



Student Spotlight: Ashley Cannon, Social Circle Submitted by Serrita Carr

Ashley Cannon, known as Brooke by her family and friends, jumped at the opportunity to attend Foothills in Social Circle when she learned she could receive a high school diploma from an accredited institution, but at her own pace. The freedom of graduating early was all the motivation Ashley needed, and once enrolled, Ashley put the pedal to the metal and her junior and senior year into hyperdrive.



Achieving this goal was by no means an easy task, but Ashley made it occur effortlessly. Ashley would come to class every day the site was open, ready and eager to learn with questions in hand to prepare herself for the day's assessments. Ashley worked long nights and dedicated herself to her mission of graduating early. Her efforts were not in vain, and as a result of her dedication to her education, Ashley participated in the December 2019 Graduation Ceremony and is now a 16-year-old high school graduate.

Ashley plans to take a small break from school and will continue her education in the Fall with the hopes of obtaining a career in the medical field. This has always been a lifelong dream of hers.

To say that we are proud of Ashley here at Social Circle Foothills is an understatement. We wish her the best of luck in all that she does in the future and hope that her story of success motivates students beyond Social Circle to take ownership of their futures and their educations. We hope they strive for success, not only at Foothills, but in life.

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Message from the Superintendent

As always, there is much going on at Foothills! We are proud of all of our recent graduates, and we enjoy hearing of their accomplishments—or the “footprints” they are leaving on the world. Having a published author, Shayna Case, among our alumni is an honor (page 2)! We are excited to see what the future holds for other recent graduates, including this month's spotlight, Ashley Cannon.

We continue to hone our model at Foothills, as we work to better serve our students and communities. We recently rolled out our very first course content created exclusively by Foothills staff for Foothills students (page 2).

2020 is off to a great start at Foothills, where every day is a chance for all of us to become the people we were meant to be!

Cheers,

Sherrie

Economics Course in Can- vas

Foothills is in the process of transitioning from our GradPoint course platform to course content that is created in-house.

Foothills is using Canvas, a learning management platform, to house course content created by Foothills staff specifically for Foothills students. Courses in Canvas are carefully aligned to Georgia Standards. For courses with a required end-of-course assessment, staff also ensure that the content of the course sets students up for success on the assessment.

The first Canvas course, Economics, recently rolled out. Dr. Gibney-Sherman celebrated this accomplishment and the hard work of many:

“These courses are the product of many teachers working to conduct a careful review of standards, making sure students have a chance to be successful. The new format will allow future course edits as needed. Thanks to the leadership of Scott Gordon, Leo Satara, and Mark Tavernier as they led the effort to make the canvas conversion a reality.”

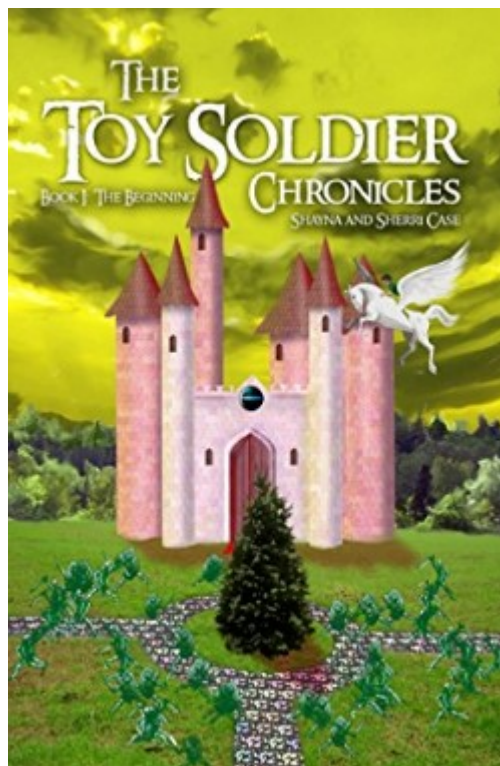
Foothills Footprints: Shayna Case, Baldwin

At Foothills, we enjoy hearing about how our students are making their mark outside of the classroom. A recent graduate from our Baldwin site, Shayna Case, is a published author! Her book *The Toy Soldier Chronicles* is currently for sale on Amazon.

Shayna spoke with us via phone about the process of having her story published. She has always been a reader and writer. When she was in middle school, she had ideas for characters and a story, which she developed into *The Toy Solider Chronicles* with help from her mom. Once the book was finished, Shayna’s grandfather got involved, researching how to publish a book. He found a publishing company, and in 2016, Shayna’s idea for a story became a published book!

Shayna became a Foothills student during her senior year, when a move to Georgia meant she needed a more flexibility than the traditional high school model offered. Shayna celebrated her graduation in December 2019.

Shayna shared that she does still write. Since publishing *The Toy Soldier Chronicles*, she has written a second book and is currently working on her third. We are proud to have author Shayna Case among our Foothills alumni!



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