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Ashburn Named NC Principal of the Year

By T. Keung Hui

The leader of Raleigh’s oldest public high school is now the top principal in the state.

Elena Ashburn, the principal of Broughton High School near downtown Raleigh, was named the 2021 Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year May 21. Ashburn becomes the first Wake County principal to win the honor since the state began the program in 1984.

Ashburn was praised at the ceremony at the Umstead Hotel in Cary for her leadership during the past year of the coronavirus

pandemic. Ashburn said that the state and nation are “at a pivotal time right now in public education.”

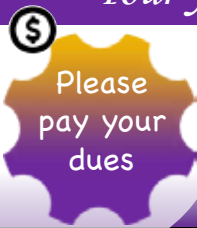
“We have seen that we are more malleable and more adaptable and innovative than we ever could have anticipated,” Ashburn said in an interview Friday after winning the award. “We need to leverage that malleable spirit, that innovative spirit to push forward and ensure that every kid, regardless of any external factor, receives an excellent education each and every day.”



Catherine Truitt, superintendent of public instruction, and Olivia Oxendine, State Board member, congratulate Elena Ashburn, the state’s 2021 principal of the year

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BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL IS RENAMING ITS STADIUM



By T. Keung Hui

Broughton's football stadium is being renamed to honor longtime former athletic director Jack Spain. The Wake County school board approved the new name of Jack Spain Stadium on May 4 at the request of the Caps Club, Broughton's athletic boosters organization. Spain worked at the Raleigh magnet school for 27 years, including serving as athletic director from 1993 until his retirement in 2013.

"Coach Spain led our athletic program with integrity, honor and incredible dedication," Elena Ashburn, Broughton's principal said. "Under Coach Spain's 20-year leadership as athletic director, Broughton's athletic program was one of the

top 10 athletic programs in North Carolina and our athletic department garnered more than 20 North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championships."

Ashburn and Broughton's past four principals all signed a letter endorsing the name change. It had been named Capital Stadium.

In 1986, Spain joined Broughton

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Coach Jack Spain

ASHBURN



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Ashburn had been among eight finalists for North Carolina Principal of the Year, including Erica Turner of Rocky Ridge High School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. Ashburn, 35, started her career in education in 2007 as an English teacher for Teach For America at Southern High School in Durham.

She joined the Wake County school system in 2011 as a principal intern at Holly Ridge Middle School in Holly Springs. Ashburn went on to become an assistant principal at Fuquay-Varina High School and principal at East Garner Middle School.

"In her career as an educational leader in a myriad of leadership roles and settings," Wake County Superintendent Cathy Moore said in a letter supporting Ashburn's nomination as Principal of the Year. "Dr. Ashburn has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to educational excellence for all students, and this has been most evident in her tireless commitment to ensuring students make significant academic progress."

Making Broughton more inclusive

In 2017, Ashburn was named principal of Broughton, which is located near the Village District in Raleigh. She joined a school that opened in 1929 and that is steeped in tradition but also has challenges for some students.

Ashburn said her meetings with school staff and students highlighted equity concerns. Ashburn said students shared concerns about lack of inclusivity in traditions and opportunities that she's tried to address through a Staff and School Culture Committee she created.

"Broughton is an incredible school community," Ashburn said. "It's rich in history and so it's important to simultaneously honor the school's history and past while also ensuring that every child feels part of the community and that we're moving towards a more excellent future."

During her tenure, Broughton's teacher turnover rate has sharply decreased, the graduation rate has reached a record

high of 89.33% and the 9th-grade retention rate was cut in half. Student performance has also improved on the English and biology end-of-course exams.

State Superintendent Catherine Truitt said Ashburn's leadership approach should be emulated by other principals.

"Elena exemplifies the best qualities of a strong and effective principal," Truitt said in a news release. "She empowers teachers and staff and creates opportunities for them to grow and learn. She has enlisted the entire school community in defining a clear mission and purpose and been collaborative and intentional since day one."

Awarded for her efforts

Ashburn's leadership at Broughton has gotten attention.

She was one of five finalists for the district's principal of the year in 2019 before being named the 2020 Wake County Principal of the Year in October.

In December, Ashburn was named the state's North Central Region Principal of the Year. She said Friday it's been a team effort at Broughton.

"I feel really like I'm representing many people, and not just myself, and the wonderful work that's been going on at Broughton and in our community," she said.

