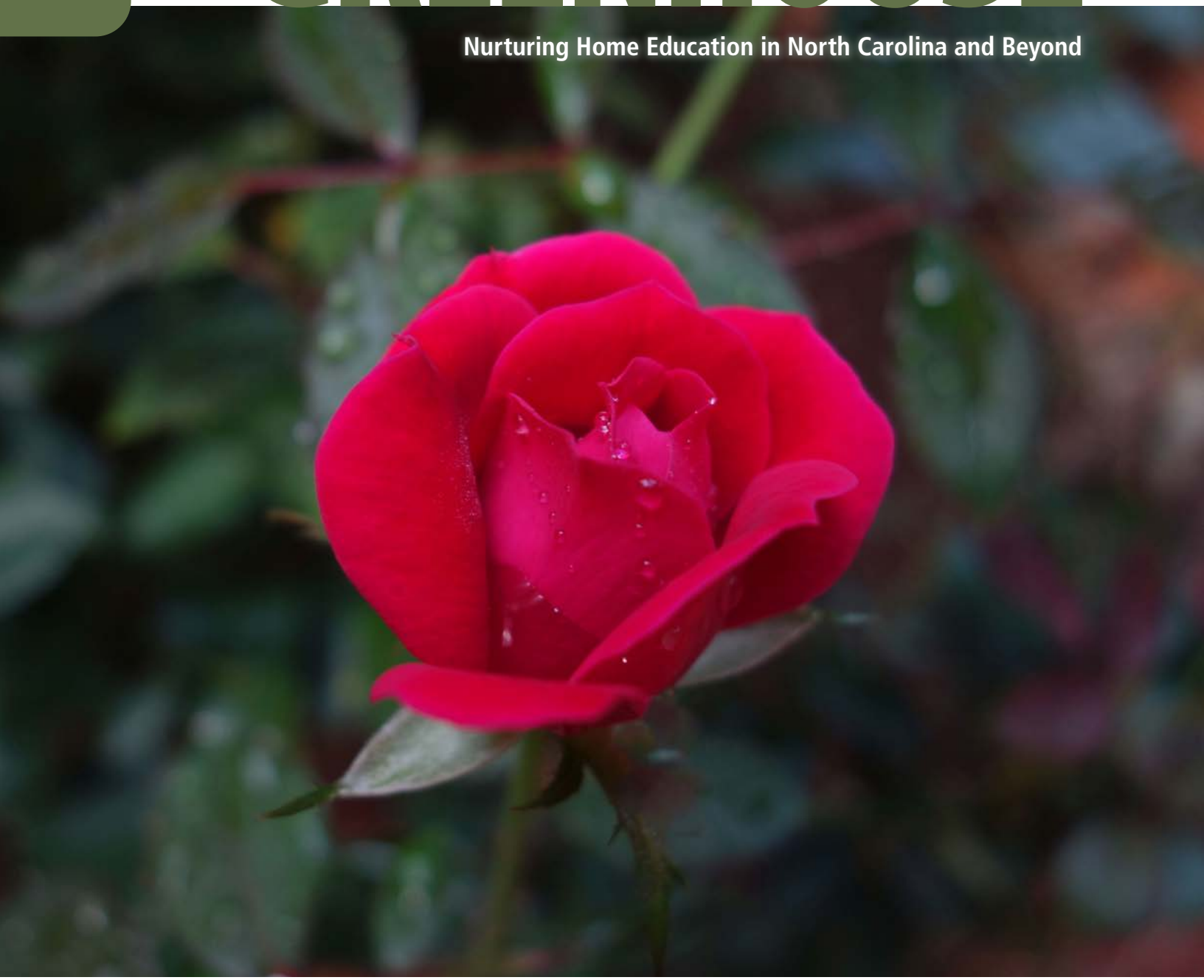
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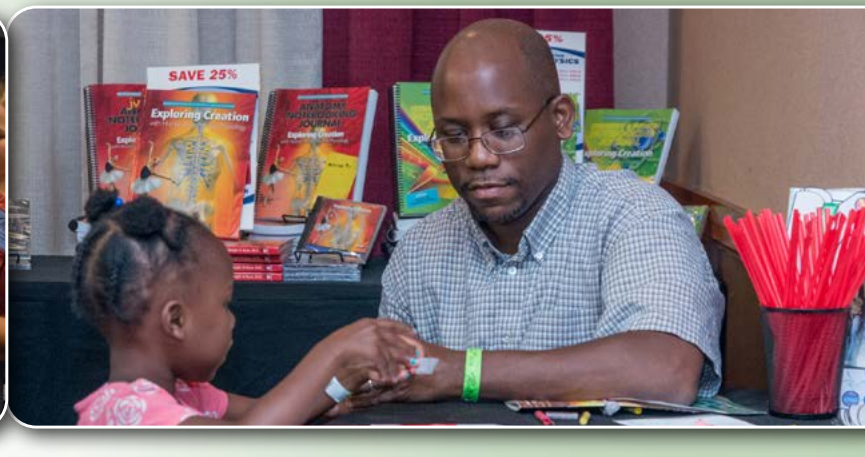
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Home: A Place for Our Children to Bloom

