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Graduation: Ideal or Ordeal

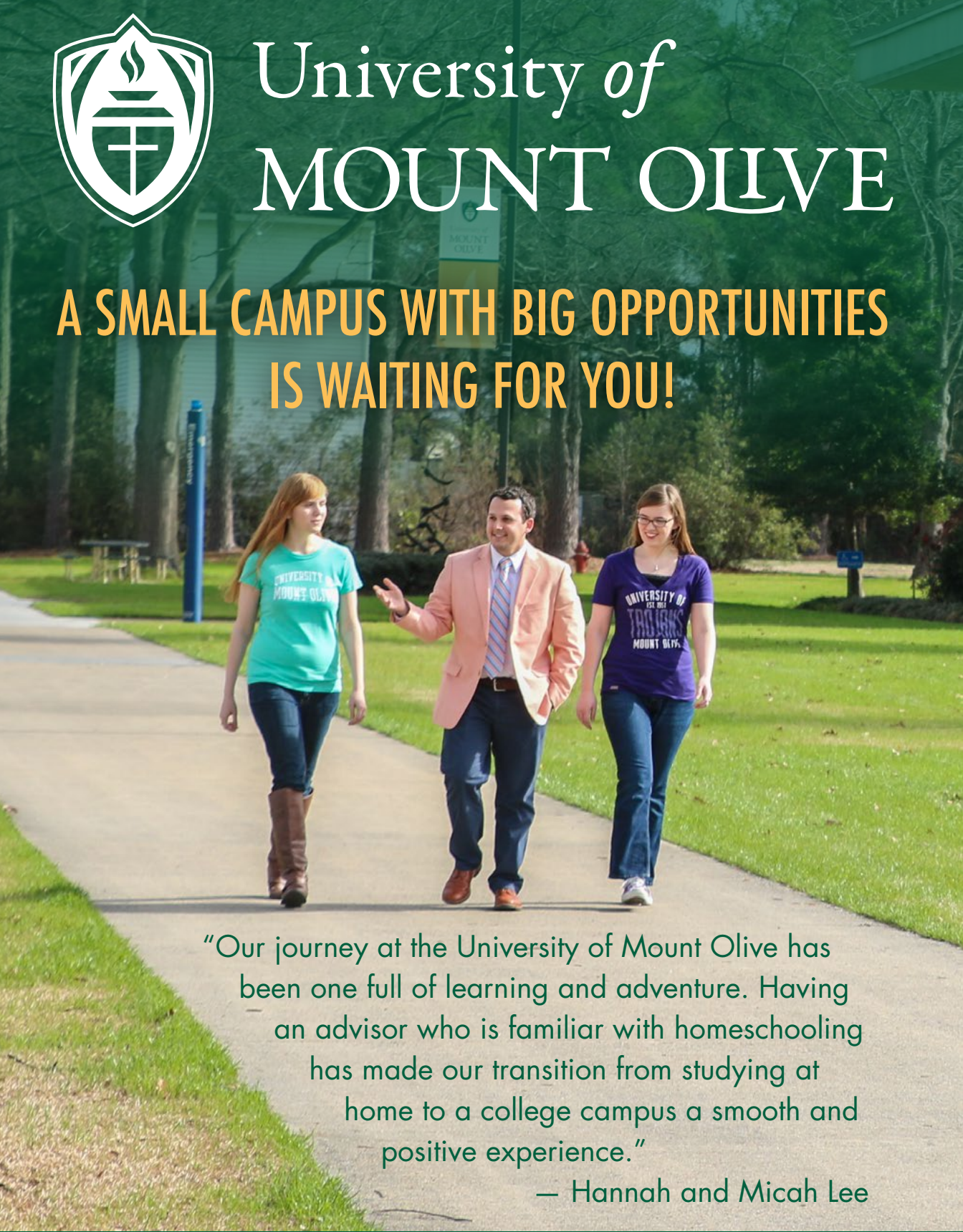
by Kevin McClain

Congratulations practitioners of home education, students and parents, on achieving a milestone: graduation! The board of North Carolinians for Home Education considers it a real honor and privilege to serve you, our North Carolina neighbors, in the most worthy of endeavors, the raising up of the next generation. We are proud of you and hope and pray you will look back on your time together as a worthy investment in relational wholeness between generations.

Although we homeschoolers believe learning is a lifelong endeavor, it's exciting to see young men and women transition to the next phase—that of being a full-fledged member of the community with all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and of exercising one's vocation, whether that be entering the workforce, or a ministry, or further education. It's also exciting to see parents transition. As we parents know, the lessons we have to impart to our children do not end when they reach early adulthood. However, for many parent-teachers, the graduation ceremony is the final act in their role as North Carolina school administrator. In some sense, the ceremony frames the transition, creating a picture in one's mind, a singular memory of the homeschool experience. In the NCHE graduation ceremony, a homeschool's administrator, often with a spouse, enters the stage from the right, bearing a diploma. The graduate enters from the left, bearing a rose. The rose is the long-held symbol of nurturing that the organization has embraced—a symbol encouraged by the home education advocates Raymond and Dorothy Moore. That symbol is of the homeschool as a greenhouse, an environment that is protective of young plants. In

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the greenhouse the roots of young seedlings are strengthened and fortified for a future existence outside the greenhouse. That environment prepares the plant to bloom vibrantly. The student gives the rose to the teacher(s) as a gift of thanks, and as a way of honoring their role in their education. The diploma is given, the rose is given. Often there follows a hug or a kiss. Then they turn to face the audience and return to their seats. It's a brief moment, but it's a great picture.

It's also an idealistic picture since reality is often more nuanced. From my position during the ceremony, I see the many variations of this picture occur: graduates walking onto the stage and blowing kisses to their fans in the crowd, while others walk quietly onto the stage. However, the greatest variation comes in the moment following the exchange of the diploma and the rose: the embrace, the sign of affection. That is, in essence, the moment of closure. So much of personality and relationship is revealed in that moment. For some, it is a time to shine, while others are less comfortable. We are not all alike, and that is good. We all can take that in stride. The variation is a blessing; it reminds us that even though we are in community, each one is unique.



But occasionally a sadder, darker, more cynical picture temporarily comes into view. There is reluctance that comes from the very presence of each other. It is as if student and educator(s), child and parent(s), are like polarized magnets, being forced to come into each other's sphere of power. Perhaps what is revealed in that moment is possibly years of frustration, of provocation, of stubbornness and pride, of self-righteousness. But it may also be years of communication breakdown, of frustration, of missed opportunities to give the benefit of the doubt. What is seen is the absence of flourishing.

I just finished reading *How Dante Can Save Your Life* by columnist (and fellow homeschooler) Rod Dreher about his recent experience with relational brokenness. The Divine Comedy is a fourteenth century Christian masterpiece in which the exiled poet Dante finds himself in "a dark woods" and, with the aid of the poet Virgil, navigates Hell and Heaven. Using the *Divine Comedy* as a commentary on relational brokenness helped Dreher navigate his own familial relationship brokenness. Dreher felt like he was radically different from his father. Dreher was more "city," and his father was more "country." This is a gross simplification, but they seemed fundamentally different and not able to truly relate. As Dreher grew older, the relational gap widened. It wasn't that they weren't trying. It is as if they could not grasp each other. Ultimately, they acted as if the very existence of the other was a kind of rejection of all the other held dear. In Dreher, this relational brokenness yielded mental and even physical brokenness. It negatively impacted his health and his capacity to work.

Relational brokenness happens. We all know this. It happens in the family, and it happens in society at large. Signs of it are everywhere. We often live next to our neighbor for years, but we don't have anything really to do with them. Instead, we choose our friends, people who affirm our preferences. But here is the reality: we don't get to choose our children, nor do our children get to choose us. To us they are given. And sometimes, it is as if the gift was in error.

Dreher writes that he was taught by Dante some ancient godly wisdom regarding navigating hell and the structure of heaven. He found healing in putting the parent-child relationship in perspective, and as a result, laying down his goal of persuading his father to change and therefore, being more accepting of him. Dreher found in Christ the power to examine and change his own expectations of his father. Doing so, he saw more of the effort his father was exerting in his attempts to love



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and saw less of his failings. He was able to give his father grace in the form of space and time and to trust God that in God's own time all wounds will be bound. In doing so, Dreher was able to love his father better and abide his presence more. In Dreher's story, the change in expectation was in a son toward his father. But there is no reason why it cannot also go the other way, of parent toward child.

Graduation articles often recite practical advice the writer's older-self wishes he could say to his or her younger-self. Those articles have real value. When we are young, we are often not the most practical. What I like about such articles is that typically the advice is so intuitive and concrete. They contain what I call habitual wisdom, which is the wisdom gained by having quality habits: make your bed, brush your teeth, smile at people, go for a walk, avoid gossip, don't be afraid to try new things, don't beat yourself up. These aren't deep secrets or magic bullets because there really aren't any deep secrets to flourishing or magic bullets to well-being. There is just good-old-fashioned doing, also known as work, often which is very mundane, like taking out the trash.

Some think that homeschooling is a magic bullet answer to healthy families, to parent-child relational wholeness. To be honest, I don't think it is. Indeed, the relational coldness I have observed on the stage during the graduation ceremony reinforces my belief that homeschooling might sometimes contribute to the breakdown of relationships. Rather, homeschooling is just one method amongst many of doing one's duty to rear the next generation. That work is also old-fashioned and often very mundane. Homeschooling is a marathon in giving and receiving grace. It is full of triumphs and of bunglings. Often, grace takes the form of giving others allowances—mental and physical space. We each need space to be different, to do different things, to find one's own way to integrate and bring one's unique contribution, to find one's voice and to harmonize it with others. It's hard work. Given our obstinate, selfish ways, it's a miracle it happens. That it does at all is a testament to love.

If you anticipate your graduation ceremony with some butterflies because it may be accentuated by a perhaps somewhat awkward embrace, given on center stage and witnessed by several hundred people, then what you have is a gift. But if that is not how you are anticipating, but rather you are tempted to see it as the end of a long list of failings, of anguish, of abuse and maybe as the release of something that was a mistake, then what you have is an opportunity to lay down the burdens of wrong-hearted expectations and instead to see your family members: your father, your mother, your son, your daughter, as a person just as real as yourself and just as in need of grace. My advice: learn to give each other the benefit of the doubt, time and space. For those who profess the Christian faith, belief in the resurrection means acting today according to our hope. Eternity starts now and living so brings the relational whole of heaven into this current reality. It is my prayer that your graduation experience will be an exhibition of love and will minister to your soul.