Ashburn will receive \$3,000 for her personal use and \$3,000 for Broughton. She will now compete to be named the national principal of the year.

In her new position, Wells Fargo will give Ashburn a stipend to travel across the state serving as an ambassador for education. She will serve as an advisor to the State Board of Education and also to the board of directors for the Public School Forum of North Carolina.

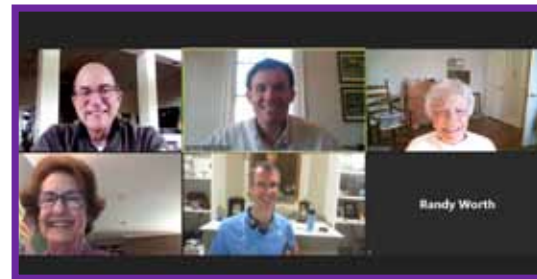
Source: T. Hueng Hui (2021, May 21). An acclaimed Raleigh principal is now North Carolina's Principal of the Year. Retrieved from <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/an-acclaimed-raleigh-principal-is-now-north-carolinas-principal-of-the-year/ar-AAKJbnD?ocid=BingNewsSearch>

COVID CHANGES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



Your Alumni Association Board met virtually in April of this year as so many other meetings have taken place over the past year, via Zoom. Yes, the ubiquitous virtual meeting application that was somewhat unknown before COVID-19 changed so much for so many has even made its mark on the Board's proceedings. Our Zoom gathering was complete with the traditional connectivity challenges and meeting restarts that have become nearly as commonplace as Zoom meetings themselves, but despite the initial technical hiccups, we conducted all of the Board's business in short order. Thanks to Street Jones for snapping this screenshot of the smiling meeting attendees' faces. The entire Board looks forward to meeting again in person in the near future, but for now, we will compromise on a Zoom call, technical glitches and all.

We wish all of our alumni and those they care about safety, health, wisdom and patience in navigating the world in the coming year, virtual or otherwise.



The Zoom attendees clockwise starting in the top left square: Danal Blesis, Street Jones, Vicky Langley, Kathie Raymond, Matt Leary and Randy Worth's black square

CAPS FROM THE PAST



The year of 1969 saw many changes across the American society and the world that affected culture, science and politics leaving a lasting influence on our lives even to this day. A transition in how the West consumes news began in 1969, well hidden from most people's view because of the tremendous social changes taking place elsewhere. Australian media baron, Rupert Murdoch, purchased the largest-selling British Sunday newspaper, The News of the World, and in the same year, The Saturday Evening Post published their last weekly issue after a 147-year run.

Led Zepel released their self-titled first album in the United States, and unlike their name would imply, it rose in the charts. The Beatles'



Gentlemen prepare for Woodstock festival.

released Abbey Road later in the year, creating an instant classic. Much to the chagrin of only a few well-heeled people and collectors, the US Treasury officially withdrew from circulation the \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 bills. The Manson murders splashed across the headlines with their grizzly details in August creating a stark contrast to the peace and love shared by revelers at the Woodstock festival just a week later.

In addition to spacing out at Woodstock, 1969 also saw the space race accelerate at light speed between the USSR and USA. The Soviets launched multiple Soyuz missions, conducted the first space docking between two vehicles and the first spacewalk. NASA, in response, launched multiple Apollo missions to the moon starting with missions 9 and 10, which



The Monty Python crew started their Flying Circus in 1969

prepared for the famous Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20. Apollo 12 rounded out the moon missions of 1969 and helped cement the United States as the leader in space.

Back on Earth, the world of politics in 1969 was peppered with names that remain in the common sphere even to this day. Richard Nixon was sworn in as the 37th President in Washington, and a few weeks later Yassar Arafat was elected leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo. Later in the year, Edward Kennedy was involved in the Chappaquiddick incident where Mary Jo Kopechne, a former campaign aide to his brother, died in the early morning hours of July 19 in a submerged car.

Whether they were part of the first ARPANET (predecessor to the Internet) transmission, watched Scooby Doo or Monty Python's The Flying Circus for the first time or only tasted Dave Thomas' initial tasty creations at Wendy's, people in 1969 saw a year of change, creation and endeavors that forever changed the world. If you were one of the Caps attending Broughton in 1969, we hope that these images elicit sweet memories of days gone by.

Capital Spotlight: Cade Metz releases his latest book



Long dismissed as a technology of the distant future, artificial intelligence was a project consigned to the fringes of the scientific community. Then two researchers changed everything.

