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Davis achieves top ACT score

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Dylan Davis, an upcoming senior at East Rankin Academy, has earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

Fewer than half of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2021, only 4,055 out of 1.29 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. The score for ACT's optional writing test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.



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Dylan Davis, East Rankin Academy student

“Earning a top score on the ACT is a remarkable achievement,” said ACT CEO Janet Godwin. “A student’s exceptional score of 36 will provide any college or university with ample evidence of their readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead.”

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school. Students who earn a 36 composite score have likely mastered all the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in first-year college courses in the core subject areas.

ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the US.

Davis is the son of Heather and Shannon Davis of Morton.

Walters wins first place in national art contest



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Maddie Grace Walters, a junior at Pelahatchie High School, won first place in the national hand-drawn art contest for the 9 - 12 grade division for the 2022 American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). Walters' artwork reflects the theme of this year's art contest in Spanish and Portuguese - "Valorando nuestras raíces y construyendo nuestro futuro," "Valorizando nossas raízes e construindo nosso futuro," which translates to "Valuing our roots and building our future." The AATSP promotes the study and teaching of the Spanish and Portuguese languages and their corresponding Hispanic, Luso-Brazilian and other related literatures and cultures at all levels of education.

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Hopper MAIS 5A Coach of the Year

competing in track. He saw an athlete that would not only strengthen the track and field program, but also have the potential to further their career after high school. Because of Coach Hopper, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend Alabama and serve as graduate assistant for the track and field program at Mississippi College, where I earned my master's degree. All of this is because of the potential that Hopper saw in me as an eighth-grade student. Throughout my collegiate career, Coach Hopper kept up with my progress, staying in close contact. This continued afterwards in my personal life. He inspired me to be the type of coach that I would like to be. I strive to be a positive influence in the daily lives of my athletes and think this is an important aspect of being a part and influencing the lives of young athletes, who are our future."

Caleb Hammons, a 2000 ERA graduate, cross country individual state champion and team captain of the Ole

Miss cross country team from 2002-2005 stated, "I found a great deal of satisfaction in running and the teamwork associated. The simplicity of it all and the application to everyday life is rewarding. Here are some things that I have taken away from years of running and training: surround yourself with excellence and those who strive for it, work together toward the goals set and, discipline your mind and body. Do not let the fear of failure prevent you from achievement or learning from failure; be consistent and become resilient. During my senior year [at ERA], I will always remember Mr. [Robert] Gates and Coach Hopper and the encouragement they gave me because I had not yet learned, and consistently been able to apply, these principles to my life."

Coach Hopper was presented with his Coach of the Year plaque by the MAIS and the East Rankin Administration at the ERA sports awards ceremony on May 2, 2022.

Obituaries

NAME	AGE	CITY	DOD	ARRANGEMENTS
Samantha Smith Heard	41	5/3/2022	Lake, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Amellia Griffin	3 Mths.	5/4/2022	Lake, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Byron Lowery	63	5/6/2022	Lake, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Roscoe William Simons	100	5/10/2022	Morton, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Bobby Joe Phillips	75	5/14/2022	Morton, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Ronald Timothy Vance	64	5/19/2022	Forest, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Maria Emilia Lucero	70	5/23/2022	Forest, MS	Wolf Funeral Home
Robert Jackson Singleton	68	5/26/2022	Brandon, MS	Wolf Funeral Home

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