gregory Grabert,  
Taylor McNeill & Kat Carpenter



**MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT**  
Dalton Cash  
Rachel Mower  
2nd place: Cole Tomberlin,  
Caroline Hardin



**#1 DRAFT PICK**  
Tico Crocker  
Kayla Bolt  
2nd place: Shawn Adams, Cassie Morton



**HARDEST WORKER IN CLASS**  
Tanner Orders  
Amontae Perkins  
2nd place: Tyler Batchler, Sarah Scism



**MAKES EVERYONE SMILE**  
Tevin Robertson  
Amontae Perkins  
2nd place: Derek England, Madison Ramsey



**MOST TALKATIVE**  
Jared Belcher  
Damondrea Mason  
2nd place: Marcus McKee, Cassie Morton



**MOST ARTISTIC**  
Jacob Edmonson  
Amanda Mullen  
2nd place: Austin Willis, Emily Gilbert



**CLASS CLOWN**  
Derek England  
Martina Edwards  
2nd place: Dillon Frederick, Alexis Johnson & Emily Gilbert

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## Shawn Adams eyeing career as dentist

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Kings Mountain High School graduating senior Shawn Adams is eyeing a career as a dentist and will enroll in the fall at Campbell College to major in biology.

An honor student, Shawn played basketball, football and baseball all four years in high school and was active in the Beta Club, Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"I am excited about graduation and look forward to going back to school in the fall," he said this week as he accepted a \$500 scholarship from the Third Tuesday Morning Breakfast Club. Fred Smith, the club president, made the presentation.

Bessemer City High senior Donnell Mitchell also received a \$500 scholarship from the club.

Son of Jermonica Adams and Shawn Adams Sr., Shawn is active in Ellis Chapel Baptist Church. He has a 12-year-old sister, Lanya.



Shawn Adams

## What to wear beneath graduation gowns

Caps and gowns are as much a graduation tradition as the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance." The gown and other accoutrements are customs that have been passed down through generations, dating back to the early days of academia. Colors, stripes, positioning of graduation tassels, and the shapes of sleeves and hoods all may offer information about graduates and the degrees they earn.

Graduation attire ensures grads look uniform and professional. Although there's little

variation in how to wear the cap and gown, graduates do have flexibility with regard to the clothing they wear beneath their ensembles. It may be tempting to go casual beneath a cap and gown, but grads might regret that decision when taking post-ceremony pictures.

Some graduates think it doesn't matter what they wear beneath the gown, feeling the gown will cover everything anyway. But that isn't true, as grads can expect at least a portion of their attire to be peeking through their graduation

gowns. Many such gowns end at the knee or slightly below, making it easy for everyone to see graduates' pants and shoes.

Both male and female grads can benefit from wearing something classy beneath their gowns. A crisp collared shirt can look sharp for men and women alike. Guys might want to wear a tie for that extra touch. Graduation gowns tend to be solid colors and may be quite bland, so a shirt with a splash of color can make a statement that is neither bold nor silly.

Remember to wear something form-fitting or slim cut under the gown. The graduation robe is voluminous enough without adding any extra girth from bulky clothing. Graduation gowns fall short of form-flattering, so wearing many layers beneath a gown will only add to the volume.

Consider the bottoms worn as well. Men can choose khakis or solid-colored slacks. Avoid wearing pants that are the same color as the graduation robe, as you want a little contrast. Women who wear skirts or dresses that end above the knee and will not show beneath the gown hem have more freedom. Avoid long skirts or dresses that can make the outfit look weighed down when paired with the gown.

Graduates' shoes will be on full display come the big day. Therefore, wear new, clean shoes that are presentable and formal. Avoid sneakers or flip-flops, which are too casual. Keep in mind the location of the ceremony and the forecast. If you will be trekking across a muddy football field, wear a closed-in, durable shoe, as heels or open sandals may cause you to trip or sink into the turf. Dress appropriately for the temperature, too. A summer graduation may be hot and stuffy, especially outdoor ceremonies under the blazing sun. Wear lightweight clothing and plenty of sunblock to stay comfortable and safe. Dress in layers if it is chilly so you can remove layers as necessary should temperatures fluctuate.

The style of the graduation cap will affect hairstyles and other accessories, including earrings. Clean, brushed hair is most suitable for both men and women. Updos are impractical. If you want your hair off of your face, consider a braid. Keep earrings simple and tuck any chunky necklaces under the gown to maintain an elegant and streamlined look.

Graduation attire can set the tone for the ceremony and life after school. Dress appropriately because all eyes will be on you.

"Come, follow me,  
Jesus said, "and I  
will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19

**Congratulations to the  
Graduating Class of 2015!**

*We wish you well in all your future endeavors*

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