by Matthew McDill

There is a photograph of a rose on the cover of this graduate issue of the GREENHOUSE. You may have noticed that there is a rose on the cover of all of our graduate issues. This choice contains an important meaning and is a part of the history of GREENHOUSE magazine. In 1984, this publication was introduced as the Greenhouse Report and had as its logo a rosebud inside a greenhouse. In the second issue of the *Greenhouse Report*, an explanation was given for the name and logo.

"The rosebud was chosen because of a comment of Dr. Raymond Moore in a *Teachers College Record* article which has been reprinted and is a concise, clear description of the damage which early formal instruction can do to very young children, as well as an explanation of the benefits of delaying formal instruction until the ages of 8-10 years. Dr. Moore says, 'The early stimulation theory is much like demanding that we force a tight, new rosebud to bloom—beautiful in its potential and perfect in its immaturity, but not yet fully ready to bloom. No matter how delicately it is forced to a premature bloom, the result is a damaged rose.* The home school can allow each child to blossom to a full and beautiful maturity as he becomes ready. So in our logo, we have placed the rosebud in the green (symbolizing life) house where it can be sheltered and grow undamaged to the fullness of its potential, becoming strong and lovely. Since the NCHE newsletter is a report on this process, the *Greenhouse Report* seemed a fitting title."

A rose was eventually included in our NCHE logo as well. Although the rose does not remain in our logos today, we have kept it as the cover of all of our graduate editions of the GREENHOUSE. From the explanation above, you can see why the rose on the cover is a rose that is beginning to bloom. Graduation is a ceremony that symbolizes achievement and transition. It is a time that students traditionally close chapters and start new ones. It is a time in which formal home education, in the traditional sense of high school, comes to an end. Our goal is that we have patiently and lovingly provided a safe, fertile place for our children to flourish and bloom. We give thanks and glory to God for His grace and help to fulfill this wonderful responsibility.

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Growing a flower is a good analogy for raising children. In one sense, we can significantly affect the growth of a plant. On the other hand, the growth of a flower is an amazing miracle beyond our understanding. Let's review the principles that appear in this analogy. As we do, parents who are graduating students can give thanks and praise to God for his faithfulness through the process. These principles will also be a good reminder for those of us who still have children at home.

Let your children's curiosity and interests set the pace in early education.

Many parents are still tempted to push formal education too early. Some are influenced by the strategy of the public school system. Some are motivated by fear of doing something wrong or of failing their kids. The good news is that education can start off fun and there are no benchmarks that children must meet by a certain age. Even when you've started more structured education that covers the foundational subjects, you can continue to let the student's curiosity and interest set the focus for their studies.

