

Saluting the Class of 1987
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Seniors earn academic honors

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The purpose of the Academic Excellence Program is to recognize and award those students who represent Nicholas County High School by participating in extra-curricular academic activities and to encourage capable students to participate in these activities.

On Friday, May 1, 1987, the Nicholas County High School Academic Booster Club held an awards ceremony and reception at the Nicholas County High School to award those who have achieved academic excellence in various areas and high grade point averages.

John Cannon of Ashland Daily Independent newspaper

was the guest speaker. Numerous academic awards were presented to students in grades nine through 12.

Seniors receiving awards in Level 1, in which a student must have earned a minimum of 19 points and a maximum of 24 points in one area of competence, are as follows:

Lesson Cartwright, Academic Team; Susan Smith and Julie Watkins, American Pyrotechnic Enterprise System; Ron Blakeman, DARE Good Citizen Award; Dwaine Curran, Century III Leadership Contest (third place winner); Pam Kirby, Cindy Ritchie and Kelly Howard, Drama Production; Bryan Johnson and Anessa

Hunt, Science and Mathematics

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NCHS senior track team and statisticians for the 1986-87 season are, left to right, Lynn Reynolds (stat.), Sheila Livingood (stat.), Nikki Earlywine (stat.), Teresa Cain (stat.), Tracy Hollar, Dwaine Curran, Kevin Anderson, Allen Harbin and Lee Crum.



PAMELA KIRBY
Good luck in South Carolina. We love you.
Mom & Dad

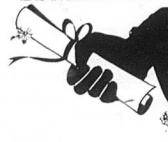


MELISSA RITCHIE
Always be yourself and you will succeed.
Love, Mom & Dad



DWAIN CURRAN
One of our greatest gifts from God above, was sending you for us to love. You are such a wonderful son, we couldn't have asked for a better one.
Love, Mom and Dad

Best Wishes, Graduates!



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Project Gradation follows years of tragedy

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High school graduation is a time of celebrating achievement and looking with anticipation to the future.

Unfortunately for some American teenagers, last year's graduation season brought tragedy instead of triumph.

Those teenagers were killed in alcohol or drug related accidents.

Commissioner Morgan Etkins of the Kentucky State Police said 31 Kentuckians aged 16 to 19 were killed in alcohol and drug related accidents last year.

"This represents a 17.36 percent increase over the number killed in 1985," he said.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Alice McDonald recently released the results of a survey that confirmed that drug and alcohol use is widespread among secondary school students.

Nearly three out of four had tried alcohol and one out of three had experimented with drugs.

Half of all seniors had used alcohol and one out of three had used marijuana within the past month.

To combat this problem, the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky State Police are sponsoring Project Gradation for the second year.

Project Gradation promotes chemical-free graduation parties to reduce the number of teenagers who might drink and drive at this special time in their lives.

Project Gradation activities such as bowling, bands, bingo and other games help teenagers realize that they can have a good time without intoxicants.

Parents help the student planners seek support from businesses in the community, which provide door prizes and food to make the parties very special events.

The program focuses on graduation, but applies to proms and other social occasions.

Project Gradation is modeled after a highly successful program that was begun by a group of students in Maine eight students from one district were killed in alcohol related traffic accidents during the 1979 graduation season.

After McDonald's first Student Advisory Council indicated that drinking and driving was a major concern, the department of education formed

the partnership program with the state police.

The first year, invitations were extended to 100 high schools, 74 of which sent representatives to a training conference in Lexington.

Thirty-nine graduation parties were held last year, and this year that number has doubled.



NCHS senior members of the Future Homemakers of America for the 1986-87 year are, front row, left to right, Leslie Fryman, Anissa Smith, Pam Kirby, Melody Hammons, Becky Smith. Back row, left to right, Dwaine Curran (chapter brother), Dana Vio, Paula Hamm, Tammy Buckler, Carla Snapp, Pat Tucker and Darren King (chapter brother).



NCHS senior cheerleaders for the 1986-87 basketball and football season are, left to right, Kelly Howard, Russanna Arnold, Melissa Ritchie, Tracy Hollar and Anessa Hunt. Not pictured, Tamara Anderson.

The enthusiasm for Project Gradation has spread like wildfire," McDonald said.

"We have proven that traditional classes, such as drinking, can be replaced with appealing options."

"While our immediate goal is safe graduation," she continued, "we believe that we can

have a long term impact on changing attitudes toward drugs and alcohol use."

Sherry Parrish, youth alcohol coordinator in highway safety for the Kentucky State Police, said her agency hoped that as more communities become involved in Project Gradation, they would begin to see a decrease in teenage

deaths and accidents.



Senior members of the French club for the 1986-87 year at NCHS are, left to right, Lesley Duncan, Lynn Reynolds, Lee Crum, Lisa Buckler, Anna Louisville and Cindy Hammons.



NCHS seniors who served as statisticians for the 1986-87 year are, left to right, Teresa Cain, Lesley Duncan, Suzanna Smith, Anissa Watkins, Leslie Thornton, Lynn Reynolds, Sheila Livingood and Nikki Earlywine.

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Text: Graduation Class of 1987.
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In honor of the spirit and tenacity of the Nicholas County Police Department, we will be holding a "No Drinking and Driving" contest. The contest will be held on the night of the graduation ceremony, and the head of the contest is off next before midnight.

We salute you, the graduates of 1987, now the drivers to come.

Sincerely,
Alice McDonald
Superintendent of Public Instruction

To The Class of 1987
We Bid You Fond Farewell