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Four Ways that Homeschooling Is Equipping Your Child for College

by Hannah Ray

Growing up, I heard a recurring phrase said to my parents when people found out that they were homeschooling my sister and me. "Well it's great that *you're* doing that, but I could never do that!"

My mother would always laugh and say encouragingly, "Of course you could." As the time for my high school graduation approached, I heard a new phrase, this time even coming from many homeschool parents.

"Well, it's great that *you're* graduating a homeschooler, but I could never prepare my child for college." The idea of homeschooling your child throughout his entire high school experience can be daunting. Maybe you have considered placing your children in a traditional school setting for their last few years. Maybe the idea of graduation seems too far away to think about now.

However, if you are wrestling with the question, "Can I really prepare my child for college?" I want to encourage you. As a homeschooling alumna and now full-time college student, I am here to say, "Of course you can." You are probably already preparing your child for college in ways that he or she would rarely experience in a traditional school setting. My past two years of college have confirmed countless times that homeschooling was indeed the best choice for me. The following benefits from homeschooling have more than equipped me for college.

1. **Critical Thinking Skills:** Often, traditional students enter college prepared only to parrot what they assume the professor wants to hear. There is no level of personal thought or information synthesis. However, strong students are able to take in information, look at it through their own lens, and then offer unique, thoughtful perspectives. Homeschooling prepared me to do this, as my parents were quick to challenge and question what I was learning, not simply allowing me to spit the information back on a test. They taught me the value of my ideas and thoughts and how important it was to develop my own worldview for understanding

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each subject. This does not come in the form of textbooks and quizzes. Rather, it comes from taking time out of everyday moments to ask your child to consider the broader themes or "big ideas" in life. Allow your children to express their ideas, and help them to craft those into their own strong points of view. Have the conversations that encourage your child not to simply see an effect in the world, but to consider the cause.

This lesson has been invaluable to me in college, as I came well-prepared to articulate my ideas and look for ways that they fit into the larger conversation going on in the world around me. I did not simply accept what a professor said in class. I mulled it over, asked questions, wrote papers, participated in discussions and came to my own conclusions, learning more than I ever could have by simply repeating someone else's ideas.

2. Time Management and Organization: I have yet to have a professor walk me through my daily schedule, write daily assignments on the board, or check in on me to make sure I am keeping up with my assignments. At the beginning of the year, the syllabus I receive in class is often all the help in organization that I get. Beyond that, it is my job to organize my schedule and discipline my time. While many students can become overwhelmed by the amount of freedom this affords them, I found homeschooling to be the perfect warm-up for this sort of responsibility. Encouraging your children to keep up with their own assignments and deadlines is the best practice they can have for surviving well in college. If they attend any co-ops or outside classes, this only adds to the practice for college. College looks more like homeschooling in this regard, as it is often a brief session of receiving information, followed by extensive personal work and application.

3. Better Grasp of Real World Relationships: I am sure you have heard the myriad of comments concerning the socialization (or "unsocialization") of your child. However, I think it's important to understand that traditional schooling does not reflect society as we will find it in the "real world." Unlike in traditional school, the real world does not allow us to surround ourselves with a large group of our peers for six hours a day, five days a week, nine months of the year, possibly twelve years at a time. Strong relationships in the real world are often forged through many different outlets and across generations.

The college environment highly encourages individualism and community at the same time. It is important that your child is able to choose his own outlets for connection and build relationships that are formed on a stronger foundation than simply going to school together. As a homeschooler, I was forced to look outside of the typical social settings and make my own connections. I was able to choose extracurricular activities, such as dance, theatre and ministry. In these outlets, I built relationships that transcended those based solely on proximity. Instead, I learned how to have intentional relationships.

4. Connected Mindset: My education was not limited to a classroom. My parents provided an educational atmosphere in our daily lives, so we often found ourselves discussing ideas and topics over the dinner table, while watching the evening news, driving home from church or taking a family vacation. My world was not compartmentalized into school and *real life*.

I learned to apply the things I studied in school to everyday life. The understanding early on that the world is connected, gave me insight into the interdisciplinary nature of college courses. College is where traditional students begin to see the connections within the world, but I would argue that homeschooling gives students this view even earlier. The outlets for education application are endless. Something your student learned in history can be brought up by asking them what they thought about a current event. A literature essay they wrote might be referenced while discussing a movie you just watched. As a homeschool parent, you can encourage the daily conversations that draw those connective lines between your child's life and the world around him.

So, can you prepare your child for college? My guess is that you are already doing that. College success is so much more than GPAs, SAT scores and transcripts. The very nature of college is to foster intellectual, social and personal growth for students. It is an environment that combines the elements of application with the elements of education. Is that not what homeschool families have been doing for years? Yes, you *can* prepare your children for college, by giving them the environment to discover their own minds and abilities, while guiding them towards understanding their place within the world around them.



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Jessica being handed her diploma (picture taken by Denise Herndon)

Six Simple Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me when I Graduated

by Christina Brown

As a homeschooling parent, I have learned that homeschool graduations are super personal, profoundly inspiring and extremely emotional. In contrast, I remember my own high school graduation at the Charlotte coliseum (the biggest of its kind at that time) in 1986. I was one of over 400 graduates. I think my class rank was 214—perfectly average. My graduation was anything but personal. I remember it being crowded, tiring and stressful. By the time they called my name, everyone was bored. Even I was bored.

This didn't *even compare* to graduating ten seniors, homeschool style, in a Christian group and setting, each with his or her own struggles and story. Powerful is an understatement. This was the scenario when my daughter graduated last May. I was confronted with presenting her with her diploma with a maximum of three minutes to speak. I felt challenged indeed, and grateful. How do you capture the eighteen-year journey or express the struggles or articulate all the emotions—in just three short minutes? After thanking my husband for his leadership and provision, reiterating to my daughter just how extraordinary she is (with brief examples), I decided to tell what I had learned as I experienced *my own* homeschool education as a homeschool momma over the course of the last eighteen years—and what I want my girls to know, too.

Never would I have imagined when I started homeschooling my first born back in 2000, that it would be she who would be the one giving *me* an education, *academically and spiritually*.

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Here are the six simple things I wish someone had told me when I graduated from high school and began life as an adult:

1. **Make your bed every morning.** Trust me on this. (There are even studies that show bed makers are happier and healthier than non-bed-makers.) You begin the day with an accomplishment.
2. **Choose your companions carefully.** Choose them based on their love for the Lord and on the size of their hearts.
3. **Be grateful for the small and ordinary.** Life is lived in seemingly insignificant moments. Don't wait for happiness. Instead, decide to be happy.
4. **Love well.** Help everyone you can, every day you can and as much as you can. Whether it is letting out someone in traffic, reaching out and encouraging a friend, or helping to put a roof over someone's head without expecting anything in return, these times will be your greatest joy.
5. **Embrace fear.** If something scares you, then maybe it is something you are supposed to do. If you want to quiet fear's voice, then you must take delight in your gifts, never give up hope and share your art.
6. **Share your art with the world.** Do this through your words, your talents and through your love—giving God the glory in it all.



Jessica introducing the speaker

My final encouragement to my girl was this, "You are a talented artist that I cannot wait for the world to meet." (But know that everyone is an artist. After all, God is an artist, and He created us in His image.)

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge . . ." 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

I closed with this quote:
"Be strong in the Lord
And never give up hope
You're gonna do great things
I already know God's got His hand on you
So don't live life in fear
Forgive and forget
But don't forget why you're here
Take your time and pray
These are the words I would say"*

*Lyrics from Sidewalk Prophets, "Words I Would Say"

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We Are Not Called to the Bench

by J. Mark Fox

As you young people stand on the threshold and prepare to graduate from high school, may I remind you that you are called to participate fully in all that God has planned for you? He did not create you and nurture you and lead you through twelve years of school just to sit you on the bench.

When I was thirteen years old, and weighed about ninety-five pounds, I joined my junior high school football team. At one of the first practices where contact was involved, we got introduced to what the coach called "the meat grinder." The name fit. Two boys lined up facing each other, ten yards apart. On either side were tackling dummies, laid end to end, to create a narrow channel within which the "meat" could be ground. One boy was designated the runner and was handed a football, the other designated the tackler and was given jeers and whistles and other forms of encouragement by the rest of the team.

I was called into the meat grinder, and the coach gave me the ball. A fourteen-year-old named C.D. (who as I recall was already shaving and stood six feet tall, weighing in at 165 lbs.) crouched on the other end, ready to grind me into powder. If this were a Disney movie, I would have bowled C.D. over, knocking him senseless, and the other boys would have carried me on their shoulders to the locker room, coach running to catch us, anxious to talk to me about being their star running back that year.

This was not a Disney movie.

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C.D. hit me like a freight train, driving me back past the point where I had started running and finished the job by landing with his full weight on my skinny frame. I lay there for a few minutes as the team snickered into their hands, and then I slowly raised my body from the dust, mentally checking to see if I still had all of my body parts. The only thing I can figure is, the coach was trying to get me to quit, but I was too stupid or too proud or both. I stayed on the team—but not really.

You see, though our team went undefeated that year, I never saw one minute of playing time. It wasn't because the coach didn't try to get me in the game. We would be up by forty-five points at halftime, usually, and in the second half the coach would start putting in the scrubs. Eventually he made his way to me.

"Fox, have you been in the game yet?" he would always ask.

"Yes sir!" I would always squeak, mortified that he would call my bluff and make me play. But the coach knew what was going on, and he didn't push it.

I was a part of a championship team, but I never got in the game. I was on the sidelines the whole year, cheering on my teammates, thankful to be there, but praying I would not have to actually go on the field and face my opponents.

I am still part of a championship team, the undefeatable church of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul said, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair." I think he knew something about being in the meat grinder. His response was never to retreat to the bench and the protection of the sideline. Paul, like his Savior, endured the trials, knowing that victory would come to those who put their trust in God.

I have been through a few meat grinders since that year in junior high—not on the football field but in ministry, in marriage and in the day-to-day challenges that can leave us all bruised and bewildered. But by God's grace, I will never retreat to the bench again.

I hope you graduates will make that your promise, as well.



Mark and Cindy Fox have celebrated the graduations of six of their seven children, with one more next year, Lord willing. Mark pastors Antioch Community Church in Elon, and teaches at Elon University.

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Advice from a Graduate to NCHE Seniors

by Ian Helfrich

Graduates, congratulations! You have done something millions have already done but something that is a new experience for you, and that is what matters most. Having been in your shoes—thinking about my future, entering the university system, seeking an international master's degree, and now seeing the world from the point of view of both the professor and the student as a Ph.D. candidate—I want to pass along some thoughts that are the culmination of my experiences.

