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Gaffney High School's Homecoming Court

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Our 2023 Homecoming Queen will be announced and crowned. Homecoming is a time-honored tradition for returning alumni at Gaffney High School. Year after year, the homecoming events reflect the memories of the "good old days" of Gaffney High School. A full day of celebration and activities has been planned for Friday, October 13th, 2023.

A morning reception for returning alumni will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria, sponsored by the GHS Student Government. Programs will be available and select copies of past yearbooks will be available for purchase during the reception.

The homecoming assembly will begin at 9:00 a.m. honoring the classes of 1963, '73, '83, '93, '98, 2003, and 2013. Skits, dancing, and singing with the music selected from those actual graduating years will be featured by current students, faculty and staff. In addition, the members of the 2023 Homecoming Court and the senior football players, trainers, managers and their sponsors will be presented.

The Homecoming game between the Gaffney Indians and Boiling Springs will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gaffney High School Reservation. The highlight of the halftime ceremonies will be the naming and crowning of the homecoming queen, selected by the 2023 senior class.

The faculty co-chairs Julie Hudson, Lakeisha Sims, Traci Dill and Kim Barnes invite all alumni and guests to join the student body in celebrating the continued pride & tradition of Gaffney High School. For more informa-



Skyla Phillips

2000. Skyla Grace Phillips, escorted at halftime by Albert Phillips Daughter of Albert & Hyacinth Phillips; Granddaughter of Lucious & Mary Jones and the late Albert & Shirley Goodman. Skyla is a 3-year member of the Principal's Advisory committee, a Teacher Cadet, a member of 21st Century Kids Robotics Club, and a dancer for the Southern Dance Ruby Team. She plays basketball and runs track, where she has been named the WSPA athlete of the week and GHS MVP Athlete of the Year for 2 years. She was also named the Region 2 5A Female Athlete of the Year and is also the 100 Meter record holder for GHS. She is member of Elite Society and is the Thickety Mountain Baptists Association Youth Vice-President. She is a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church. After graduation, she plans to attend a 4-year college, where she hopes to run track and major in sports management.

Stephanie Leal Martinez, escorted at halftime by Jose Antonio Leal Sanchez Daughter of Jose Antonio Leal & Veronica Martinez; Granddaughter of Isabela Martinez Stephanie attends Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Gaffney where she is a



Staphanie Martinez

faithful member of the youth group. Stephanie has been a 4-year soccer player. After graduation, Stephanie plans to become a cosmetologist and open her own salon.

Jariya Dorothy-Marie Long, escorted at halftime by J.R. Fincher Daughter of Jarris Long & Elizabeth Earlene Cunningham; Granddaughter of Mr. Walter & Elizabeth Fincher and Mr. Ray & Gayenett Long Jariya has participated in the Miss Cherokeean pageant for 3 years. She is also a member of the prom committee. She volunteers with the March of Dimes community walk, Relay for Life cancer walk, and serves for the summer feeding program. After graduation, Jariya plans to attend the University of South Carolina and become a bilingual nurse practitioner.

Geriyah Rasha Whitaker, escorted at halftime by Charles Coleman Daughter of Gerald Whitaker & Tera Adams; Granddaughter of Charles Coleman & Denise Savage Geriyah is a tutor and also works five days a week at Subway. After graduation, Geriyah plans to attend college for business and marketing to become a real estate agent.



Jariya Long

Shar'Queza Denise Wallace, escorted at halftime by Gregory Armstrong Daughter of Joshua Manning & Sharena Wallace; Granddaughter of Luther Dawkins Sr., Sara Manning, Ulysses Wallace and the late Willie Wood & Sheila Wallace Shar'Queza is a manager for the Gaffney High Dance team. After graduation she hope to become an actor or a realtor.



Geriyah Whitaker



Shar'Queza Wallace



From Bookbags to Blackboards

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Some of our beloved teachers came from right where we are today: sitting in the classes, roaming the hallways and learning at Gaffney High School! For this year's Homecoming, I decided to ask a couple of teachers who have always been an Indian a couple of questions. Starting off: What made you come back to our "home?" Will

Deborde: "When I first got into the field of education, teaching at Gaffney High School was always the 'end goal' for me. I have worked at Limestone-Central Elementary School, and then Copeland Academy (the alternative school). Though, Gaffney High has always been home. Even when I was working elsewhere, I always wanted to come back to where it all began. I'll always

and gold!" Susan Wade: "I decided to come back to Gaffney High and become an educator because I wanted to make a difference and touch the lives of our youth and what better way to do it than following your Alma Matar!" Valerie Gurley: "Being able to meet the woman who wrote the Gaffney Highschool Alma Matter inspired me to come back here as a teacher.

She shared her story at the morning assembly at her class reunion. She informed everyone that she wrote a poem quickly before her bus arrived because she forgot to complete her homework assessment the night before. Needless to say, she stated that the moment she turned her poem in, she never imagined that her Poem would have become

the Gaffney Highschool's ALMA MATAR."

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