Provide a safe nourishing place for your children to grow and flourish.

Home is a place of love, acceptance, safety, and training. You can rely on God to give you the wisdom to know how to protect your children and also introduce them to real life with your guidance. They must be both protected and given space in order for healthy growth to occur.

Trust God to produce the real growth.

Paul wrote, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Our role as parents in raising our children is very important. But this must be seen in the context of our stewardship under God. He has a purpose for their lives and loves them more than we do. We can trust him to help them grow into what He's designed them to be.

* "Research and Common Sense: Therapies for Our Homes and Schools," *Teachers College Record*, Winter, 1982, p. 395.



Matthew McDill and his wife, Dana, homeschool their nine children in Clemmons. Matthew is the executive director for North Carolinians for Home Education and continues to serve as president of the board. Through his ministry, Truth to Freedom (truthtofreedom.org), he teaches and writes about discipleship, marriage, family, parenting, home education, and church. Matthew holds a bachelor's degree in communication along with two master's degrees and a doctorate in biblical studies.

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:13-14)

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Out of the Mouth of Babes

by Steve Demme

Last summer I had the privilege of speaking at a state homeschool conference. On Friday, I led a few men's workshops and offered the book, *The Christian Home and Family Worship*, for free to those who would commit to reading all ninety pages within thirty days of the event.

Saturday morning, one of the dads informed me that he had read the entire book the previous night. Before he left home for the second day of the conference, he spent some time with his eight-year-old daughter. He asked her if there was anything she would like to share with him so he could pray for her. She looked him in the eye and said, "Did you learn that at the conference?" The two of us looked at each other and burst into laughter.

However as I pondered his words, my heart was stirred. This short and wonderful father-daughter interaction spoke to me on several levels.

First, the dad diligently read the book in one evening and applied what he learned at the first opportunity. He was not only a hearer but a doer of the word—kudos to him.

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Second, he has chosen to be a lifelong learner. He devoted two days to attend a conference to be a better husband and father and be with other kindred spirits who are seeking the same things. My eyes are welling with tears as I write these words. I love guys who invest time to be better servant leaders in their homes. May God bless and keep them!

Third, eight-year-old children don't miss much. That precious child was right on target. She knew her parents were attending a conference and was not surprised when they were different at home as a result. What an impression her dad made on her as she witnessed this humble man learning and growing.

We read in Genesis that Abraham was ninety-nine years old and still being taught life lessons from His Heavenly Father. One of my sons told me that the most encouraging thing about me was that I am always learning and growing. May God help us to always be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus has another name for humble lifelong learners. He calls these committed individuals *disciples*. And they are not only disciples, but also brothers, sisters, and friends. "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50) Another encouraging passage is John 15:14. "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

I am looking forward to being with you in North Carolina this year. May our good God bless and keep us ever learning and growing,



Steve and Sandra Demme have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and two special grandchildren. Their fourth son has Down syndrome and lives with them in Lititz, PA. Steve has served in full or part-time pastoral ministry for many years *after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the creator of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families, www.buildingfaithfamilies.org.*

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(Ephesians 2:10)

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Homeschooling High School: Yes, You Can!

by Whitney Cranford Crowell

Two years ago today, as I write this, I sat in a local pizza parlor with my husband and then thirteen-year-old daughter. We'd just attended an information session that was the last in a series of research inquiries we were conducting with one question in mind: What do we do about high school?

We'd been a homeschooling family since our daughter, our eldest, started the third grade. With several years' experience under my belt, I was no longer cowed by the thought of teaching my children at home, alone. I'd long since quit waking up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat with my brain screaming like a *Harry Potter*-style howler letter, reminding me that all that stood between my children and certain failure in life was me.

But still, this was high school, *high school*. Those last four years when education finally starts to count.