Some of you have a very fuzzy view of where you are going and some of you have a crystal clear picture of what you want to pursue. Surprisingly, the first category can be a blessing in disguise! It is easy to think you know what you want, but as the landscape shifts underneath you, you may find yourself with your ladder up against the wrong wall. Depending on your finances and family issues, you may or may not be able to respond to changes, desires and opportunities that come your way. At this point in your life, don't focus so much on long-term goals. Instead, pick a direction and start walking. Blindly chasing goals you've set today causes tunnel vision and leaves you rigid to change that may be needed tomorrow.

Start, instead, like a ship sailing across an unknown sea. You, like the ship, don't know where you are headed, only what you hope to find. As the wind changes, you need to adjust your sails. Starting out open to the world of a myriad of occupational and educational opportunities allows you to set your sails as you learn which way your wind is blowing and to change with the wind. Remember, the Spanish didn't find America by sailing out, bound for it. They were looking for the Far East and happened onto this land. You know the rest of the story. In fact, they had more knowledge about that journey as they set out than we have about our lives. The rate of change in technology, economics and social structure is increasing at a mind-boggling rate; the landscape has shifted underneath you before you even realize it! Be open to change.

Secondly, remember that you are not one in a million, but one of a million. Getting a job, going to college, even getting an advanced degree technically makes you only one of a million. It's competitive out there. What do you bring to the table that not only Americans, but a world of well-educated foreigners, do not? I remember a conversation with an IT executive at Mayo Clinic who said that he interviewed so many foreigners that had, quite honestly, a better education than US counterparts, so he looked to see the value beyond. How are your presentation and oral communication skills? How are your writing skills? How are your daily planning skills? How well do you manage multiple balls in the air without letting any drop? These are things that will separate you from the pack and apply to any collegiate program or any job in life. Prepare beyond your studies at every juncture.

Lastly, happiness doesn't come from arriving—it comes from the journey and your curiosity along the way. If you travel from point A to point B, only focused on point B, you've missed the opportunity, the wonder, the joy and the major life lessons of the journey itself. To come full circle, it's the journey and the curiosity that afford you the flexibility to change as the wind does and find your true place in life based on your gifts, desires, abilities and opportunities. This season is but one milestone among many. Accept it with passionate curiosity as you round every corner and savor the journey itself, open always to change. In essence, the journey is the destination! I wish you all the best. Here's to the class of 2016!



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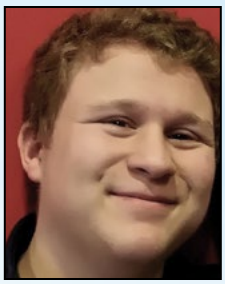
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NCHE's 2016 Graduates



Margaret Katharine Anderson, daughter of Scott and Kathi Anderson of Winterville, graduates with highest honors from The Anderson Academy in June. She participates in Word of Life Youth Group and served in camp ministry. She has studied classical ballet for ten years. She has completed thirty credits at Pitt CC with a perfect 4.0. Margaret Katharine has a passion for children and feels called to study math education at Liberty University.



Jordan Alexander Croom Archer, son of Franc and Angela Archer of Monroe, graduates after homeschooling nine years. He is a member of the National High School Honor Society. Jordan plays guitar and sings on the church praise team. He is a volunteer tutor and was a successful Bible quizzer for three years. His favorite scripture is Romans 1:16-17. Jordan has attended CPCC's dual enrollment program for two years where he volunteers in student government, attends the OUTREACH Christian club and earned a membership with Phi Theta Kappa's honor society every semester.



Autumn Grace Arrowood, daughter of Yancey and Cindy Arrowood of Union Mills, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has been involved in bluegrass music for nine years and has been a member of three award-winning bands. She is now a member of her church's praise band and teaches mandolin. She is in ICC's CCP program and will be graduating with a certificate in business administration and hopes to attend WCU.



Hope Elizabeth Arrowood, daughter of Mark and Carla Arrowood of Lexington, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. She was voted to the NCHE all-star volleyball team after playing for the Forsyth Hawks. Hope is a member of the Trailblazer Teens 4-H club and was inducted into the NC 4-H Honor Club. As the organist at her church, Hope is active in the music, sports and youth ministries. She will attend NC State.



Julia Ballou, of Charlotte, is a graduate of Ballou Academy. She has served as an officer in a National Honor Society and as president of her Gavel Club, has gone on multiple mission trips, sings in her church choir and is

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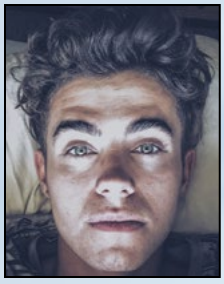
first soprano in a youth choir. Julia received top level ratings in the NCMTA state piano competition. She loves animals, has taken horseback riding lessons and has her own pet care business. Julia will study English next year.



Jessie Victoria Bannister, daughter of Tim and Kimberley Bannister of Wingate, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. Jessie loves the Lord and participates with service work and teaching. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:8. She has enjoyed 4-H, social dance and hiking. Jessie's plans are to pursue nursing at South Piedmont CC while she continues to work her hobby farm raising cows, pigs and chickens.



Samuel Barrick, son of Michael and Melinda Barrick of Winston-Salem, graduates in June after homeschooling for thirteen years. An active 4-H'er, Samuel is an Honor Club member, Ambassador and club president. He has earned numerous awards on his 4-H plant science projects. He enjoys playing sports and served as co-captain for Oak Level basketball team and FHE cheer stunt team. Samuel plans to study turf grass management at GTCC.



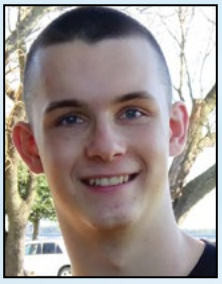
William Dennie Basden, son of William and Jan Basden, walks the stage after homeschooling all of his educational life. Will is a competitive swimmer, water-polo player and basketball alumni. He is currently enrolled at WTCC in Raleigh and plans to transfer to a university after finishing his first two years. His desires are to pursue meaning in the fields of sociology and philosophy. "To have faith is to trust yourself to the water." - Watts



Ashton Bass, son of Drs. Lee and Melissa Bass, graduates in June. Ashton lives in Statesville and has been homeschooled for six years. He completed Challenge 1 and 2 with Classical Conversations then earned forty-five transferrable credit hours at Mitchell CC. Ashton obtained his Eagle Scout Award in June 2015. He enjoys playing basketball, spending time with the church youth group and playing cards. He is also a certified Red Cross Lifeguard. Ashton will be attending the University of South Carolina majoring in mechanical engineering. He received a university scholarship to USC.



Madeline Grace Beachum, daughter of Charles and Sarah Beachum of Oakboro, graduates in May having been homeschooled since kindergarten. Maddie has loved taking dance since the age of six. She is very active in her church where she participates in the drama team and serves as a children's worship leader. She currently attends Stanly CC in the CCP Program and will be attending North Greenville University with a major in Christian studies.

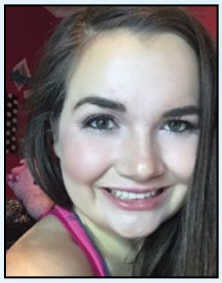


Blake Riley Belcher, son of Jeff and Sheila Belcher of New Bern, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Blake enjoys Tae Kwon Do, surfing and outdoor activities. He is a manager at Chick-fil-A in New Bern and has served his community through many volunteer capacities. We are excited to see what Blake will do next and know that he will be successful in whatever he chooses! We love you and are blessed that you are our son. Joshua 1:8-9



Jacqueline Alyse Bickley, daughter of Barry and Evelyn Bickley, Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jackie has volunteered with Kreitzer's Critter Corral Puppy Rescue for five years,

fostering more than sixty dogs and puppies, and maintains the group's adoptable pets website. She has sung in her church's traveling youth choir for seven years. A graduate of dog grooming school, Jackie is employed as a groomer at Petco.



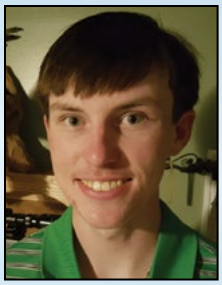
Jennifer Erin Brammer is a seventeen-year-old actress, dancer, singer, songwriter and author. She has been in many musicals and plays and has written countless songs, seven books and a play. She is an on-air personality for The Cove Church Online Campus, a member of the drama team for Cove Kids at The Cove Church and the dance team leader as well as a member of the drama team in At the Well, a ladies' touring ministry. She has also held the titles of Miss Teen NC Motor Speedway, Teen Miss Gaston County and Princess of Cabarrus County. She enjoys doing make-up, exercising and baking.



Jordan Michael Brazinski, son of Michael and Shelly Brazinski of Colfax, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He participated in Classical Conversations program during MS and HS. For the last six years, he has actively played electric guitar on various church-related worship teams. He is currently taking a class at GTCC and after graduation will begin the live sound and studio recording programs at GTCC. His life verse is Proverbs 27:1



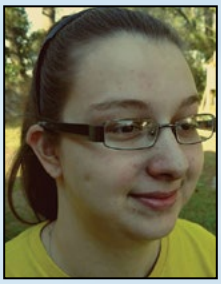
Joshua Dale Breloski, of Fayetteville, graduates in June after homeschooling for ten years. He has bowled with Lafayette Lanes Youth Bowlers for five years, and his Gladiators team won first place league title. He is a middle school small group leader at Appointed Youth. He is currently attending classes at FTCC, High School Connections Program. He anticipates a career in the US Air Force. His life verse is Philippians 4:13.



Linden Hayes Bridgers, of Goldsboro, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Linden enjoys hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. He has worked for the last two summers in Morehead City as a first mate on a privately owned sport fishing boat as well as on a charter boat. He plans to begin classes to obtain his US Coast Guard Captain's license and attend the Marine Canvas Training Institute in Palmetto, Florida.



Tiffani Maria Brown, daughter of Calvin and Angela Brown, graduates with honors after homeschooling ten years. Tiffani enjoys art and video games. She has won several awards in art including first place in VFW Young American Patriotic Art Contest (county division), second at state level and more. Tiffani is planning to pursue a degree in art education or graphic design at her local community college.



Nikole J. Campanaro, of MFR Academy, graduates in June after being homeschooled for two short years. Nikole has enjoyed her time with the McCormack family. She is very grateful for their guidance in both schooling and faith. Nikole will be attending Coastal Carolina CC for an associate's degree in drafting and will continue her education with a degree in architectural engineering.



Laura Ann Camplejohn, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Camplejohn of Raleigh, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. During high school she has enjoyed dance, swimming, Girl Scouts, art, musical theater and volunteering at church. Laura feels called to be involved in international missions. She will attend Columbia International University in Columbia, SC, to determine if, and how, this is God's plan for her life.