In his new book, *Genius Makers*, Cade Metz, '90, traces how their ideas drove a new kind of arms race, spanning Google, Microsoft, Facebook, and OpenAI, a new lab founded by Silicon Valley kingpin Elon Musk.

This year, the Raleigh native and NY Times technology correspondent held a virtual launch at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh. WRAL TechWire's Chantal Allam had the chance to find out more. Here's what he had to say:



Cade Metz

Talk us through how this book came to be.

About four years ago, when I was working as a writer with *Wired* magazine, I traveled to Seoul, South Korea for an event that turned out to be far more interesting — and far more emotional — than anyone expected, including me.

A machine, built by researchers at Google, beat one of the world's best players at the ancient game of Go, the Eastern version of chess. Go is so complex — requiring not just skill but what we humans call intuition — that even the experts thought it would be decades before a machine could beat the top humans.

The match in Korea was an inflection point for what we call "artificial intelligence." When I got back to the States, I started work on the book.

Through the lives of a small group of scientists, you explore the birth of artificial intelligence. Among them is Geoff Hinton, a man born into a family of eccentric scientists who became known as the father of deep learning. What is it about him and other key players that make for such a compelling narrative?

When I started outlining the book, I knew that one of the central figures would be Demis Hassabis, who led the Google team that went to Seoul. A former chess prodigy who studied as a neuroscientist before vowing to build a machine that could do anything the human brain could do, he is an unusual mix of intellect, ambition, and a kind of charisma that I hadn't seen before.

But as I built the book, what I discovered was a much

larger cast of characters, each just as interesting and surprising and charmingly unusual as the last. In the end, the central character became Hinton, a London-born researcher who does not sit down (literally). He hurt his back as a teenager, and now, the only way to keep the pain at bay is to avoid sitting down, which means he can't drive a car and he can't fly on an airplane. This became a metaphor for the book's central narrative. So much of what has happened over the past ten years with the rise of artificial intelligence — including digital assistants like Siri that can recognize what you say, face recognition on Facebook and other internet services, self-driving cars, and other robotics — is driven by a single mathematical idea. This is an idea that Hinton embraced in the early 1970s, when almost no one believed in it.

And despite enormous skepticism over the decades, he continued to believe it. In about 2010, this idea finally started to work, and at that moment, Hinton — and the few other academics who worked on this idea — were sucked into some of the biggest companies on Earth, Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Apple and Baidu in China.

Your book is crammed with behind-the-scenes anecdotes about how AI entered Google, Facebook, and the rest of high tech. Which ones stand out to you the most?

The opening of the book, when Hinton auctions his services to the highest bidder, is certainly on the list. It is such an amazing story, the book just had to begin that way. But there are so many fascinating and shocking moments, just because the stakes become so high for these characters — and they are wonderfully free-thinking people. I am also partial to the moment in the book when Qi Lu, one of the top executives at Microsoft, decides he is going to change the company's direction by riding a backwards bicycle. It goes right when you turn the handle bars left, and it goes left when you turn right. For the punchline, you'll have to read the book ...

Google launched an in-house AI lab. Microsoft did the same. Then Elon Musk jumped in, founding OpenAI, stealing talent from both Google and Facebook. These companies began waging an unprecedented arms race — which now includes China and Russia. Where do you see this all headed?

Well, what I can say is that this race will continue to escalate for the foreseeable future. The stakes are enormous, including not just self-driving cars and internet services but autonomous weapons and surveillance technologies. China is a particularly important player. And the way we, as a country, will compete with China is very different from the way we competed with rivals in decades past. Just recently, Eric Schmidt, the former CEO of Google, delivered a report to Congress

Capital Spotlight: Metz



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and the President calling for what you might call a West Point for AI researchers — a national academy that would train government personnel for a new future.

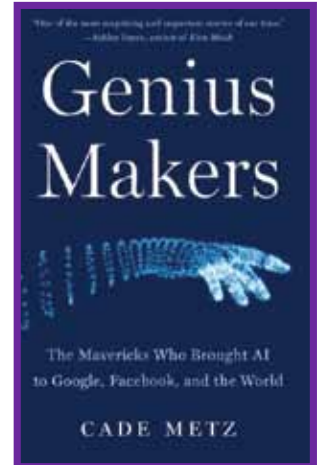
You grew up in Raleigh, attended Broughton High School, and later graduated from Duke University. Meanwhile, your father was a programmer and engineer at IBM at RTP, and he worked on the barcode. Do you have any stories that you can share from that time?

