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Andrew Scott Hinch

Andrew is the son of Brad and Dannette Hinch and the brother of Sydney Hinch Owens and Chloe Hinch. He also has a brother-in-law, Austin Owens. His grandparents are Richard (deceased) and Doris Carroll, and Dean and Jane Hinch. Throughout high school, he has been actively involved in both academics and extracurriculars. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as a Junior Marshall. In 2024, he received the AP Scholar Award. He has been a dedicated member of the WCHS Madrigals Honor Choir for three years and played on the WCHS Golf Team for four years. Beyond school, he enjoys fishing, playing golf, traveling, attending concerts, woodworking, and spending time with friends. He also serves his community as a member of the Broadway Volunteer Fire Department. After graduation, he plans to attend North Carolina State University to pursue a degree in Engineering.

Caleb Huffman

Caleb Huffman is a graduating senior of the West Wilkes High School Class of 2025. He is the son of Carol and Brian Huffman, brother to Ben, and the grandson of James and Shirley Huffman.

An accomplished leader and dedicated student, Caleb earned the prestigious Eagle Scout award at the age of 14, a rank achieved by only 4% of Scouts. He has been an active member of the Order of

the Arrow since 2019. Academically and professionally driven, he serves as the Sergeant at Arms for the National Technical Honor Society and SkillsUSA, as well as the President of the Global Pathfinders Club.

Caleb has a strong passion for technology and media production, taking courses such as Drones 1 & 2, Technology, Engineering & Design, and Adobe Video Design. He is an Adobe Certified Professional in Digital Video Using Adobe Premiere Pro and holds an FAA Part 107 Commercial Drone License, with over six years of experience in media production.

In addition to his academic and extracurricular achievements, Caleb plays varsity baseball for West Wilkes High School and works at Oakwoods Country Club. He plans to attend Wilkes Community College for two years to earn an Associate of Arts degree before transferring to Appalachian State University to pursue a degree in business or public relations.

Jaxon Allen Osborne

Jaxon Allen Osborne is the son of Leah Anthony Osborne and Joey Osborne, and the proud brother of Logan Osborne. He is also the grandson of Nadine Anthony and is blessed with extended family in love, including Annette Battle, John Battle, and their family. Jaxon is graduating summa cum laude and has been actively involved throughout his high school years. He participated in several academic organizations such as

the National Honor Society and Beta Club, and he demonstrated his commitment to faith and leadership through his involvement in the Fellowship of Christian Students Club and Student Council. Athletically, Jaxon has been a dedicated member of both the basketball and baseball teams at East Wilkes High School for all four years. Beyond school, Jaxon has enjoyed giving back to the community through volunteering at events and organizations including Faith-Fest, MerleFest, Samaritan's Purse, Vacation Bible School, Ebenezer's Children's Home, Baptists on a Mission (Hurricane Helene relief efforts), and most recently, Joy Prom at Alliance Bible Fellowship—a special event for teens and adults with medical, physical, or intellectual challenges. After graduation, Jaxon plans to work over the summer and then attend Wilkes Community College in the fall to pursue an associate degree in engineering. He then plans to transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

Kyara Parsons

Kyara Parsons is the granddaughter of Shelby and Tony Parsons. She is graduating as the Valedictorian from Wilkes Central High School where she has been involved in women's tennis, Beta Club, National Honors Society, Junior Civitans, National Technical Honors Society, and student council. In August she will be attending UNC Chapel Hill to major in biology, with hopes of attending medical school and pursuing a career in healthcare.

Brady Scott

Brady Scott is the son of Glenn and Angela Scott, brother of Eva and Cole. Brady will be graduating from Wilkes Central High School. Brady played 4 years of varsity football, 3 years of varsity basketball, 1 year of track and 1 year of golf. You can always find Brady on the golf course, if he's not working at Oakwoods Country Club, you will find him there playing. Brady loves all things GOLF. Brady plans to attend Wilkes Community College in the fall to obtain his associate's degree in criminal justice. After that he plans to attend the NC Highway Patrol Training Academy to become a NC State Trooper.