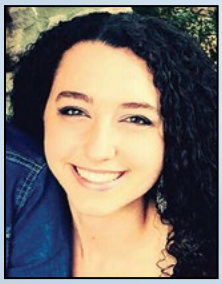
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Molly Caroline Carman, daughter of Davis and Rachael Carman of Waxhaw, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She's worked with Apologia, YWAM, Illumination Choir and Chick-fil-A. She enjoys reading, traveling, and cooking. She plans to continue her education at Impact 360 in Georgia and is currently interested in pursuing a career in medical missions. Molly wants to live in a way that is edifying and honoring to all people and for God's glory. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13



Melanie Grace Charles, daughter of Don and Denise Charles of Germanton, graduates after homeschooling since kindergarten. She is a faithful and active member of Bannertown Baptist Church, where her dad is also her pastor. She is an avid reader, likes to bake and to crochet. She also enjoys spending time with her large extended family. Melanie loves the Lord and has a servant's heart and is seeking God's will for her life. Romans 8:35-39



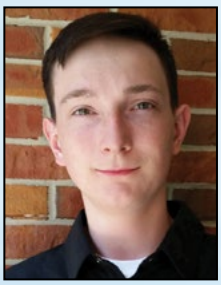
Meagan LeAnn Cheek, daughter of Shawn and Julie Cheek of Hamptonville, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. She is active in her church and enjoys working on the family farm. Her interests are softball, painting and cake decorating. She has been a member of the Foothills HS hunter safety team for two years. Cosmetology is her passion, and she plans to seek a career in the future. You are a blessing, and we love you! Proverbs 31:30



Joshua Benjaman Christenson, son of Wane and Karen of Apex graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Josh has enjoyed being active with his church youth group. His favorite electives have been piano and vocal training. Josh also enjoys science and writing and plans to pursue further education in robotics engineering. He plans to attend BJU.



Anna Grace Clark, daughter of Drs. Tony and Dee Dee Clark, graduates from Coram Deo Academy of Cary. Anna Grace graduates with honors and has served this year as service chair of the Alpha Beta Sigma chapter of the National Honor Society. Anna Grace has received recognition in NCFCA and NFL formal speech competition nationally. She is a four-year varsity swimmer for the Raleigh Seahawks and has been to Mexico for medical missions with her parents.



Jeffrey Brannon Collier, son of Jeff Collier of Hendersonville, graduates after homeschooling for four years. He plans to expand the business he started this year and work in his father's company with future plans to attend Blue Ridge CC. Hobbies include playing his guitar, hunting, fishing and working towards attaining competition level shooting with rifle and pistol.



Rachel Merrell Conner, daughter of Kevin and Simmons Conner of New Bern, graduates June 4 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Rachel has played the piano competitively for ten years. She excels at soccer, volleyball and running. She faithfully serves her church, family and community. Rachel is a magnet for small children, and the Lord has placed a desire in her heart to work with them. She plans to pursue a career in pediatric nursing. Rachel has been a delight to teach, a constant source of encouragement and a blessing to her family. She will be sorely missed at Arrow Academy.

Christopher Julian Chase



"Happy Graduation Day and Congratulations, Christopher Julian Chase!" Christopher will graduate with Honors, a year early, and as Senior Cotillion Scholar after private schools then homeschooling for 3 years. He served as cotillion teacher assistant for 2 years, he is an active member and volunteer of Our Lady of Grace Church. He is currently working as an intern in General Contracting and participating in a Culinary Arts Program while deciding if either is the path he would like to pursue. He has been accepted into The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Laurel University, and Guilford Technical Community College. In his free time he still likes Hip Hop Dance, Tennis, Snowboarding, Skiing, Music, Photography, Kayaking, Boating, Skimboarding, Boogie Board







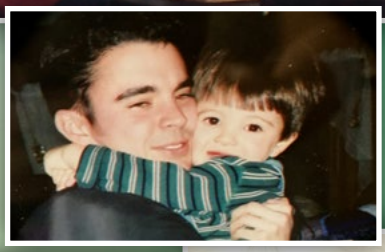
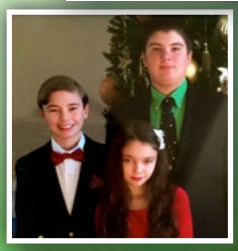
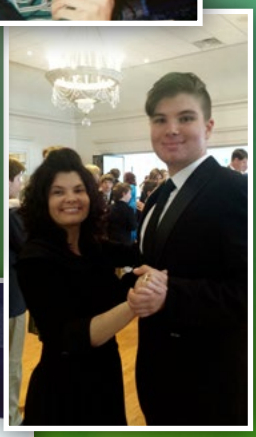
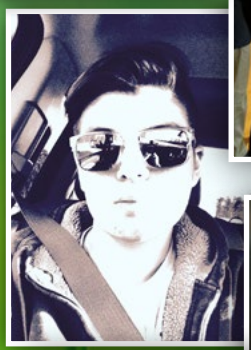




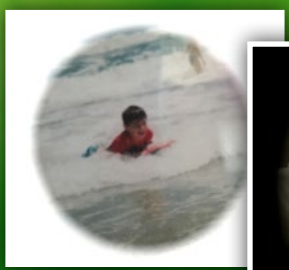
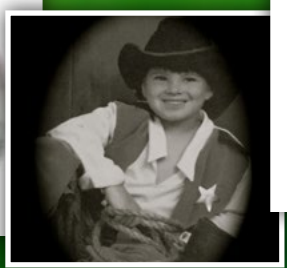
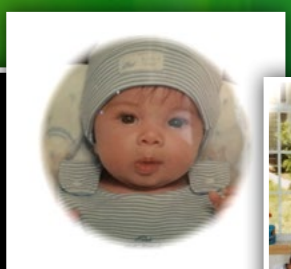


Surfing, Shooting, Swing Dancing, Exercising, Golfing, and Gaming Online in which he is very good at (Streaming may be an income supplement)! Always remember, Numero Uno, that you are a unique, your mind is to know God, your heart is to love God, your purpose is to serve God, also remember conscience is king! You were made in God's perfect image, handsome, infinitely valuable person—your mother and I love you—so do your brothers and sisters, family and friends—but all our love and interest put together cannot compare to the passionate interest and love God himself showers on you! You are His! He is our Father! He wants you! He will help you fulfill your destiny no matter what path or paths you choose. "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" truly I say, as we use to read mom's favorite book and you know your heavenly Father has an entire book of letters written to you! He invites you to read them each and everyday as we read every night when you were little. As you go through life's ups and downs remember He says, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is My love for you." He says, "Come to Me if you are weary and burdened down and I will give you rest." He says, "Let Me fill you with everlasting joy which is strength. Let Me give you peace that passes understanding. Let Me restore your soul and renew your mind." Best of all, no matter how many people are on this earth, you are always His "Numero Uno" and ours! May you be His mouth piece on this earth, may you also be His hands and feet here on earth and may peace go with you along your journey…

Love & Light,
Dad, Mom, Ashton, & Alaina

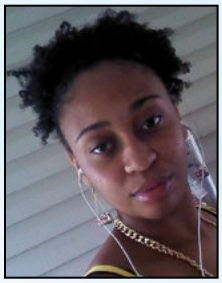










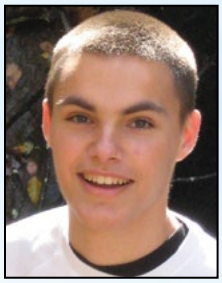
Joy Elizabeth Corbett, daughter of Mark and Hope, graduates after thirteen years of homeschool. She sings and plays guitar in a praise team. She has an eye for photography and has won several prizes. Joy lived in Indonesia until she was twelve and wants to pursue a degree involving her love of other cultures and languages. She has been accepted to two colleges and received a full tuition merit scholarship but has yet to decide where to attend.



CynToyah LeShaun Covington, daughter of Kelly Covington and Tonya Simpson, graduates with honors. She has been homeschooled for all of her education. She has participated in acting, piano, voice, sewing, soccer, feeding the homeless with her church amongst other activities. CynToyah's favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 31:13. She's currently enrolled at FTCC in the cosmetology program and will further her education as a RHIT in the medical field.



James Leonard Crayle, of Burlington, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has volunteered with several charity groups, fundraising events and food banks. He enjoys expressing his musical talents by performing at several local venues. James has participated in the Career and College Promise Program at Alamance CC and plans to continue at ACC before transferring to NC State.



G**rant Thomas Daubin**, son of Enrique and Melinda Daubin of Mooresville, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. An avid mountain biker, he enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family. As a music lover, he enjoys the pop-punk, metalcore and post-hardcore genres. He was greatly enriched by attending Summit Ministries Student Conference in 2015. Grant plans to attend Central Piedmont CC to pursue a degree in horticulture.



Max Hamilton Daubin, son of Enrique and Melinda Daubin of Mooresville, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. He has participated in First Lego League as both a member and a mentor. Max thoroughly enjoys video gaming and computer-assisted design. He has exhibited a keen interest in philosophy and greatly enjoyed the Summit Ministries Student Conference in 2015. His future plan is to attend either Virginia Tech or NC State.



Matthew Deitz, son of Doug and Ivey Deitz of Hudson, graduates after being homeschooled from the beginning. Matthew is a two year letterman with Hickory Hawks Football and the starting center. Following graduation with honors, he plans to continue his education at CCCTI studying mechanical engineering.



Stephen Cole DeLuca, son of Jim and Janna DeLuca of Winston-Salem, graduates this spring after homeschooling thirteen years. Highlights include working at a local Christian radio station and with parks and recreation. His favorite field trip was to Bank of America Stadium to see a Panthers game. Cole loves the Lord and is very active and faithful in his church. He plans to attend Bible college in the fall. We love you and are proud of you, Cole!



Kylie Rose Dillon, daughter of Adam and Wendy Dillon, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She enjoys apologetic study and reading faith-building biographies about missionaries. Kylie is also very involved in her youth group and has a passion for mentoring younger girls. She has been

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called to be a missionary in India and will be attending Fire School of Ministry in Concord after graduation to prepare for full time missions work.



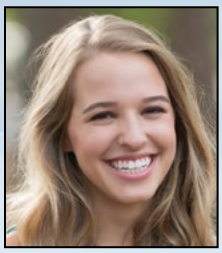
Jonathan Edward Dunay, of Raleigh, graduates from Dunay Academy with honors. Jon's goal is to glorify God with his life and maximize the use of his talents for God's kingdom. He is an active member of his church and youth group. Jon is a third-degree black belt and instructor of Taekwondo. He studied piano for three years and has composed and performed original classical pieces for benefit concerts. He plans to major in mathematics.