And so, I did what I always do: I researched the dickens out of high school options: Public school? Check. Private school? Check. Online classes, Early College, boarding school? Check, check, and check. I wanted all the cards on the table, for myself but also for my daughter. If she was ever truly to own her education, she needed to know her choices. But the more I learned, the more I knew deep down that I didn't want to give up these last few years with her.

So there we sat, under the dim lights in a corner booth of a pizza parlor, the three of us. All looking at each other and waiting for someone else to speak—my heart pounding. Finally, our daughter looked up shyly and said, "It all sounds fine, but honestly, I think I'd rather homeschool."

The blessed relief didn't last long before panic set in with a new flurry of research. But, the first day of ninth grade arrived right on schedule, and when it did, I discovered that I was ready. Homeschooling high school has been a bit of an adventure, but now that I've educated my children at every level from preschool on up, I've discovered that the high school years just might be my favorite.

Yes, You Can Homeschool High School

The teen years bring some new challenges, but the underlying principles of parenting that applied to your toddler, grammar-schooler, and tween don't change, and the same is true in home education. Homeschooling high school is still about meeting your student where he is, finding resources that appropriately challenge him and meet his needs, and hoping to spark joy and passion, just as in the early years. You still know your child better than anyone else, and you're still uniquely equipped to be his best teacher.

As homeschooling started to pick up steam across the country in the late 80s and early 90s, intrepid parents pushed back

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against the narrative that educating a child required an expert. These days, with the proliferation of providers preying on parents' fears, that idea is once again taking root in homeschool circles. But the truth is that you don't need a math degree to teach pre-calculus if you're willing to learn alongside your student. You don't need a computer algorithm to spit out a slate of videos and multiple-choice quizzes to ensure that she is career and college-ready if you're willing to take the time to talk with her. Education at this level is about much more than fact acquisition; it's about learning to think, to analyze concepts and ideas, and to articulate that analysis in writing and in discussion. I can promise that those are conversations with your teen that you will cherish.

If you do run into a hurdle, you still have plenty of options. Our family has done everything from bringing in a tutor for a few sessions to get us over a hump, to making use of online classes, to asking family friends with expertise to help. Just as in younger years, successful high school homeschooling requires flexibility and a knack for figuring things out as you go, but no problem is insurmountable.

The Unique Benefits of Homeschooling High School

Homeschooling is a lifestyle that sometimes demands sacrifice—on the part of parents and sometimes even on the part of students. Choosing to homeschool for high school may in some cases (though certainly not all) mean giving up on opportunities like sports, band, or after-school clubs. But homeschooling high school offers some very unique benefits that make the trade-offs well worthwhile.

No other form of education allows for the complete customization of a student's curriculum the way homeschooling does. Yes, there are boxes to check, especially if your student is college-bound. But that doesn't mean you're stuck with the traditional public school survey classes. Electives and even many core courses can be tailored to your student's passions. If she loves clothes, why not craft a history course around the fashion of the Roaring Twenties? If he lives and breathes baseball, use that interest to bring physics to life. These credits would satisfy an entrance requirement for social studies and physical science, respectively. In many cases, traditional coursework will also be appropriate, especially in disciplines most closely related to the student's future plans, but there are plenty of opportunities for crafting a unique transcript that will both engage the student and help him or her to stand out on college applications. (There are no state graduation requirements for homeschoolers in North Carolina; you have the legal right to set the terms for graduation for your school.)

North Carolina also offers some incredible opportunities for high schoolers that homeschoolers are uniquely positioned to take advantage of. The Career and College Promise program allows high school juniors and seniors (and at some schools, qualified freshmen and sophomores) to take tuition-free community college courses that are guaranteed to transfer to any school in the state university system and many in-state private colleges with a grade of C or better. Many students are able to complete a year or even two of college coursework while in high school, saving them thousands of dollars of college tuition. While this program is open to public and private school students as well, by participating as a homeschooler, you have the flexibility to decide how to count these courses for high school credit in your school without the hindrance of public school requirements.