My father, Walt Metz, helped test the Universal Product Code, the barcode on all your groceries, when he was working at IBM in the '70s. I grew up on stories about that project, which began with one of my father's colleagues, a man named Joe Woodland. What people may or may not realize is that when the UPC was first deployed, many people protested outside grocery stores because they saw the barcode as "the sign of the beast" from the Book of Revelations. I once wrote a story about this.

AI is now a part of our everyday lives making everything from talking digital assistants and driverless cars to drug discovery possible. But as you present in your book, the vision and hopes guiding the founding scientists hasn't always aligned with the realities of the world, money and greed. Talk to us about that, and implications for the future.

This became the heart of the book. The problems and questions around these technologies are what drive the second half of the narrative. There are so many issues that we, as a society, need to think through. Many of these AI systems are biased against women and people of color. We now have

technology that can write its own tweets, blog posts, speeches, and news articles. But this technology, because it learns from the way humans write, can also spew hate speech and other toxic content. The same idea that Hinton worked on — called a neural network — can also generate photo-realistic images and videos. We are entering a world where it will be very hard to tell whether what we are looking at on the internet is real or fake. Then there's the problem of autonomous weapons and face recognition technologies. The list goes on.



Why is this one of the most important stories of our time? And looking ahead, how far do you think we will let it go?

It is important because of all problems I just listed above and more — not to mention all the positives that these technologies will bring. Drug discovery is a very important area here. There are signs that AI technologies will allow us to tackle the next pandemic much quicker than we dealt with this one.

Source: Chantal Allam (2021, March 15). 'Genius Makers:' Raleigh native tackles high-stakes AI arms race in new book. Retrieved from <https://www.wraltechwire.com/2021/03/15/genius-makers-raleigh-native-tackles-high-stakes-ai-arms-race-in-new-book/>

Reunions



2020 REUNIONS

The Class of 1960 will hold their reunion in Spring, 2022. Contact Ellen Wardlaw at ewardlaw@msn.com.

The Class of 1965 has postponed their 55th reunion. The new date has yet to be determined.

The Class of 1970 will hold their 50th reunion on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Carolina County Club. An informal social will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, at High Park Grill on Whitaker Mill Road. If you have not already done so, please update your contact information (name, email, ad-

dress, telephone) to: Melvin Matthews at mattbewsm247@gmail.com or 919-602-1547. Visit our Facebook page, Broughton High School Class of 1970 or our website at www.classcreator.com/Raleigh-NC-Needham-Broughton-1970 for additional information..

The Class of 1971 will hold their 51st reunion on May 21, 2022. Because of lingering concerns about COVID-19 the steering committee for the Class of 1971 has decided to hold a 51st reunion NEXT spring. We have narrowed the venues down and will make a final selection shortly. Our big event Saturday night will feature hors d'oeuvres to give

everyone an opportunity to visit with as many of our classmates as possible. We will also have a more casual gathering on Friday night. We would really like to make sure that we reach everyone in our class. Look for communications from the committee which will include a website where you can register. Contact broughton71reunion@gmail.com with questions.

The Class of 2010 has postponed their 10th reunion and the new date has yet to be determined. For details please go to <https://fb.me/e/1E7ZRr8W7>. Contact Mary Morgan Keyser, Class Agent, at mmbkeyser@gmail.com

CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT: AMBER NICHOLS



Amber Nichols, '10, is a former Broughton High School basketball star and the first cousin of NBA star John Wall. You don't get much more 'Raleigh' than that.

She is making her hometown proud by making history in the NBA's G League. In January she was named the General Manager of the Capital City Go-Go, the G League affiliate of the Washington Wizards, which made Nichols just the second ever female GM in G league history. She will accompany the team's flex-affiliate players (who will play with the Erie BayHawks) at the NBA G League single site in Orlando this season.

"The Go-Go has been a major part of our development strategy for both players and staff over the past two seasons and the plans we've made for this season allow us to continue down that path," said Wizards General Manager Tommy Sheppard. "Amber's skills, experience and personality have earned her this promotion and with her overseeing our involvement in the bubble, we have the utmost confidence that our players will thrive in a unique and unprecedented situation."

