

Class of 2000

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Abram Taylor named valedictorian; Jessica Lowery, salutatorian

by Lindsey Parsons
The valedictorian for the class of 2000 is Abram Taylor, and the salutatorian is Jessica Lowery. These two students are more than just that. What are their plans? What will they remember most? I sat down for an interview with Abram and Jessica to find out.

Abram: I chose UK because it gave me the most scholarship money and because they have the

Both: Yes.
What made you want to go into computer science?

I've always kind of been interested in. Then I job shadowed Dr. Parsons, and I really liked it
Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Abram: Probably have a nice job
Jessica: I hope to be finished with school and be on my way to a successful family and career.

What is your favorite high school memory?

Abram: When I was in Ms. Cornelius' class and I had to type a paper during silent reading. I was typing really fast and heard everyone laughing every once in awhile. Then I turned around and everyone was just staring at me.
Jessica: I just always remember all the funny times I had in Calculus class with Mr. Adams.

Do you have any embarrassing memories?

Abram: One time someone talked me into going to a FCA meeting and this guy was asking if anyone knew where "Fly like an eagle" came from. I was in the back and kept yelling Steve Miller Band, and I was really serious. Come to find out, it's some kind of Bible thing. I didn't know. I didn't want to go to the meeting anyway.
Jessica: I don't really have any embarrassing memories.

What are you going to miss most about high school?

Abram: I'm going to miss my idiosyncratic friends.
Jessica: All the friends and relations I've had with everybody at the high school.

- Senior Academic Awards—2000**
Yearbook—Jessica Childress & Erica Kirby
French—Shalanta Nicely
Spanish IV—Jessica Lowery
Spanish III—Antje Purman
Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Female—Brandy Reynolds
Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Male—Brad McNew
Chorus—Mary French
Band—Jason Bullock
Flags—Nikki Moore
Marine Athletics—Chris Kirby
Marine Academics—Matthew Hayes
Marine Sempers Fidelis—Shannon Stevens
Woodman of the World—Abram Taylor
Athletic Girl—Brooke Roberts
Athletic Boy—Andrew Cash
Family & Consumer Science—Shalanta Nicely, Matt Brown, & Jessica Cobb
Social Studies—Luke McKibben
Science—Alex Tyler
Art—Krystal Hoggard
Math—Darin Poynter
Agriculture—Matthew Hayes
Journalism—Vonda Carmack
English—Jacqui Fause
Creative Writing—Andrea Horner & LeeAnn Frith-Goforth
John Lair Award—Susan Brown
Library—Jennifer Clark
Academic Team—Alex Tyler, Jessica Lowery, & Darin Poynter
Achievement—Jecna Thacker
Business—Shane Dixon

Was earning a title of valedictorian or salutatorian a goal that you had?

Abram: No, but I think it's neat anyway.

Jessica: Yes. I've worked my hardest in all my classes and it's an honor to be recognized for it.

What are your plans after high school?

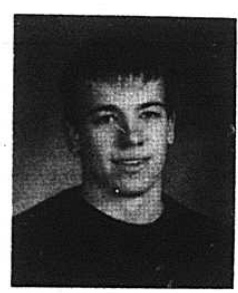
Abram: I'm going to UK and major in computer science.

Jessica: I plan to go to Georgetown College and then eventually go to UK Dental School.

Why did you choose these particular colleges?



Abram J. Taylor



Jessica Lynn Lowery

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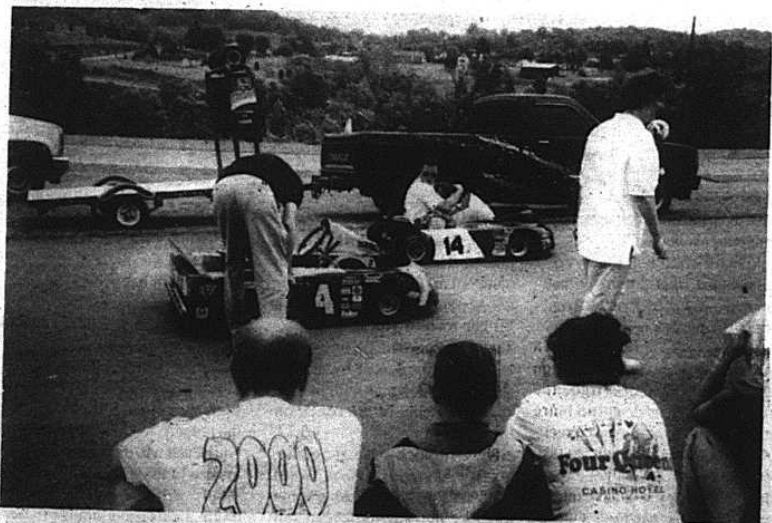
Jessica: I chose Georgetown because, well, first of all it's a beautiful campus and I like that it's a Baptist college.

Were these your first choices?

Abram: Well, you see I've always really, really liked computers a lot, and, it's just something I want to go into.

Why did you want to go to dental school?

Jessica: Well, it's something that



Seniors John Dychouse and Jeremy Reynolds displayed their Senior Project to their classmates. Their project was intended to bring attention to kart racing, a sport that both students are involved in.