As one example of this, in our county, the public school requires students to take two of the community college's English courses to count as a single high school English credit, meaning that students must take an additional three high school English classes to meet the four-credit requirement, instead of just two. We aren't bound by such restrictions in our homeschool. That's one less English class my daughter has to take, meaning she's free to pursue her interests in math and science. There are plenty of other opportunities for earning college credit within your homeschool as well, including AP courses (yes, they can be taught at home if you follow the College Board's rules!) and credit by exams such as CLEP. All of these are easy to incorporate into your school in whatever configuration suits your student since you control the curriculum.

But for me, the biggest advantage of homeschooling high school has been the time I've had with my daughter as she matures into a young adult. Not only do I have a unique opportunity to influence her life during these most formative years, but I also have the benefit of enjoying her company and a front-row seat to her growth and development as a person and a scholar. It was exciting when she first learned to tie her shoes at five, and it's no less exciting now when she voices a remarkable insight into a piece of literature or writes a moving personal narrative or explains a complicated mathematical concept to me with aplomb. If anything, I find it even more satisfying, because I've been there for the journey, and I know that I've had a hand in getting her to where she is today.

If you're considering homeschooling for the high school years, my best advice is not to let it scare you. Yes, there are a few new things you'll need to learn like the nuts and bolts of credits and transcripts, but they are simple enough and there are plenty of resources out there to help you. The benefits of educating your high schooler at home can far outweigh the challenges. Consider embracing your role as parent-teacher for these last few years—I don't think you'll regret it!



Whitney Cranford Crowell knew she'd reached peak homeschooling when she bought a custom nine-foot by six-foot bookcase with a matching ladder and still didn't have room for all the books. She lives in her childhood home outside High Point, NC, with her husband of twenty years, their fifteen-year-old daughter, and their ten-year-old son.



If Your Child Has a Disability, Don't Forget the Goal

by Sandra Peoples

My teenager who has dyslexia started out as a homeschooler, went to public school for a few years, and has returned to homeschooling for high school. In the early years, it was easy to ignore the benchmarks and milestones and work at a pace that fit him and his needs. My goal was to help him love reading, and that meant I didn't stress him out with too much pressure or too high expectations. We did things at his pace and followed the fun, creating entire units around books he was interested in.

But now it feels different. We are keeping actual grades for his transcript and making sure he's ready for whatever his steps will be after high school. We can't follow the fun in the same way or spend way more time on the stuff we both enjoy most. We need to do it all. And we need to do it right. In this new season, I find myself so focused on his grades and mistakes, I forget to pay attention to what's really important—his character.

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His character is the *why* behind our decision to homeschool in the first place. Will he get perfect grades? No. But that's not the best question to ask. Instead, I need to ask how we are developing his work ethic, his independence, his research skills, his resilience, his confidence to try new and hard things, and his grit. Those life skills—those character traits—will help him more throughout his life than perfect ninth grade algebra assignments.

If like me, you still struggle with how to measure your child's success as a homeschool student, especially if you have a child with a special need or learning disability, let me encourage you with this: It's not about what our children are *achieving*; it's about who they are *becoming*.

When he moves beyond high school and follows the path meant for him, I want the memories of our time together to remind him of our love and care for him and not our emphasis on what he did or didn't do. I want him to remember that we sat at the table for fifteen more minutes not so he would get it perfect, but so he would realize how important it is to keep trying when faced with a problem. I want him to think of my proofreading marks not as a standard of perfection but as an encouragement to remember the power of words and clear communication. I don't want these high school years to make us forget the fun we had in our early years of homeschooling.

