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## Robbins follows in family's footsteps

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Hannah Robbins, a senior at Central Hardin High School, will graduate with an associate degree and is pursuing a career in early childhood education.

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### Getting to know Hannah Robbins

Hannah Robbins has a younger sister, Harper and an older sister, Haley.

She has two Golden Doodles, Molly and Miles

She attends Valley Creek Baptist Church where she is in the youth group and volunteers in the nursery.

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Chicken tenders

Favorite vacation spot: Destin, Florida

Favorite team: U of L

Favorite movie: "Where the Crawdads Sing"

Favorite TV series: "Yellowstone"

With a heart for serving children, especially those with special needs, Hannah Robbins is pursuing a career in early childhood education and by doing so, is following in the footsteps of her family before her.

"The reason I wanted to get into early education program is that I come from a long line of teachers," Robbins said. "My dad is the principal at EC3, and my mom teaches at Lincoln Trail. My grandparents were teachers, and my uncle is principal at G.C. Burkhead and my aunt teaches at JTA."

Robbins continued saying, "I can tell my parents love kids, and just seeing the relationships they build with those students inspired me to want to build a relationship with students."

Favorite restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

Favorite animal: Dog

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite memory: Going on her first cruise.

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Robbins said she wants to teach third or fourth grade because by then the students, "aren't babies, and they're starting to mature a little bit."

However, after observing her mother's work with special needs students, Robbins is seeking dual certification to teach special ed classes as well.

A student in the early college program, Robbins is a senior at Central Hardin High School, but takes her classes at EC3.

"I'll graduate high school with my associate degree," Robbins said.

After high school, Robbins plans to attend Western Kentucky University at the Elizabethtown campus.

"I'm going to attend WKU here in town, and the way I'm doing it, Hardin County Schools is going to pay a third of my tuition, and WKU is going to pay a third of my tuition." Robbins said.

Robbins said that Hardin County Schools teamed up with Western Kentucky University to offer tuition assistance to students currently enrolled in the early childhood education program.

Robbins has been awarded scholarships that will cover the remainder of her tuition.

"I have my KEYS money, and I just got the Dottie Blair Memorial Scholarship for being in I Lead, a leadership program at EC3 where the juniors work with middle school students," Robbins said.

"Western (Kentucky University) gave me the Cornelius Scholarship for being Asian, and I got a scholarship for my grade point average."

Kristi Wright is the daughter of the late Dottie Blair and is the guidance counselor at EC3. She believes Robbins is well-deserving of the scholarship.

"The first time I met Hannah was when she was around nine years old," Wright said. "I saw the spark in her that not many people have. Watching her grow and mature through the years, that spark has

turned into a strong light that has spread to others around her. Her kindness, concern for others and go-get-it personality are going to make her an outstanding educator. To know Hannah is to love her.”

Robbins' love for children carries over into her service at Valley Creek Baptist Church where she volunteers in the nursery.

“I love kids, obviously, and it helps me to build a relationship with them and learn how to work with kids,” Robbins said.

In addition to pursuing her career in education, Robbins is also passionate about soccer, playing varsity for four years.

“I love the team bonding of soccer and making friendships with all the girls,” Robbins said.

Soccer coach Justin Maddock appreciates Robbins' willingness to create friendships and mentor younger athletes.

“Hannah was a committed member of the Lady Bruin soccer family for the past six plus years,” Maddock said. “She was a part of district championships and a region championship. One of her biggest strengths is her willingness to be a mentor for others. Throughout the years I have known her, she has worked really well with younger kids.”

Maddock continued saying how Robbins has impacted his own children saying, “She has done this with Central Hardin camps and my own kids! She has also been a great mentor in our Bruin Buddy system we do. She embraced the Bruin buddy system we do for girls' soccer and was a great mentor for our younger girls. She is going to do some amazing things in her future.”

Robbins works at Chick Fil-A and is currently training to be a team leader.

“I do it all. I work outside with the drive thru, I bag food, and work in the dining room taking orders,” Robbins said. “I love the environment I work in and how well my managers treat me,” Robbins said.

In her free time, Robbins enjoys working out at CrossFit in the evenings with her younger sister.

“It gives me something to do in the evenings, and it helps me keep in shape,” Robbins said. “Since I'm not doing soccer, it helps me keep active.”

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