Nichols has been with the Go-Go since the team's inception, starting as director of basketball operations during the team's inaugural season before being promoted to assistant general manager of operations last season. She has managed all logistics for the Go-Go over the last two seasons, as well as working closely with the Wizards front office during NBA and NBA G League drafts and scouting events.

"I'm honored that the organization has given me this responsibility and I plan to do everything possible to make sure our players continue to grow and develop within the framework of our system," said Nichols. "We have all worked together across the organization during the pandemic to find ways to improve despite difficult circumstances and I look

forward to this opportunity to continue doing so."

Nichols has also been instrumental with player engagement activities and events through her first two years with the team, engaging the players in educational seminars, financial awareness sessions and speaker series with former NBA personalities. She spent a season as a basketball operations analyst for the NBA G League in 2017-18 where she oversaw logistics for all League events and also helped with the selection of players for the NBA G League Elite Mini Camp and NBA G League Player Invitational through research and talent evaluation. Nichols played four years of college basketball at the University of Richmond, where she received her bachelor's degree in sociology, before continuing her education at the University of Georgia, where she received her master's in kinesiology with a concentration in sport management and policy.

Source: Chris Lea (2021, February 17). Culture State: Raleigh's Amber Nichols makes NBA history. Retrieved from <https://www.wral.com/culture-state-raleigh-s-amber-nichols-makes-nba-history/19532643/>

Source: (2021, January 16). Capital City Names Amber Nichols General Manager. Retrieved from <https://gleague.nba.com/news/capital-city-names-amber-nichols-general-manager/>



Amber Nichols

STADIUM



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as a physical education teacher and athletic trainer before becoming athletic director seven years later. His 20-year tenure as athletic director saw both athletic success as well as a commitment to producing athletes with high moral character, Ashburn said.

"Through this leadership approach, Coach Spain positively impacted the lives of countless students, staff and community members," Ashburn said.

HALL OF FAME MEMBER

Since his retirement, Spain has garnered numerous awards, including being inducted into the Wake County Public School System Hall of Fame in 2020.

Spain attended Tuesday's school board meeting and expressed his appreciation for the renaming of the stadium.

"I get way too much credit for the success that we had when I was fortunate enough to be the athletic director," Spain said. "The support that I had from the community, from our boosters club, from the principals that I served under who were absolutely wonderful, and especially to the athletes and coaches and parents that I worked with.

"I just feel humbled for this honor and very much appreciate it."

Source: T. Keung Hui (2021, May 5). Broughton High School is renaming its football stadium. Here's why it's happening. Retrieved from <https://www.newsobserver.com/sports/high-school/article251178929.html>

BROUGHTON COUPLE DIES DAYS APART FROM COVID-19



By Bryan Mims

A well-known and well-loved Raleigh couple died within days of each other in January from COVID-19.

Fred Corlett, '67, was a familiar face for decades in local theater. His wife, Diane Corlett, '68, was an Episcopal priest who championed social justice causes. Fred and Diane were 71 and 70 when they passed, respectively.

"They were the two most loving people that I ever had the pleasure to know," their son, David Corlett, said Monday. "Anybody they helped out, nothing but love. They were very compassionate, very compassionate people."

Diane Corlett contracted coronavirus while recovering in a local hospital from an unrelated infection, her son said. Always by her side, Fred Corlett also caught the virus. She died on Jan. 10, and he died four days later.

"He loved her so much. You looked at them and could just tell," said Heather Strickland, director of Raleigh Little Theatre.

The couple met at Broughton High School in the 1960s and married in 1971. After earning a doctorate of ministry from Columbia University, Diane Corlett became the first woman rector of the Church of the Nativity in north Raleigh.

"Her homilies just woke me up," said Ann Conlon-Smith, who joined the church in 1993 after moving to the Triangle from New York.

"Every Sunday, she held nothing back," Conlon-Smith said. "She talked women's rights, equality, all criminal justice. She was a big activist among people of faith against the death penalty."

Fred Corlett was just as mesmerizing on the stage.

"He was an every-man. You could cast him in just about anything, and he would attack it with equal enthusiasm and talent," said Jerome Davis, director of Burning Coal Theatre Company. "No matter what was going on, no matter what angst was going on, Fred would be a rock in the middle of it. He's really irreplaceable."

"He was probably one of the hardest working actors in the Triangle," Strickland agreed. "He loved the art, but then he loved the artist in each one of us. He wanted to make sure he was always supporting us."