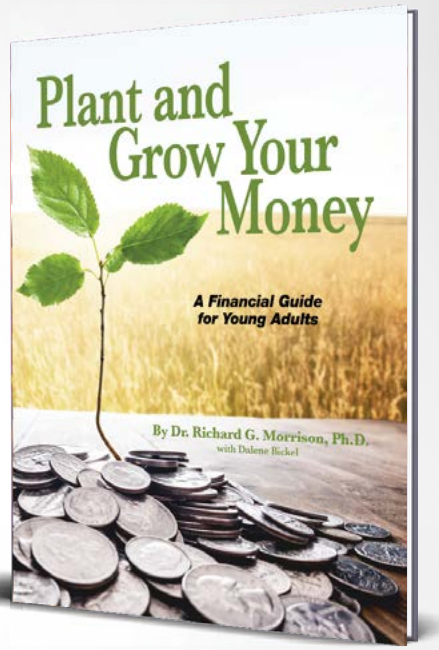
I'm so thankful for our homeschooling time together again at this important stage in his development. And I pray as his teacher and his mom, I keep my priorities straight during these important high school years. Each day is a new opportunity to see the qualities of the man he will be in the opportunities he has now. Who he is becoming is truly more important than what he is achieving, and that will serve him better as an adult than even the grades on his transcript.



Sandra Peoples is a pastor's wife and homeschooling mom. She's the author of Unexpected Blessings: The Joys and Possibilities of Life in a Special-Needs Family *and the host of the podcast Self-Care and Soul Care for the Caregiver.*

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Hayden Norris Adams, son of Bart and Regina Adams of Dunn, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. While working a part-time job, Hayden has participated in Royal Rangers, Psalm 127 HS co-op, music and media at Gospel Tabernacle, and various volunteer positions. He will attend Wake Tech and NC State in game development and simulation. We are so proud of you and the great young man you are!



Joseph Will Barham, son of Adrian and Wendy Barham of Colfax, graduates after homeschooling for two years. He has been a junior firefighter with Colfax since 2019, winning the Recruiter Firefighter of the Year award for the year 2019. He will also be graduating from GTCC Fire Academy this year. He plans on continuing his education by attending EMT school and will pursue a career with the Colfax Fire Department after graduation. He is a respectful and hardworking young man, and we are so proud of who he has become. We love you so much and cannot wait to see where God leads you! Philippians 4:13



Sayda Barton, daughter of James and Celena Barton, graduates after five years of homeschooling and dual enrollment. You did it! As you tackle obstacles most don't understand, you teach faith and perseverance to those around you. The love you have for animals, your originality with cosmetology and SFX, and your incredible sense of humor are just a few of your very special gifts. May God bless you and be forever with you as you continue this journey of unknowns, climbing ever higher, to soar with the eagles. We love you. II Timothy 1:7 ("How small you are for such a great destiny." Kilgharrah)



Daniel Beachum, son of Charles and Sarah Beachum of Oakboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has been dual-enrolled at SCC in both the AS pathway and the electronics engineering technology pathway. He has run cross country for six years. He serves actively at church and enjoys backpacking and spending time with his friends. He will be completing his degrees at SCC while continuing to work his job and serve where God leads him.



Megan Marie Bednar, daughter of Brian and Sharon Bednar of Clinton, graduates with honors after nine years of homeschooling. She's a competitive cheerleader and coach with The Clinton Tigers and serves as a worship band singer and children's ministry leader at her church. Following graduation, she plans to complete her associate of arts degree at Sampson

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Community College before transferring to East Carolina University where she'll obtain her BS in elementary education. She is so grateful to her family and Savior for guiding her through her school years.



Whitaker Sean Boone Bennett, son of Sean and Amy Bennett of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling since kindergarten. He has been enrolled in the Career and College Promise program at Wake Tech. He has a passion for videography, photography, and flying drones. He has used his skills to film weddings and various sporting events as well as to serve on his youth group's leadership team. We love you and are so blessed to be your parents. Jer. 29:11



Salem Elisha Bishop, son of Matthew and Rebekah Bishop of Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. For the past five years, Salem has been a content creator for his YouTube channel, writing scripts and producing videos for a series he hopes to publish. He plans to pursue his passion and refine his skills with further education in the areas of 3D modeling, animation, and videography. Salem always brings a unique perspective and gives joy to anyone who comes to know him. He possesses a tenacious spirit, and we pray for God's favor and guidance as he navigates the road of life.