Joseph Kenneth Dunn, son of Bob and Diane Dunn of Garner, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. In addition to his academic accomplishments, Joe has played baseball for the WCHS Warriors since middle school. After graduation, Joe plans to pursue a degree in either turf management or business administration. We love you and are proud of you! Philippians 4:13.



Jonathan Michael Edwards, son of Tom and Tammy Edwards of Winterville, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. He is active in his church and leads the youth praise team, plays guitar and piano and is an Awana leader. Jonathan took classes at PCC and is a member of PTK Honor Society. After a mission trip to Belize, he will attend Word of Life Bible Institute and then transfer to a Bible college to prepare for his call to the ministry.



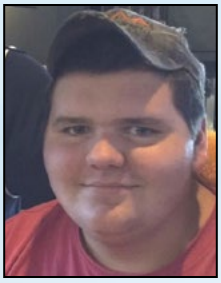
Mary Lindsey Edwards, daughter of Michael and Kelli Edwards of Goldsboro, graduates after homeschooling for the last two years. She was a member of Artistic Dance Academy's Senior Company and enjoys sailing and reading. Mary Lindsey completed 300 volunteer hours with ECU's Operation Link Program. She participated in the Career and College Promise Program at Wayne Community College and plans to attend UNCW's Honors College.



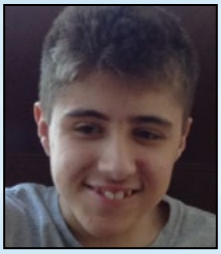
Philip Paul Estes, son of Glenn and Lisa Estes of Durham and a lifelong homeschool student, graduates June 5. He is very active in his youth group and earned the highest Awana award, the Citation. He loves geography and history and in the last eleven years has performed various dramatic roles in Legacy Production. Philip you are a blessing to all who know you, and we are very proud of you! Ephesians 2:10



Alexis Nichole Evans, daughter of Lee and Wanda Evans of Tyner, graduates in June after homeschooling for eleven years. She enjoys hunting, fishing and riding her horses. She has participated in the NC 4-H program and has qualified for NBHA World Championships three times. She plans to attend College of the Albemarle's nursing program.



Jayce Thomas Tate Farmer, son of Jay and Tammy Farmer of Reidsville, graduates in May. He was homeschooled for thirteen years. Jayce has always been active in his church and has been a blessing to his friends and family. He has a passion for working on vehicles and plans to attend college to become a diesel mechanic. Jayce has a love for everyone, especially for his grandparents, doing yard work and other jobs for them. We are so proud of him.



Edward Patrick Fassler II, son of Edward and Anne Marie Fassler of Chapel Hill, graduates in June after homeschooling for the first time to complete his senior year. Edward has enjoyed

worshipping and volunteering at his church as well as playing percussion and keyboards in the band while still in public school. He is planning to spend the coming year working in his father's detailing business, travelling and exploring his options for college.



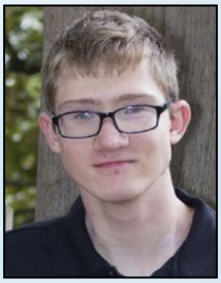
Julia Margaret Fleming, daughter of Sandi and Bryson Fleming of Asheville, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. An AP Scholar, Julia was on the Dean's List at AB Tech. She has been active in Asheville Symphonettes and Trinity Presbyterian Church. At Ballet Conservatory of Asheville, Julia performed the roles of Clara, Sugarplum Fairy and Titania. She attended intensives at San Francisco Ballet and the School of American Ballet and now dances at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. Her college acceptances include the Jacobs School at Indiana University, UNC-CH, NCSU, UNCC and TCU.



Marshall Spencer Freeman, son of Bruce and Darla Freeman of Kernersville, graduates after seven years of homeschooling. He serves the Lord through singing, as well as helping to plan puppet shows and props for VBS. He loves using "Herbie," his VW Beetle, to proclaim the Lord's love, as reflected in Isaiah 53:5, "by His stripes we are healed." Since childhood, Marshall has been filling up sketchbooks, creatively drawing his favorite animated characters.



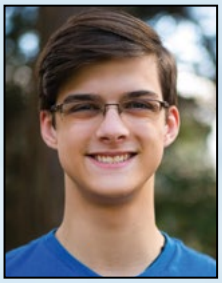
Aubrey Evelyn Frye, daughter of John and Shelley Frye of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. She has participated in Girl Scouts for thirteen years, ballet for ten and pointe for five. She is very active in her church, serving as MS small group leader and singing in and leading worship teams for youth and adults. She plans to pursue a degree that will help her teach youth logical reasoning and foundational truths. 3 John 1:4



Johnny Fulks, Jr., son of John and stepson to Candace Fulks, is graduating from Bright and Morning Star Academy. We are so proud of the young man you have become. You have achieved so much in your life. When the world told you that you couldn't, you did anyway; when someone put up limits, you pushed past them, and you have never known a goal to be out of your reach. Every day we see you grow and change and all we feel is pride. You are an amazing young man, and there is so much that you will do in this life. Remember to never stop showing everyone that you can do anything you put your mind to.



Jonathan William Gardner, of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. He has participated with the WCHS Warriors baseball since sixth grade and played five years for the HFL football program. He is very active in his youth group and likes to hunt and fish in his free time. His life verse is Matthew 19:26. Jonathan will be attending North Greenville University on a baseball scholarship and will major in sports management.



Burton Bennett Gillette, son of Michael and Helen Gillette of Winterville, graduates with honors from C.D. Academy. With fifty-three PCC college credits, he was inducted into PTK Honor Society and SAP National Society of Leadership and Success. He serves tirelessly as a drummer, small group leader, mentor at church, plays soccer and volunteers at Vidant Medical Center. He received a scholarship in the Honors College and will be attending ECU.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. — *Joshua 1:9* —

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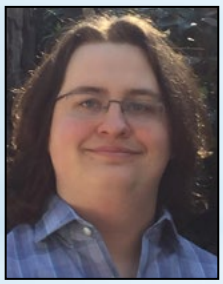
Fiona Star Glaser, of Indian Trail, graduates May 13 after homeschooling for seven years. She participated in Girl Scouts (Silver Award), Shanan debate team, sang with CHEA choirs and worked at Chick-fil-A. Fiona is very active in her church in various choirs, helping with children's choir and serving in various leadership roles in her youth group. She spent a summer in Zambia with Teen Missions. She plans to attend Covenant College.



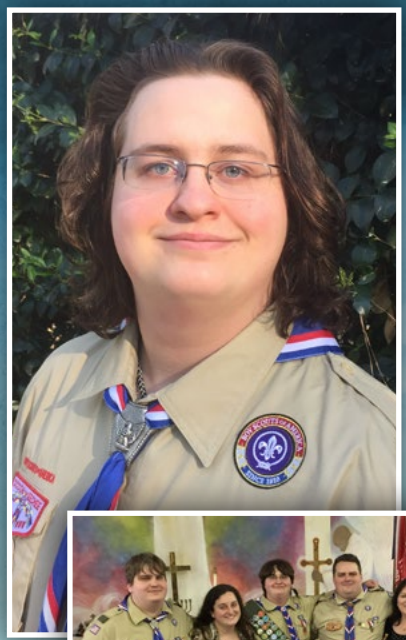
Owen Jay Gold, son of Millard and Tanya Gold of Whitsett, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Owen competed in robotics, debate, piano and chess and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He also participated in homeschool basketball, Teen Court and dual enrollment classes. Owen will attend Roanoke College and hopes to study abroad in Spain.



Steven Tyler Greene, son of Clenard and Sherry Greene of Valdese, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Steven volunteers at his local library and is also an active member of the Young Adult Advisory Board for the Burke County library. Upon completion of his medical studies degree, he will obtain a master's of science and physician assistant studies.



Gabriel Isaac Hammond, son of Rev. Robert Hammond and Denise Hammond of Raleigh, graduates on June 4 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Gabriel is an Eagle Scout, an active member of the Order of the Arrow and has served on staff with Journeyman, a mentoring group for young men. Gabriel earned his scuba certification for a scout trip to the Bahamas. He is active in his church and has participated in mission trips to Menifee County, Kentucky, for three years. He plans to attend college later this year.



Gabriel Isaac Hammond

You have the heart-strength of a gentle, quiet spirit which is precious to God. So proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Aaron, Krystal, Joshua





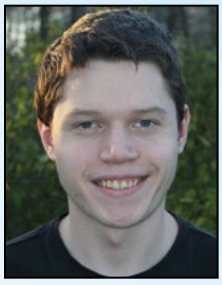




Averi Marie Harless, daughter of Daniel and Gina Harless of Mt. Pleasant, graduates with honors after thirteen years of homeschooling. She enjoys playing the piano, singing, reading and spending time with family and friends. She has earned thirty-five college credits for associate's in science through Career and College Promise at SCC. Averi will be attending Western Carolina to pursue a major in marketing. Congratulations Averi! We love you!



Meagan Hope Hayden, daughter of Lavern and Beverly Hayden of Fayetteville, graduates in June after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is a Sunday school teacher at her church and plays the viola for the Orchestra Academy. She is actively involved with the Agape Pregnancy Centers and the Oasis Homeless Mission. She desires to continue her music and to use her life in caring for the needs of others. Her favorite verse is John 3:16.



William Hayes, of Greensboro, is graduating in May after thirteen years of homeschooling. He has served in various leadership positions with Guilford County 4-H and is an entrepreneur having had two businesses during his teen years. Will has been a videographer at church, produced a short film and plans to pursue a career in filmmaking. His life verses are Ephesians 6:14-18.



Simon Lee Henry, son of Wayne and Lori Henry of Burlington, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He has enjoyed playing basketball with the Alamance Eagles for seven years. Simon also enjoys weight-lifting, running and kayaking. He has worked as a lifeguard for two years at the YMCA. Simon is making plans for a mission trip with Feed the Hunger this summer and will continue working as he makes decisions for his future.



Logan Nicole Herring, daughter of Rocky and Jennifer of Gibsonville, graduates in May. She enjoys guitar, guinea pigs and family. She is president of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Alamance CC, where she also works part-time as a math tutor. As a driven and dedicated student, she will be earning an associate in science while concurrently earning her high school diploma. Logan plans to pursue a master's in accounting and a CPA designation.



Holden Brent Huffman, of Lenoir, graduates after being homeschooled for twelve years. He has participated in multiple plays and musicals. Holden has started his own YouTube channel and specializes in mimicking and creating voices. He won a 4-H talent show and a Shakespearean festival. Holden is currently taking voice lessons and plans to attend Western Piedmont CC to pursue his dream of becoming a voice artist.