Source: Bryan Mims (2021, January 18). Raleigh couple dies days apart from COVID-19. Retrieved from <https://www.wral.com/coronavirus/raleigh-couple-dies-days-apart-from-covid-19/19478899/>



Fred Corlett and Diane Corlett

SUPER DONOR PROFILE – WARREN L. BATTS



The Broughton Alumni Association would like to recognize Warren L. Batts '49 for his Super Donor Donation at the Gold Level he made earlier this year. His very kind and generous gift honors us and all we do to sustain the legacy of our fine school. Thanks in part to his Gold Level sponsorship, we will be able to continue our work for years to come. If Mr. Batts' name is familiar to you, that is because he was given our 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award for his many contributions to the business world. We are pleased to share with our readers the Warren's professional accomplishments.

Warren left Broughton and headed to Georgia Tech for his undergraduate degree. He later earned an MBA from Harvard University in 1963. After Harvard, he entered the professional world working his way ahead in business. From 1978 until 1980 Batts headed Mead and was Premark's Chairman and CEO from 1986 until 1996. He then led Tupperware from 1996 until 1997.

During his business career he also served on the boards of directors of several well-known corporations including Sears, Allstate Insurance, Sprint, Cooper Industries and Kraft. He has been a Trustee of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Northwestern University and the Art Institute of Chicago. Warren further demonstrated his business savvy

by becoming the Director of the National Association of Corporate Directors. For his many and varied accomplishments, Warren was selected as the Financial World CEO of the Year and received the Georgia Institute of Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Mr. Batts also was a Director and past Chairman of the Children's Memorial Medical Center in Chicago, a life trustee at the Art Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University, past Chairman of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, director and past Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers and member of President's Circle, an advisory board of the National Academy of Sciences. He has also been recognized as a member of the prestigious "Who's Who in America". He's currently an adjunct professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

We like to think that some of Warren's tremendous success in life was based on the great high school education at Broughton. However, his generous Gold Level Super Donor Sponsorship donation will help fund the Alumni scholarships and success of others in the future.



Warren L. Batts



Wake County high schools will offer something closer to a normal graduation ceremony this year for seniors, while still following North Carolina health rules about masking and social distancing.

Wake high schools are planning to hold in-person graduation ceremonies at their football stadiums and gyms this spring. High schools will typically hold multiple in-person ceremonies to maintain social distancing while also offering opportunities for seniors who don't feel it's safe to be at a large event.

This year's events will be larger than last year's graduation ceremonies, where more restrictive state rules led to drive-through ceremonies or timed individual walk-throughs in the auditorium. Graduation will come for seniors after more than a year of their education being disrupted by the pandemic. Broughton High School senior Hill Little said he's thankful

to get a graduation ceremony that'll feel and look normal.

"Just having that feeling of walking across the stage, getting your diploma [and] just feeling like a senior, I think that'll be great," said Little.

Current pandemic guidance also prevents Wake County seniors from having a traditional prom. Instead, each school will "host an event to safely celebrate graduating seniors and help create memories that are an important part of the high school experience," ac...
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Passings