Christina Kelly Blakley, daughter of Richard and Desiree' Blakley, member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, has served her whole life doing campground church services at state and private parks in NC, SC, and VA. An award-winning fiddle musician, she has published copyrighted music with videos, has played in church brass bands, and has performed acting roles, liturgical dance, and music in Christmas and Easter retirement home plays. She loves and trains her border collies and is completing an IT certificate at SCC. Congratulations Chris. You are truly our beloved daughter.



Joshua Aguilar







Joshua, congrats on your graduation! You are a blessing, a joy, and we're so excited to see where God's going to lead you. We love you, God bless you!
Love, Dad, Mom, & Taylor

Proverbs 3:6

CLASS OF 2021

CHRISTINA KELLY BLAKLEY



For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
(Jeremiah 29:11)

God has great plans for you, and with Him, you will go far. We love you and cherish you. Love, Mama and Daddy















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Victoria Faith Blakley, daughter of Richard and Desiree' Blakley, member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, has always served in campground church services at state and private parks in NC, SC, and VA. Winning first place five times in fiddle competitions, she has published copyrighted music with videos, played in church brass bands, and performed acting roles, liturgical dance, and music in Christmas and Easter retirement home plays. She loves and trains her border collies and is completing an IT certificate at SCC. Congratulations Vic. You are truly our beloved daughter.



Alina Rose Blue, daughter of Andre and Anna Blue of Rowland, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Throughout her homeschooling journey, she has grown to love photography, poetry, baking, writing, and reading. In 2020, Alina enjoyed volunteering for multiple political campaigns. After graduation, she will be pursuing a career in photography. Her first project will be photographing Lumbee children for a series of leveled readers.



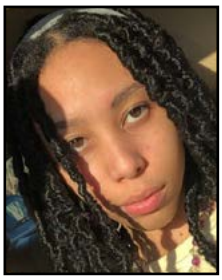
Logan Caleb Breese, son of Patrick and Sheila Breese of High Point, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. Logan was part of Classical Conversations for six years and enjoyed participating in mock trial. In his last two years of high school, Logan has participated in the Career and College Program at DCCC and will graduate with his diploma in welding. Logan enjoys spending time with friends and family, welding, and working on cars.



Gracelyn Elizabeth Breloski, daughter of Dale and Tina of Fayetteville, graduates from Ray of Light Academy after thirteen years of homeschool. She has a heart for God and people. She has served in Kidspointe and has attended Squad since age thirteen. Her favorite things to do are sew, read, and take pictures. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11. She looks forward to eventually starting her own family to raise them in the admonition of the Lord.



Andrew Evan Brown, son of Christopher and Deanna Brown of Stokesdale, graduates after ten years of homeschooling. He enjoys playing piano, reading, camping, fishing, and a good game of chess. He currently has an internship and plans to pursue a degree in IT. We are so proud of you and look forward to your future accomplishments! Jeremiah 29:11



Sydney Brown, daughter of Mark and Evelyn Brown of Greensboro, graduates with honors after homeschooling for one year. Sydney will continue her educational path at UNCG this fall, planning to double major in speech pathology and professions in deafness. She has a strong interest in social equality and with passion for sign language. She aspires to fill the communication gap within the deaf and hard of hearing community.



Grace Anne Cardin, daughter of Troy and Tracey of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling since preschool. She has enjoyed performing in musical theatre at Spiritual Twist Productions, serving at With Love From Jesus, working at Rock Solid Warrior, participating in events at Evangelical Institute, traveling to Nepal, learning with the CDP class, and swing dancing at the barn. Congratulations, sweet girl! We love you! Rejoice in the Lord always!



