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Nine local sophomores selected for Gatton Academy

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Jocelyn Seadler

The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky has selected 98 Kentucky sophomores, including nine from area high schools, for the Class of 2024.

Accepted into the academy from Central Hardin High School are Allison Dixon and Cameron Miller; from Elizabethtown High School is Anthony Pike; from John Hardin High School are Massia Diomandé, Jacob Sanders, Braydon Scott, Bailey Seadler and Jocelyn Seadler; and from North Hardin High School is Gracie Ashlock.

“The Gatton Academy’s incoming Class of 2024 is made up of remarkable young people from across the commonwealth. They have been active in their communities and persevered through a wide variety of educational challenges while seeking to advance their knowledge and skills,” Academy Director Dr. Lynette Breedlove said in a news release. “They are an inspiring group who have been supported and encouraged by many people in their local schools, districts and communities.”

Applicants were evaluated based on ACT/SAT scores, high school grades, awards and accomplishments, extracurricular activities, responses to essay and short answer questions, and recommendation forms. In addition to these criteria, candidates were invited to interview with WKU faculty members, community leaders from across the commonwealth and Gatton Academy alumni.

Students from 46 counties make up the Class of 2024. Overall, The Gatton Academy has had students attend from 117 of Kentucky’s 120 counties.

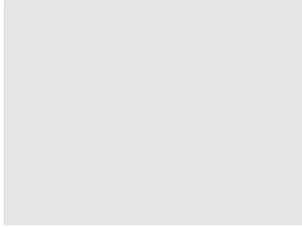
Ashlock is the daughter of Amy and Nathan Ashlock of Vine Grove, Diomandé is the daughter of Andrea and Eric Watson of Elizabethtown and Kossa Diomandé of Bethel, Alaska, Dixon is the daughter of Elizabeth Bivins of Elizabethtown, Miller is the son of James Miller of Elizabethtown, Sanders is the son of Jeanie and Eric Chastain of Elizabethtown and Thomas Sanders of Carrier Mills, Scott is the son of Richard and Shelby Teolis of Elizabethtown, the Seadlers are the daughters of Kevin and Celeste Seadler of Elizabethtown, and Pike is the son of Leslie and Angela Pike of Hodgenville.



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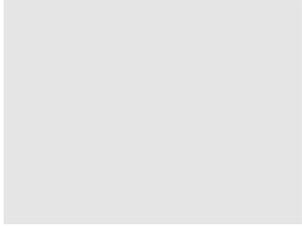
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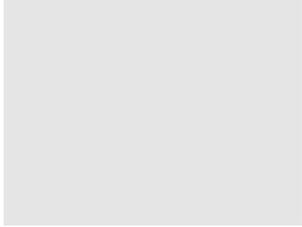
Allison Dixon

The mission of The Gatton Academy is to provide a residential program on the WKU campus for the state's top Kentucky high school students who have demonstrated interests in pursuing advanced careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

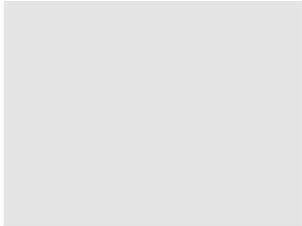
Students will complete their junior and senior years of high school living in Florence Schneider Hall. At the end of their two-year course of study, students will graduate from high school with a minimum of 60 college credit hours.



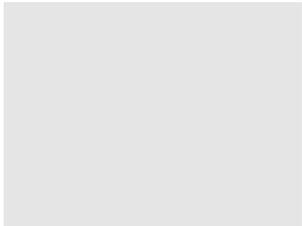
Cameron Miller



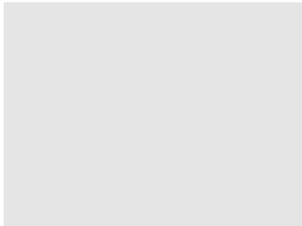
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