Class of 1935 Ben F. Dixon (2002)	Class of 1951 Ann Croom Sholz	Class of 1962 Rayetta Newton Rodemaker
Class of 1936 William Noell Campbell (2007)	Class of 1952 Doris Dozier Brannock	Class of 1963 Jackie Bennett Mizelle
Class of 1936 Richard P. Comer (2008)	Class of 1952 Elizabeth Hamilton Darden	Class of 1963 Vallie Harmon Phillips
Class of 1938 Charles F. Goodno (2015)	Class of 1952 Mary Susan Hayes Dunlevy	Class of 1964 Jimmy Broadway
Class of 1938 Mary Sue Berry Waldin	Class of 1952 Jane Yarborough Johnston	Class of 1964 Rev. Doctor Myrtle Lillian Capehart
Class of 1940 Clifton Warren Beckwith, Jr. (2002)	Class of 1952 Jo Ann Meacham McAllister	Class of 1964 Frances B. Caston
Class of 1940 Owen Thornton Reeves (2013)	Class of 1953 Jesse Chappell, Jr.	Class of 1964 Susan Poyner Matthews
Class of 1941 Charles Fuller Blanchard	Class of 1953 Rita S. Farmer (2019)	Class of 1964 Joel E. (Mike) Peterson
Class of 1941 Carl Sapp	Class of 1953 Leonard Kamsler	Class of 1964 Lawrence Bruner Shuping, Jr.
Class of 1942 James Henry Christian	Class of 1955 Bob B. Allen	Class of 1965 James W. Evans (2019)
Class of 1942 Douglas R. Mims (2010)	Class of 1955 Caroline Jackson Bruneau	Class of 1966 Beverly Jean Alford
Class of 1942 Jonathan Simpson Swift, MD	Class of 1955 John Robert Cella, MD	Class of 1966 James R. Fontaine
Class of 1943 Alyce Smith Bennett	Class of 1955 Jeanette Kelly Evans	Class of 1967 Paul Bartholomew
Class of 1943 Charles Lawrence Jones (2017)	Class of 1955 Barbara Paschall LeGwin	Class of 1967 Donald "Fred" F. Corlett
Class of 1943 Charles Lacy Scott (2013)	Class of 1955 Ronald C. Roy, Sr.	Class of 1967 Kay Tew Gregory
Class of 1943 Ruth Gray Williams	Class of 1955 Rita Burke Sherrer	Class of 1967 Z. Vance Ham
Class of 1944 Harry Linwood Mahoney, Jr.	Class of 1955 JB Young	Class of 1967 Linda Penny Smith
Class of 1944 Edith Deyton Makepeace	Class of 1956 Sheldon Claude "Bob" Austin, Jr.	Class of 1967 Seawell Ross Turner III
Class of 1945 Ivan Baker Armstrong, Sr.	Class of 1956 James E. Barnes	Class of 1968 Diane Bishop Corlett
Class of 1945 Richard Garner Cox	Class of 1956 Thomas E. Bowden (2010)	Class of 1968 Susan Farmer Gilleland
Class of 1945 Jane Lassiter Freeman	Class of 1957 Mary Ann Foreman	Class of 1968 Pamela Jean McKinney
Class of 1945 George Royall Goodwin (2019)	Class of 1957 N. Wade Smith	Class of 1969 Carla Jean Block
Class of 1945 Marilu A. Temple	Class of 1957 Nancy Compton Williams	Class of 1969 Thomas Battle Broughton II
Class of 1946 Barbara Ann Liles "Bobbie" Campbell	Class of 1959 Earl Winfrey Brian, Jr. MD	Class of 1969 Lisa Penny Taylor
Class of 1946 R. Edward "Ed" Mills	Class of 1959 Larry Kenneth Bridges	Class of 1970 Janeen Ledford Buckner
Class of 1947 Joseph Lee Clark	Class of 1959 L. Burks Crumpler, Sr.	Class of 1971 A. Hardy Mills
Class of 1947 Betty Debnam Hunt	Class of 1959 Paul Nolly Humphreys, Jr.	Class of 1971 James Preston William Vester
Class of 1947 John William Stone	Class of 1959 Albert B. Lassiter	Class of 1972 Thomas Alan Parker (2019)
Class of 1947 Mildred "Millie" Clark Waller (2019)	Class of 1959 Joseph Guy Mangum	Class of 1973 Dr. Constance Y. Battle
Class of 1947 Charles McKimmon Winston	Class of 1959 Jerome Ward Miles, Sr.	Class of 1974 Sheppard Browne
Class of 1947 Kenneth Wellons Winston, Jr.	Class of 1959 William Talmage Patton, Jr. (2016)	Class of 1976 Katherine Erickson Boone
Class of 1947 Anne Strickler Zucker	Class of 1959 James Grant "Jim" Rasor	Class of 1976 Andrew John Saliby
Class of 1948 Robert Freeman Bailey (2017)	Class of 1959 Millard Eugene Spence (2017)	Class of 1983 Edward Sinnema, Jr.
Class of 1948 Roger Dennis Cox (2008)	Class of 1959 David Wood Swain	Class of 1986 Jill Holt Ivey
Class of 1948 William Neal Lilly	Class of 1959 Lanny Leamon Watkins	Class of 1986 Joseph Kilby
Class of 1948 Nancy H. Riddle (2013)	Class of 1960 G. W. Lanford	Class of 1987 Patrick Lane Palmer
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In our print edition sent out at the end of 2020, we erroneously reported Barbara Bitler Coughlin's name in our Passings section. Mrs. Coughlin is, in fact, alive and well. We on the newsletter staff apologize to Mrs. Coughlin for incorrectly reporting her passing. We wish her many years of great health, prosperity and good cheer.

At your service,
Matt Leary, Editor



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