Makayla Elizabeth Janson, daughter of Karl and Lisa Janson of Pittsboro, graduates after being homeschooled for all twelve years. Makayla has trained in lyrical dance for her Lord for several years and is finishing a degree at CCCC with plans to go on where the Lord calls her. We are so proud of you and love you! Psalm 42:7

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Joseph Quentin Jarman, son of Stephen and Wendy Jarman of Troy, graduates after homeschooling for six years. Joseph is an active member of Candor Baptist Church, where he helps teach Sunday school and youth on Wednesday nights. He served as a camp counselor last summer at Camp Caraway. He is interested in musical, cinematic and literary arts. He enjoys studying and playing a variety of musical instruments. Favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11.



Noah Robert Jarrett, son of Paul and Nita Jarrett of Lexington, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. He has played for the GCAA Stallions baseball team, two time state champions, for the past seven years. He is active in mission work, recently returning from the Dominican Republic. Psalms 23:4. His plan after graduation is to pursue a degree in sports management and to coach college baseball.



Joshua Carter Johnson, son of Kim and Michaela Johnson of High Point, will graduate in June after homeschooling for twelve years. He has enjoyed his leadership role in youth and serving at church camp. He has participated in GC HEAT basketball and swam for High Point Swim Club. Most recently, Josh had had a passion for fitness and exercise. He plans to attend Southern Wesleyan University in SC.



Kezlan Isaiah Johnson, son of Ken and Kinnan Johnson of Statesville, graduates after being homeschooled for thirteen years. Kezlan plays guitar in the praise band at his church. He also enjoys caring for his chickens (ninety, plus) and selling free-range eggs. He has been a member of the Statesville Police Explorers program for five years and plans to pursue a career as a police officer.



William Lawrence Jones, son of Larry and Fran Jones of Salisbury, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. William is president of the ZE chapter of ESA honor society, a violinist with the Winston-Salem Symphony Youth Orchestra and his church praise band and a founder and member of Blackstone mock trial team. William is a National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar. William enjoys caring for his hobby farm animals, shadowing with local veterinary professionals and gathering data as a summer research intern as preparation for his undergraduate studies and his goal of attending vet school.



Joshua Hunter Keesecker, of New Bern, graduates in June after homeschooling thirteen years. Josh plays snare drum in the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps where he serves as Drum Sergeant. He studied piano for ten years and played baseball and soccer for homeschool teams. He is employed as a YMCA after-school counselor. Josh attends Craven CC where he plans to complete his associate's degree before transferring to pursue a law degree.



Josh Klischer, son of Andrew and Emma Klischer from Saxapahaw, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. He plays cricket, is an accomplished potter, has been to England more times than he can remember and done two mission trips to the DR. He is a youth group counselor at Grace Church and will spend the summer in Transnistria, helping at a summer camp for orphans. He has taken classes at ACC and will transfer to UNC. Congratulations Josh!



Benjamin Davis Lambert, son of David and Lisa Lambert of Locust, graduates May 20 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Ben has been active in his church youth group, volunteered with VBS, Operation Christmas Child and One7 Ministries. He went on a mission trip to Nicaragua. He played football his freshman year, and he enjoys carpentry work and working on motors. He plans to work and take classes at Stanly CC.



Jesse Colin Lindsay, son of Kevin and Sonya Lindsay, graduates from The Measuring Line Christian Academy after completing thirteen years of study. Jesse enjoys archery, hunting and mechanics. Jesse is eager to begin his internship with Fowler Crop Consulting Inc. In the spring, Jesse will become an Agriculture Crop Scout and embark upon his training in this field. After his internship he will consider a career in agriculture engineering, mechanics, or the military. We are very proud of his accomplishments and have enjoyed watching him grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God. Well done!



Anna Laura Lobach, daughter of David and Mary Lee Lobach of Durham, graduates in June after homeschooling all her life. An outstanding student-athlete with many interests, she is a CCP student at Durham Tech CC and co-captain of the Durham Flight varsity volleyball team. She will attend Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania to play volleyball and pursue a career in nursing. Alli, we are so proud of the beautiful strong woman of God you have become!



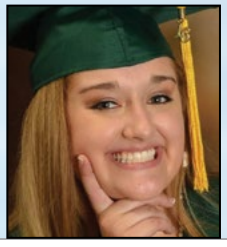
Christopher Everett Long, of Norlina, graduates in June. He is the son of Jack and Susan Long and a lifelong homeschooler. Christopher also attended Vance-Granville CC. He enjoys reading, the outdoors, origami and computer games. Christopher has been active in Boy Scouts, is a member of the BSA's Order of the Arrow and is a certified lifeguard. He plans to pursue studies in engineering.



William Robert Lonon, son of Van and Betty Lonon of Marion, graduated December 18, 2015, from Mountain View Academy after homeschooling K-12. A member of Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church, Will assists as a sound system technician. He is a member of Pleasant Gardens FD, works part-time with the NC Forest Service, has earned the Firefighter I and II certifications, and is also a certified EMT-B. Will plans to pursue a career in firefighting.



Nathaniel Josiah Mann, of Kernersville, graduates after ten years of homeschooling. He enjoys playing guitar, airsoft and baseball. He is a member of the NSHSS, was invited to the National Youth Leadership Conference and selected for the National Academy of Future Scientist and Technologist Award of Excellence. He has participated in the Career and College Promise Program at FTCC. Nathan loves math and science and looks forward to pursuing his pilot's license and engineering degree.



Kayla Anniston Massey, daughter of Amber Massey and Jesse Lawless of Burlington, graduates after homeschooling for six years. Anniston is a very

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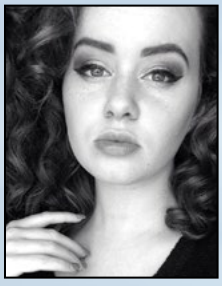
outgoing and social person. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She actively participates in youth group at Lamb's Chapel, as well as working a part-time job. Anniston plans to pursue her education to become a cosmetologist, while also completing an undergraduate degree in business.



Ryan David McCann, of Elon and son of Jeff and Tammy McCann, graduates in May after thirteen years of homeschooling. Ryan has played basketball for the Alamance Eagles throughout high school. He has his own lawn care and car detailing business, which he hopes to continue to pursue after graduation. He also enjoys many outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing and seeks to become involved with his local volunteer fire department.



James Matthew McKenzie, son of Matthew and Amy McKenzie of Clemmons, is graduating after being homeschooled for thirteen years. James enjoys tech and working on the production team for his church. He has participated and lettered while being on the FHE golf team. James enjoys classic entertainment (radio, TV, movies and music) and is a Marvel fan. James plans to pursue his interests, working and studying this fall.



Elizabeth Ann Medlin, daughter of Marty and Donna Medlin of Stanly County, graduates May 20 after homeschooling for thirteen years. A four-time award-winning actress and singer, Lizzie has been involved in community theatre since the age of five. She has served on the youth board of the Talent Company, performed as a member of the Stanly County Chorale and sings in her church praise band. Lizzie plans to pursue a musical theatre career.



Matthew Miller, son of Jeff and Marla of Laurel Springs, graduates in June after twelve years of homeschooling. He achieved a soccer championship and participated in chess matches, winning all-star medallions. His desire for helping opened up an opportunity for volunteering at the Appalachian Regional Library. He excelled in science and mathematics developing an interest in computers and technology. His goal is a career in computer engineering.



Daniel Thomas Moore, son of Dan and Tanya Moore of Graham, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. Daniel is a talented fiddle player and bass singer who travels with his brothers and sisters playing bluegrass music with their band SALT and LIGHT, The Moore Family Band. He plans to continue his education while traveling with his family band and seeking the Lord's will in his life. We are proud of you, Daniel! We love you! Galatians 2:20.

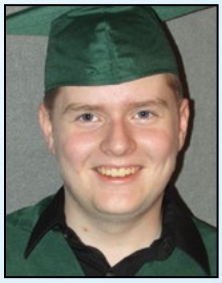


October Mountain, daughter of Tom and Reagan Mountain, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. She earned black belts in Taekwondo and Tang Soo Do and teaches self-defense and anti-bullying at PRO Martial Arts. Through high school, she volunteered for MOPs, runners camp, soccer and summer camp, attended New Life summer camp and academics, Masterpiece art camp and took mission trips to Haiti and Ukraine. She plans to attend nursing school.

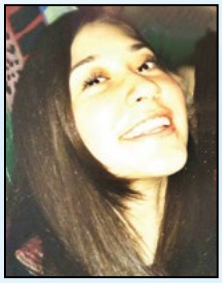


Luke Henok Muma, son of Tom and Sheri Muma of Fleetwood, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He was adopted at age four from

Ethiopia, has worked extremely hard and has exceeded our expectations! He has been involved in music (choir, guitar and drums), sports (soccer and basketball), NCFCA speech and debate (teaching other homeschoolers and competing), mission trips (to Ethiopia and Chad), and Civil Air Patrol (advancing to the rank of Second Lieutenant). Luke hopes to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.



Tyler Philip Mundy, the son of Philip and Shelia Mundy of Barnardsville, graduates on May 7 after homeschooling for thirteen years. He enjoys hunting, fishing and being in the outdoors but most of all serving the Lord. He is a volunteer firefighter with the local fire department, of which he has been a member the past two years. He plans to continue his education in firefighting and to make a career as a Firefighter/EMT.



Ivy O'Donnell of Rutherford County graduates from homeschool one month after she graduates with her associate's degree from Isothermal CC. She is a member of the debate team, plays the violin, rides horses and is fluent in French. Her plans include influencing public policy and private behavior on behalf of international understanding, tolerance and empathy. She plans to attend Warren Wilson College and study creative writing.



Mary Sue Parker, daughter of Mark and Mary Parker of Graham, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. She has volunteered in her church in many capacities and played four years in the Mebane Youth Soccer Association. She has attended Alamance CC in the College and Career Promise program and will transfer later to university for a design degree.



Caleb Paul, son of Ravi and Nancy Paul of Greenville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Caleb has enjoyed competing in speech and debate at the national level with NCFCA. Coaching youth soccer has allowed him to combine his love of children and soccer. His love of the STEM subjects will lead him to pursue a degree in engineering. We are proud of the godly man you are becoming and pray that God will continue to use you to be a blessing to those around you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5



Nathanael Lawton Pollock, son of Daniel and Misty Pollock of Greenville, graduates May 20 after homeschooling for all his life. He enjoys hunting, fishing and swimming. He is interested in mechanics. Nathanael is seeking God's will for his future.