Lillian Meadows Slate

Lilly is the daughter of Johnny and Nicole Slate and is graduating summa cum laude from Wilkes Central High School. During her high school career, she has been an active competitive dancer for Studio 68 and participated in JV and Varsity Cheerleading, serving as co-captain her senior year. Lilly was selected as a Junior Marchall and has been involved in many school and community activities such as Key Club, Junior Civitans, Beta Club, Madrigal Singers, Chamber Choir and National Honor Society. In the fall, Lilly will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tyler William Surgeon

Tyler William Surgeon is a graduating senior of the North Wilkes High School Class of 2025. He is the son of Jason and DeeAnn Surgeon, and grandson of Mike and Debbie Bower and Don and Janice Surgeon.

During his years at Central he participated in 4 years of basketball and track and field. He was All Conference in basketball and All Tournament this year. Each year he was all conference in multiple events in Track and Field, as well as advanced to regionals each year and then to the state 3 out of 4 years. His senior superlative was Mr. Olympia.

Tyler's future plans are to attend WCC and earn an Associate's Degree in Electrical Technology Systems, certification in HVAC and with a goal of earning his electrical license.

Susan Vazquez

Susan Vazquez is the daughter of Erica del Castillo and German Vazquez, and has four siblings: Lee Jaimes, Ann Jaimes, Carol Vasquez, and Lupito Vazquez. During high school, Susan was actively involved in a variety of clubs and organizations. She was a dedicated member of Beta Club for four years, serving as an officer in her junior year and Co-President during her senior year. She was also a member of the National Honor Society for two years, holding officer positions both years, including Co-President as a senior. In Key Club, Susan served as Treasurer and Secretary over a three-year period and was awarded a scholarship for her

contributions. Her involvement in Spanish Club spanned three years, during which she served as Vice President for two years. Additionally, she participated in Art Club for three years and Junior Civitans for two. Athletically, Susan played on the women's tennis team for two years and joined the softball team for one year. After graduation, she plans to attend Wilkes Community College to earn an Associate of Science degree and then transfer to the University of North Carolina to major in Biology with a Pre-Dental focus.

Gwyneth Young

Gwyneth Young (Gwynnie)

Daughter of Bert and Tiffany Young and Sister to Lily Kate and Ainsley Young

She is graduating from Wilkes Central High School.

Throughout high school, she's been honored to serve as President of Key Club, while also being involved in Fellowship of Christian Students, Student Council, and both Chamber and Madrigals Choir.

Music has been a big part of her high school career, including performing in WCHS Choral Department's musical productions such as *Sister Act*, *Footloose* and *Mamma Mia*.

As a three-sport athlete, she competed in volleyball, winter track, and spring track while maintaining a 3.94 GPA, ranked in the top 50 of her class, and participated in dual enrollment classes at Wilkes Community College as an Honors student.

She will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington this fall to major in psychology.

**2025 College and
Grad School Graduates**

Ethan Atwood

Ethan began completing college coursework in 2019 while still in high school through dual enrollment at Wilkes Community College. He graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 2022 and continued his education later that year through online studies at Regent University. He is set to graduate this year with a Bachelor's degree in English and a minor in history. Committed to furthering his education, he has been accepted to Appalachian State University, where he will begin graduate studies this fall. There, he will pursue a Master's degree in Geography with plans to become an urban designer and planner.

Sydney Leapley

Sydney graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling on May 9th. She began this journey in the fall of 2022 and is thrilled to see it come to fruition. Upon graduation, Sydney will begin her career as an LCMHCA at Focus Behavioral Health Services, where she completed her internship. She will work with adolescents facing behavioral challenges at two-day treatment centers in Hickory, North Carolina. Sydney is excited to start this new chapter in her life and is deeply grateful for the unwavering support of her family, friends, and church family throughout her journey toward achieving her dream career and passion.

Ahlivia McMillan

Ahlivia is graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (K-6), a degree that has equipped her to educate, inspire, and uplift the next generation of learners. Throughout her academic journey, Ahlivia has not only gained essential knowledge and effective teaching strategies, but has also grown in resilience, compassion, and leadership. Looking ahead, her greatest goal is to become the kind of teacher she once needed—one with a listening ear and a guiding heart. She hopes to create a classroom where every child feels seen, heard, and valued. Her mission is to lead young scholars with love, patience, and purpose, fully stepping into the calling that God has placed on her life.

Ahlivia was awarded the H.C. Evans, Jr. Fidelity Award that recognizes outstanding academic achievement, campus citizenship, friendliness, and service to the college and community.