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## **Burke native earns Bachelors Degree with honors**

Ronald L. LaBahn, a U. S. Coast Guard first class petty officer and 1987 graduate of Burke High School, will receive a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky on December 22, 2002. LaBahn will graduate with High Honors, accumulating a Grade Point Average of 3.87.

LaBahn has been an active duty member of the Coast Guard for the last thirteen years, achieving the rank of Storekeeper First Class. During his career, he has been involved in illegal migrant interdiction, counter-narcotics enforcement, international training with Caribbean nations, as well as Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. He was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty during the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Bramble's deployment in the Caribbean Sea from December 1997 through April 1998. For the past four-years, LaBahn has been the senior Procurement and Budgeting Petty Officer at Marine Safety Office Louisville. Because of his superior performance in Louisville, he will receive a second Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

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