

50 Years of Indians

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For fifty- years, the Indian tradition has led a legacy that has left a lasting impression on the students who have got to experience the Indian Nationalistic experience at Gaffney High. GHS has housed many different clubs in previous years, including; Pep Club, Bus Drivers Club, Future Farmers of America Club, and Golden Rule Bible Club. The most controversial of its time was the 1962 Bus Drivers' Club. The club gained popularity because instead of having CDL certified bus drivers to drive the students, certain students had the privilege to drive other students home for incentives. Members of the club were Jerry Suttle, Frankie Allison, Laurie Tate, and Charles Allison. In today's time we would not be able to have such a club out of fear for student safety but this shows a reflection of the morals and wonder of how school life has changed in previous years. The Indian tradition of previous clubs have been continued such

as; Beta club, Yearbook Club and Student Council. The Student Body Government of 62' was President of 1962 was David Carter, Vice President William Brown., Secretary was Butch Roche, and Treasurer was Kaye Martin. 62' was especially important as the Gaffney Indians went undefeated winning 11. During the football season, Miss Vicki Turner was crowned Homecoming Queen. In 1972, stu-

dents were able to join many clubs such as; Beta club, Pep club, Future Farmers of America, and even the bus drivers club were all available for students to join. In the AFJROTC, The A flight, B flight, C flight, D flight and E flight were continued fleets for students to join. The football team was unable to continue their success in the decade that had passed with a record of (4-7). Kay Brumbach was crowned

Homecoming Queen during the HOCO assembly. The Student Body Government consisted of President Joyce Palmer, Vice President David Gibson, Secretary Rosalind Bonner, and Treasurer Susie Oliver. In 1982, the football team had experienced success since their 72' season winning 13 games and losing 1. During the Indians' Homecoming Game, Miss Helen Carroll was crowned Homecoming Queen. The Student Body Government consisted of President Stanley Persons, Vice President Sadel Manning, the Secretary Tami Reid, and Treasurer Karen Lipscomb. In the year 1992, the football team had a record of (7-7). During GHS' Pageant, Miss Cherokeean was Kara Littlejohn. The Student Body Government was President Beth McElroy, Vice President Jennifer Earley, Secretary Juila Jones, and Treasurer Teresa Byars. In 2002, the Indians experienced a drought only going (4-7). Kristen Davis

was crowned Homecoming Queen while the Student Body Government consisted of President Jenna Gibson, Vice President Stevette Camp, Secretary Jenne Cook, and Treasurer Dominique Tate. In 2012, Gaffney Indians made state and beat the Silver Foxes, snapping their five-year winning streak. Miss Caitlin Brown won the crown, saying "I was completely shocked when I was named Homecoming Queen. I did not think I was going to win, and I was extremely happy and honored to be called." Gaffney High School has been around since 1924. Over the years, traditions have changed in various ways, from clubs to sports. The Indians has come a very long way since their conception and It is important to recognize where we have come from GO INDIANS!!!!



In the Eyes of the Class of 2002

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Meet Gaffney High School's Class of 2002: where these graduates experienced a vast number of events, ranging from the effects of 9/11 to pure pop culture. Having John Robert Dickinson as valedictorian and Addison Wardlaw Hamrick as salutatorian, 2002 was a year full of history, integrity, and change. On September 11th, 2001, a series of suicide attacks and hijacked commercial airplanes were committed by terrorist organization al-Qaeda in the United States. The 9/11 attacks were heavily impactful and struck the nation for the suffering it caused and what ensued. As 2002 was just one year after this tragic event ensued, these graduates witnessed the aftermath firsthand. On January 29th, 2002, President George W. Bush conducted one of the most impactful and memorable State of the Union Addresses, commonly referred to as his "Axis of Evil Speech." Travel suffered immensely due to the terrorist attacks that previous year. US Airways was the first major airline to file for bankruptcy since September 11th. One of their pivotal bases,



Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, was not completely open for commercial flights for months following the horrific event due to the overwhelming amount of security concerns. It led US Airways to this difficult and solemn decision. 9/11's affects included intense, updated airport security to Wars – but they weren't just physical. Trauma surrounding 9/11 had struck everywhere for various reasons. Graduates of 2002 lived through this. 9/11 put pure panic and sadness in American citizens. It reconstructed the perception of safety in many, lingering fear planted questions in countless minds. Though the un denying patriotism in everyone was amplified and united America as a whole. History was significant in 2002 overall. Historical events such as Queen Elizabeth's The Queen Mother's passing, the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the No Child Left Behind Act, along with numerous other events. Taking a step back from this topic, we take a look at the pop culture for that year. You

could find the Class of 2002 at Gaffney High listening to a variety of artists: Usher, Nelly, Eminem, Avril Lavigne, Jennifer Lopez, and more. The number one song of the year 2002 was "How You Remind Me" by Nickelback, which dominated charts at the top for four weeks. Rap- per Eminem had the best-selling album, "The Eminem Show", which sold over 7.6 million copies by the end of 2002. You could find these 2002 graduates going to the cinema to watch 'Spider-Man', starring Tobey Maguire, which was the top-grossing film of the year. For television, American Idol debuted and became an instant hit. Looking back on the show, Kelly Clarkson won the first season, which kick-started her extremely successful music career. The 74th Annual Academy Awards also aired in 2002. Hosted by Whoopi Goldberg and held at the Kodak Theatre, The Oscars in 2002 hold a monumental moment for star Halle Berry. Berry won "Best Actress" for her role in 'Monster's Ball',

which was more than just an exciting point in her career. It's now rather bittersweet, as she is still the only black woman to ever receive the award. The class of 2002 at Gaffney High School was very strong in their intellect and academics. For the senior who won both local and regional awards for crafting his own formula for a shortcut in calculus and became Valedictorian of his class, John Robert Dickinson's abilities led him to greatness - which just so happens to be in Massachusetts at Harvard Medical School. Before graduating from Furman University in 2006, he received awards for having the highest academic average and the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence by faculty at the University. Dickinson thus went onto specialize in brain research during his time at Harvard Medical School with goals to get both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in Medicine. Dickinson conducted his own research based on a gene connected to Alzhei-

mer's and other dementia related diseases. His interest stemmed from his father who was diagnosed with early onset front temporal dementia. Through his discoveries he found new ways that this gene is regulated in cells, which helped the understanding of enhanced and better treatment. In 2013, Dickinson completed his Ph.D. as he received his degrees in both Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology. For salutatorian of the 2002 class, Addison Wardlaw Hamrick, he breached out into the dentistry field and now works at Cherokee General Dentistry – where he is better known as Dr. Addison Wardlaw Hamrick. Gaffney High School graduates of 2002 lived through a defining time period. 2002 was a year with minimal pause in the events it carried. This was a class who were watching the world transform, change, and trying to keep up – but also trying to find themselves amid it all. This shaped these young graduates into fearless, dedicated leaders.