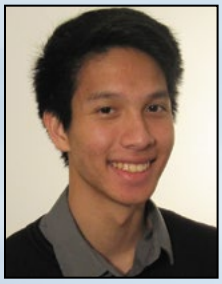


Purity Dawn Pollock, daughter of Daniel and Misty Pollock of Greenville, graduates May 20 after homeschooling for all her life. She enjoys playing the piano, reading, baking, hunting and being outside. She is interested in Bible school and nursing. Purity is seeking God's will for her future.



Tye Graham Presnell, son of Larry and Renee Presnell of Asheboro, graduates in June after homeschooling for thirteen years. Tye has participated in Classical Conversations and the dual enrollment program at Randolph CC. He is also a member of the Central Carolina Beta Club. With his skills in computer programming, Tye plans to further his studies in the area of computer technology integration.

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Christopher Paul Presson, son of Bryan and Paula Presson of Greensboro, graduates in June after homeschooling for thirteen years. In addition to participating in homeschool athletics as a member of the GC-HEAT basketball and baseball teams, Christopher has been very active with his church youth group, church missions outreach, music ministry and as a member of the church A/V technical team. He plans to attend UNC-G to major in business.



John Michael Riddell, son of Lt. Col. Mark Riddell USAF (Ret.) and Lori Riddell of Charlotte, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. John is a sergeant with the Matthews Police Explorers, works at Chick-fil-A and is active in his local church. His interests include battery technology, computers and biking. John plans to enroll at CPCC and would like to serve in the ministry.



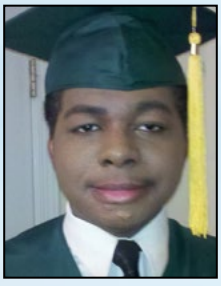
Shelby Rogers, daughter of Alex and Kelly Rogers of Fayetteville, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. She played for the Faith Warriors volleyball team and has helped out with Faith Players drama group. She was an assistant teacher for a Charlotte Mason weekly group and worked at Chick-fil-A as a team member. Shelby plans to obtain her associate's degree in sonography and pursue a career as a sonogram technician.



Sydney Rogers, daughter of Alex and Kelly Rogers of Fayetteville, graduates after homeschooling ten years. Sydney attended SCC, earning a cosmetology license. She participated in the Faith Players drama group and contributed to the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra and The Orchestra Academy as a cellist. She plans to pursue degrees in music business and audio engineering technology to earn her master's in music business at Belmont University.



Moriah Grace Roycroft, daughter of Dr. Robert and Jamie Roycroft of Davidson, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. Moriah loves a thoughtful conversation and is constantly on the lookout for new experiences. Enjoying many types of music, she has taught and played cello professionally. She enjoys learning about the world and has traveled to Europe and Asia for medical mission work. Moriah plans to study global health at Mercer University and hopes to ultimately serve internationally in the field of medicine. Moriah can't wait to see what God has in store for her!



Matthew Stephen Rumph, son of Sonya and Darryl Rumph, Sr., of Raleigh, graduates June 4 after homeschooling for nine years. He enjoys Bible study, and his favorite subject is history. He likes bowling and playing chess. He is an avid reader who likes books on world history. He has a passion for animals and computers, and he plans to pursue a career in one of these areas. Congratulations! We pray that God will continue to guide your footsteps!



Shianece Elizabeth Sanders, daughter of Marion and Rosie Sanders of Charlotte, graduates in June after homeschooling for twelve years. She has been a member of The Choir School at St. Peter's for nine years and awarded the Royal School of Church Music Bronze Medal. She served as president and member of her 4-H club for the last ten years. She's participated in the Career and College Promise Program at Gaston CC. She plans to attend Norfolk State.



Mya Grace Saunders, daughter of Keith and Christal Saunders of Vale, graduates after homeschooling for eight years. She enjoys playing the guitar, the banjo, learning teashikido and living life to the fullest! She plans to take a year after graduation to learn a new musical instrument and plans to work for a local small business. After that, we are excited to see what the Lord has planned!



Jeremy Paul Schmidt, son of William and Susan of Cary, joyfully graduates after a lifetime of homeschooling. He is a talented swimmer and devoted Eagle Scout. Jeremy has finished his Career and College Promise pathway at Wake Tech where he plans to complete his A.S. next spring before transferring to a four-year program to continue his study of computer science.



Victoria Rafaela Schmidt is the daughter of Sergio and Carla Schmidt. Before homeschooling, she attended a German-Spanish School in Argentina and Odell School in Concord. She graduates after seven years of homeschooling. Victoria is fully bilingual in English and Spanish. She has always participated enthusiastically in many of her church activities including choir, teaching Sunday school, child care, food mission projects and leading games. Her Bible verse is John 3:16. She loves gymnastics, art, natural science, photography, travel and being with family and friends.



Robert James Seals, of Raeford, graduates in May after homeschooling at the Seals Academy for over a decade. Over the years, in addition to academics, Bobby has been active in a variety of extracurricular activities including 4-H livestock competition and shooting sports, competing in regional events and the state fair. Additionally, he was active in scouting, earning his Eagle rank last summer. He also enjoyed the equine sport of polocrosse and was selected for international competition, riding in Florida, Australia and Ireland for the USA.



Hope Nicole Segers, daughter of John and Elaine Segers of Archdale, graduates with honors after homeschooling twelve years. Hope excelled with Classical Conversations and through dual enrollment at DCCC, where she plans to complete her associate's degree. While being a compassionate friend and sister, Hope also enjoyed challenge league soccer, science and art. She has eagerly served on two mission trips to Guatemala. We love you! Jeremiah 29:11



Hunter Elliott Shepherd is the son of Lee and Sarah Shepherd of Salisbury. He was homeschooled at Shepherd's Academy his entire school career. He plans to attend Catawba College to pursue a degree and further his baseball career. Highlights include winning American Legion State Championship. He enjoys baseball, hunting and fishing. Hunter loves to spend time with family and friends, but, most of all, he seeks to fulfill God's will for his life.

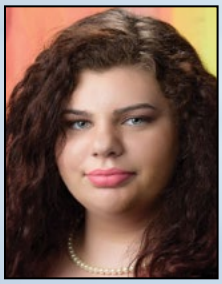
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Caleb Dale Sherrill, son of Randy and Martha Sherrill of Newton, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. He is active in many sports, dance and acting. Caleb wishes to pursue a career in acting. He and his sister plan to create their own production company and take the film business by storm someday. He is undecided as to his college plans yet but will continue full-time at Chick-fil-A while he seeks God's guidance for his future.



Courtney Dakota Shew, of Hays, graduates after homeschooling for seven years. She enjoys serving in ministries at her church including the bus ministry, choir, Good News Club and the nursing home. She enjoys playing the piano. She currently attends Bethel Bible Institute and plans to continue until graduation in 2017. She is still exploring her options for life after high school and waiting for the Lord's guidance. Her life verse is Matthew 6:33.



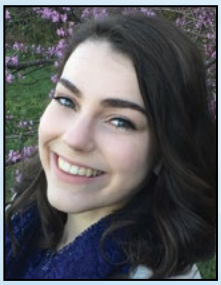
Sheridian Shimer, daughter of Nancy Carrick of Greensboro, graduates after homeschooling for three years. Sheridian has enjoyed adopting soldiers, volunteering at local hospitals, writing articles for websites and photography. She also enjoys participating in youth activities at Centenary United Methodist Church. Sheridian will be attending Methodist University in the Nursing Program.



Lydia Silver is the daughter of Bobby and Laura Silver of Charlotte. She has been homeschooled her entire life. Throughout high school, she has participated in a variety of activities including church, varsity basketball (achieving all conference), the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra (achieving principal cellist) and team policy debate. Lydia plans to become an orthopedic physician's assistant after attending UNC-CH.



Devin Connor Simmons, son of David and Tracy Simmons of Dobson, graduates after homeschooling eleven years. He is an Eagle Scout, staff instructor for Learning for Life, counselor and instructor for Camp Raven Knob, asst. scoutmaster. He is active in his church choir, Brotherhood Assn., local missions and group leader in Sunday school. He enjoys swimming, hiking, skiing and shooting sports. He plans to pursue a pre-med degree. We love you, son!



Olivia Christine Simmons, daughter of Bill and Jennifer Simmons of Advance, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She has been active in her church youth group. She has a love for dance and violin and hopes to pursue both in college. Her desire and dream is to work for Disney in some capacity one day.



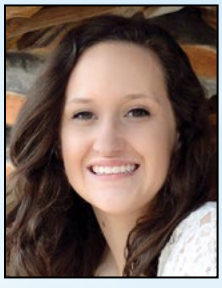
Nathaniel David Sprecher, son of Fritz and Ingrid Sprecher of Raleigh, graduates on May 21. A member of the National Home School Honor Society and a 2016 National Merit Scholar Finalist, Nathaniel has played basketball with the South Wake Sabres, has achieved a first degree black belt in karate and is testing for second degree black belt. He will study computer science at Grove City College. May the Lord Jesus bless and guide Nathaniel's steps!



Michael Aaron Stegall, son of Mike and Tammy Stegall of Mocksville, graduates after homeschooling for seven years. He is a car enthusiast and actively serves at his church. He is employed part-time at Food Lion and attends Mitchell CC in the College and Career Promise Program. Michael will complete an associate in science degree and continue studying toward a baccalaureate degree upon graduation.



Lindsey Joyce Stephens, daughter of Eddie and Linda Stephens of Durham, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Lindsey is talented musically—playing violin, piano and guitar. She has won various awards for violin and has taught lessons for several years. She has enjoyed playing volleyball and basketball for Durham Flight and with NC elite volleyball club. She is an excellent student and plans to attend college. Proverbs 3:6



Allison Blair Stepp, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Stepp of Gastonia, graduates after homeschooling since kindergarten. She is an accomplished dancer who has both competed and performed in several dance styles. She teaches dance, volunteers with special needs children and choreographs productions. She also enjoys acting and especially loves performing musical theater. She will attend college after graduation and hopes to open a dance studio.



Ian M. Stewart, son of Brian and Melissa Stewart of Pineville, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. Ian is an Eagle Scout and works as a math/physics TA for Lucid Education. He has earned recognition in multiple math competitions and is a National Merit Finalist and AP Scholar with Distinction. Ian has received local, state and national awards in piano performance and music composition. He plans to major in math and music in college.



Stephen Stover Jr. of Winston-Salem, son of Stephen and Glenda Stover, graduates after homeschooling for seven years. He is a licensed minister at UBC and teaches Sunday school. He is a third degree black belt in TKD with Tiger Kim's World Class TKD. He's a member of Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble with a passion for music. He's been a volunteer for Samaritan Ministries for nine years. He plans to attend Garner Webb to study biblical counseling.