Andreas Daniel Chaffey, son of Vivian and Dan Chaffey of Monroe, graduates with honors. He is competing for a spot at the US Coast Guard Academy. He has been accepted to Cedarville University, Ohio, and has been awarded an academic scholarship. He will pursue a degree in either government or mechanical engineering. His interests are history, violin, designing, building, soccer, football, airsoft, and playing in the worship team. Ecclesiastes 12:13



Jadyn E. Clark, daughter of Mark and Erin Clark of Moncure, graduates after four years of homeschooling. Jadyn is active in 4-H and is an active member of Victory Church. She enjoys horseback riding, drawing and painting, hanging out with her friends, and participating in missions. She has a strong interest in animal science and hopes to attend NCSU. Jadyn has a strong character, a joyful spirit, and a desire to care for people and animals.

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A GRADUATION MESSAGE TO MY DAUGHTER JACKIE REA ECKER

Jackie, My precious daughter, where did the years go by so fast? It truly seems like yesterday that I went to FMH to deliver you and was filled with so much excitement and emotion, I couldn't wait to see you! From the moment I laid eyes on you I was overcome with unconditional love as you were absolutely the most beautiful and sweet baby girl. God truly blessed me with the special gift of you as my daughter and I thank him for the gift of you every day. It is hard to put into words the happiness and joy you have brought to me and our family. My heart was filled with so many dreams for you and how wonderful and blessed it was going to be to be your Mom! I looked so forward to all the years ahead and being there to love and care for you and guide and support you through each day and all the special times, holidays, events and outings throughout your life and to always be your biggest fan! It has just been an honor and a joy to be your Mom and watch you grow up. As my daughter, you have made all my dreams come true! From the sweet, caring, fun loving little girl to the kind, thoughtful, loving, faithful young woman you are today, you have filled my life with more happiness and joy than I ever imagined. I am so very blessed to have so many cherished memories of all the special times and things we have done together over the years. My life has been so full of wonderful days with you as my daughter! With your kind and giving heart and enthusiastic spirit you make each day special and fun! So many keepsake memories of so many special times together. Whether it's outings to church, parks, movies, pools, skating, bowling, Amusement parks (Dollywood and Tweetsie,) fairs, pageants, etc or vacations to Disney, Universal, Discovery Cove, Lakes, etc. all of our special holidays, clogging together, your ballet, youth group and church trips and enjoying all our precious pets especially your dog Sadie; it's always more special because of you! I admire you for your deep devotion to your faith and your family, your church, your homeschool, your baking, your dancing, and Sadie, you inspire me and have made me so very proud of the wonderful daughter and person that you are! My heart is filled with pride as I've watched you grow and live by your values and your faith and I love and respect you so much for the special young woman you have become. You truly are as beautiful both inside and out. You are just a treasure, with your caring heart and generous and thoughtful ways along with your big brown eyes, beautiful smile and gorgeous long hair. You're such a wonderful sister and do so much for all your brothers and they all just adore you! And you are such a wonderful daughter to me, so loving, sensitive and thoughtful and full of fun and adventure and I look forward to and enjoy every minute I spend with you doing so many things we love to do together! I'm just so very thankful to have you as my very special daughter! It has been just a joy to raise you and spend so much time together and be your mom! I couldn't be anymore proud of you than I am today! Being the special Christian young woman you have become, I know God has a wonderful plan for your future ahead. A life full of happiness and joy and I look forward to so many more special times together in all the years to come. I will always be there with pride to love and support you throughout your life. It is hard to put into words how very proud of you I am. With all that you do for everyone else, you deserve all the best in all the years ahead! Homeschooling you has been such a joy and I so treasure all those years. My heartfelt Congratulations to you on your High School Graduation, on how hard you've worked and what a pleasure it has been to homeschool together. I know you will do wonderful in college and wish my very special dancing and Sadie loving daughter a very special future ahead! Always Remember how special you are, how very proud I am of you and how very much I love you! God Bless, Love, Mom, Sean, Casey, Danny, