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**Graduation Special Edition. Congratulations to All Anson County Graduates!**



Anson High School graduates are all smiles as Superintendent Michael Freeman said, "Rain will not stop us from celebrating our students today."

## 2013 Graduates Not To Be Denied Their 'Day In The Sun'

After a rain soaked practice on Friday morning the 2013 Commencement for Anson County Schools was staged on the track around Bearcat Stadium. And on Saturday morning it looked as if the graduates would be denied their 'day in the sun' and have to retrieve their diplomas via their homerooms.

But, clouds parted and the sun peeked through long enough for the graduates of Anson High School, Anson Academy, Anson New Technology High School and Anson County Early College to relish in their special event, underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8.

Mr. Michael Freeman, Superintendent of Anson County Schools, opened the ceremonies with a warm and sunny welcome, setting the stage for the remainder of the morning.

The ocean of graduates, clad in red, black, white, navy and royal blues, marched in and took their seats before a packed audience of family, friends and teachers - all present to pay a special tribute to the accomplishments each of these seniors had made.

Janica Horne provided a rousing rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner* that prompted an enthusiastic response from each individual within the stadium. Then Bandon Robinson spoke eloquently in memory of a lost classmate, Donnell Lotharp.

Speakers for the day's ceremony were the three Valedictorians, Andre Tyson, Ciara Melton and Carolei Bryan, whose words were filled with memories of the past, sentiments of the present and visions for the future.

As each graduate walked across the stage, shook hands and accepted their diploma you could see a myriad of emotions on the faces before us. From smiles and laughter to thoughtful and pensive, each person most likely felt a little differently from the next as they took that long awaited diploma and reflected ahead toward their own personal futures, goals, dreams and aspirations.

We at The Express Newspaper would like to congratulate each member of the class of 2013 from Anson High School, Anson Academy, Anson New Tech and Anson Early College. Be proud of your accomplishments, go out and do great things in the world around you, and never settle for less than your day in the sun.

*Photos and story by Melanie Lyon*



E-Learn Sturdivant Jr. looks ready to tackle the world.



With a big smile, Summer Hyatt accepts her high school diploma.



These Early College graduates applaud their valedictorian, Carolei Bryan's optimistic and energetic words of wisdom.



With newly turned tassels to represent the completion of 13 years of school, the Anson New Technology graduates (above) are responsive and gleeful.



Sylvester Rushing, Jr. is now an ACEC graduate with an Associate's Degree.



Mary Catherine Boylin receives her high school diploma.



The graduates of Anson Academy listen intently to our National Anthem.