Hunter Clark Strombeck, son of Randy and Corey Strombeck of Moravian Falls, graduates June 10 after homeschooling since kindergarten. He has traveled for missions and vacations in Europe and many of the states and spent the past two summers in Christian leadership training in Pennsylvania. His plans include a gap year to travel and work before continuing his education.



Zachary Aaron Suhay, son of Robert and Ann Suhay of Stanfield, graduates in May, after twelve years of homeschooling. He is currently enrolled at SCC where he is working on his associate of arts. He plans to

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transfer to a four-year university to receive his master of business administration. He is very active in both church activities and various ministries. Zachary plans to use the gifts that God has given him wherever he can.



Charlotte Catherine Thomas, daughter of Benjie and Anne Hope of Morganton, graduates May 21. Always homeschooled, Char seeks to honor the Lord with her life (I Samuel 2:30). She has always enjoyed fellowship and service in her local church whether leading singing, organizing youth events, or spending time with friends and mentors. After serving this summer at Camp Ridge Haven, Char will attend Covenant College. Her life verse: Zephaniah 3:17.



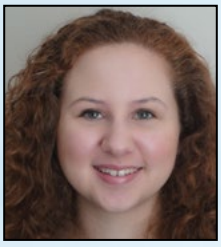
Emily Nicole Thomas, daughter of Garren and Pam Thomas of Huntersville, graduates in May from Rocky River Academy. She is very active in her church, serving as a member of her youth council, singing in the youth band and leading a praise and dance team. Emily's passion for serving others led to her current volunteer work in the pediatric unit of Novant Hospital, Huntersville. She plans to attend Campbell or UNCC to study nursing or business.



Jacques Danzelle Thomas, Jr., of Charlotte and the son of Jacques and Clarissa Thomas, has homeschooled for eleven years. He has volunteered feeding the homeless of uptown Charlotte with his church in Fort Mill, SC, and helped with videotaping web devotions for church. Jacques was the class president during his eleventh grade year and was also on the debate team of Classical Conversations. He will attend SPCC and transfer to WFC for a law degree.



Amy Tripp, daughter of Mike and Lorene Tripp of Mebane, graduates on May 28 after being homeschooled her entire life. She has taken dance lessons since she was seven and has been part of a dance ministry team the last two years. Amy helps in Sunday school and went on a mission trip to Kenya. She will major in nursing at Liberty U. Amy has taken classes at ACC and LU Online Academy. Her parents are thankful for how God is working in her life.



Amanda Grace Vermiglio, daughter of Andy and Brenda Vermiglio of Winterville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has enjoyed playing piano, acting in plays and working in her church nursery during her high school years. Lord willing, she will attend Bob Jones University. Her plan is to major in accounting and then work at a church.

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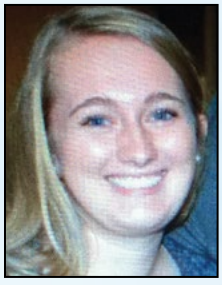
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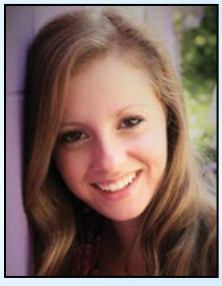
Krista Lauren Vick, daughter of Billy and Debra Vick of Raleigh, graduates in May from Manna Christian Academy after being homeschooled since kindergarten. In addition to her academic accomplishments, Krista loves working with children and has been involved in the youth praise band at church. Krista plans to study radiology at Wake Technical CC.



Rebekah Daniel Voss, of Kernersville, graduates in May after homeschooling three years. Rebekah is very active in her church, being involved in the children's ministry and youth group. She has a heart for missions and has spent time in the Bahamas and Dominican Republic working with children. She spent six months of her senior year completing the YWAM DTS Program in South Africa. She hopes to continue work in the mission field upon graduation.



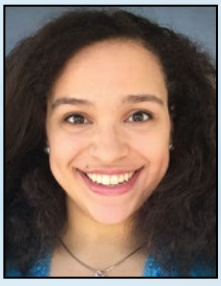
Hannah Grace Wagoner, daughter of Nelson and Angela Wagoner of Granite Falls, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. She enjoys theatre, basketball, spending time with her family and playing with her dog, Jethro. She teaches in Sunday school and Awana and sings in the choir and praise team. She currently attends Caldwell CC and plans to transfer to Appalachian State University for a degree in theatre arts education.



Kayla Michelle Williams, daughter of Gina Williams and the late Tim Williams of Charlotte, graduates in May after homeschooling her entire life. She was active in Awana for fourteen years and received her Citation Award. She has participated in homeschool choirs, played soccer, studied piano, served in Sunday school and as an Awana leader in training. She currently attends CPCC and plans to continue her studies in American Sign Language.



Grant Robert Wise, son of Benny and Karen Wise of Westfield, graduates with honors after homeschooling thirteen years. Grant has been an active member of Trailblazer 4-H club and Walkertown Home Educators where he taught youth science classes and enjoyed being involved in community service. Grant's passions include: weather, science, backpacking and photography. He currently attends Surry CC and plans to pursue degrees in physics and meteorology.



Hannah Eilaine Wubbenhorst, daughter of Jeff and Monique Wubbenhorst of Durham, graduates in May after homeschooling thirteen years. She is a passionate Christian, artist, writer, musician, chef, gardener and participant in NCSSM's online program. She enjoys basketball, competitive swimming and dance and is the proud caretaker of seven cats and countless waterfowl and reptiles. She plans to pursue a university-level, pre-veterinary education.

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Alumni Updates

Aaron Hammond '01 earned an associate of science degree from Cape Fear Community College. After completing the A.S., he went to NC State, where he graduated with a bachelor of science in biological sciences. He is currently working in the retail industry but hopes to return soon to working in a laboratory environment.

Krystal Hammond '04 served as intern at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City for six months. After this, Krystal attended Tulane University on scholarship and graduated with honors with a bachelor's in anthropology. She went on to earn her master's degree in bioarchaeology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Lauren Ashley Stepp Parker '07 graduated from Belmont Abbey with a history degree and minors in English and theater. She is happily married (four years) and mom to a beautiful two-year-old daughter. She is working in theater as the Playhouse Artistic Director and drama teacher at Gaston School of the Arts in Gastonia, NC.

Joshua Hammond '08 graduated from WTCC with an associate of arts in 2011 and attended the OneThing Internship at IHOPKC. He graduates in May 2016 from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri, with majors in psychology and history and a certificate in paralegal studies.

Katelyn Fletcher '09 and husband, Jeremiah Spurlock '08, have lived in OK, AL, and NM where Jeremiah is now finishing training as a helicopter pilot for the USAF. He earned his wings in September 2015 for both planes and helicopters. They plan to move to Montana by July 2016 for their first "permanent" base. Katelyn has competed on roller derby teams in AL and NM.

Kayla Jarrett '09, daughter of Paul and Nita Jarret, graduated from Catawba College in 2012 with a BS in exercise science, graduated from Winston Salem State in 2015 with masters of science in occupational therapy. She is currently employed at Novant Health as a registered occupational therapist in acute rehab.

Michael Brammer '10 attended Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Michael is the director of touring accounts at Special Event Services. Michael also owns several businesses. He serves at several churches on the production team.

Jesse Basden '11 lives in Henderson with his wife and two children. He has certifications as an EMS tech/first responder/firefighter, serves as a volunteer fireman, is employed in Medical Transport and soon to be employed with the Vance/Granville Fire Dept. He plans to complete an associate's degree. Home education inspired his love for learning!

Taylor Petty '11 graduated from BYU with a BS in mathematics in 2014. He graduated with an MS in mathematics in 2015 and accepted a job with SAS as a technical trainer to begin June 2016.

Patrick Neal Stepp '11 graduates from UNCC in May with a degree in history and secondary social studies education. He is student teaching at Stuart Cramer High School in Cramerton, NC and plans to get his master's degree while beginning his teaching career.

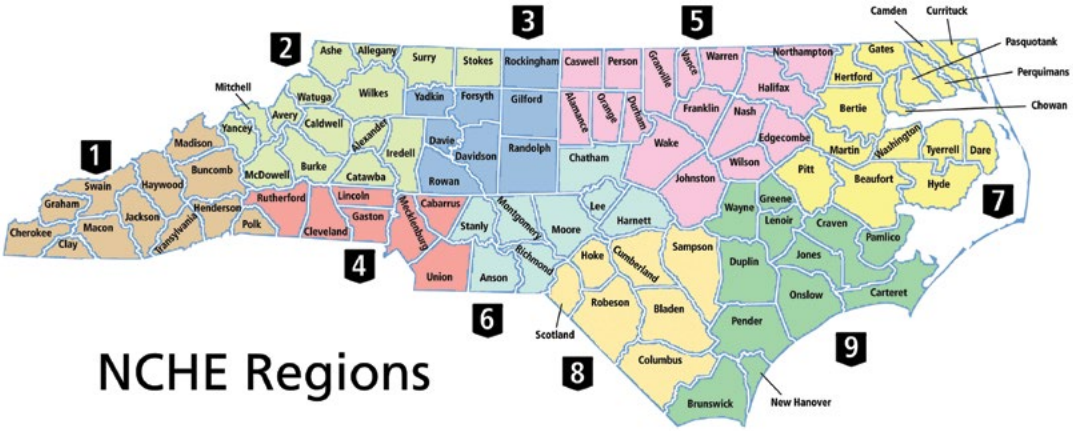
Brendan Fletcher '12 graduated from Clemson University in December 2015 with a degree in computer science and a minor in mathematics. He was honored as one of eighteen in his graduating class who earned a 4.0 throughout their college career. He is employed with Raytheon Corporation at their location in Greer, SC, working as a software engineer.

Matthew Morrison '12 is a rising senior at Gardner-Webb University, majoring in discipleship studies. He plans to serve the Lord through college ministry after graduation and currently authors a faith-based blog for college students and young adults at BeyondTheDivide.weebly.com. This summer he will be helping lead worship at a summer camp.

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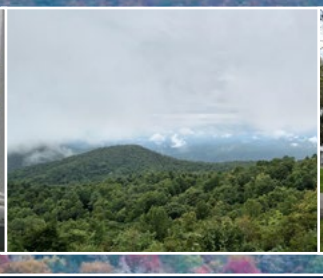
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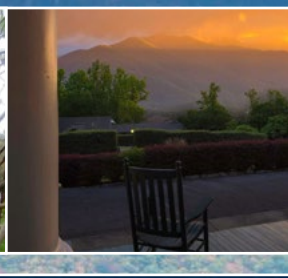
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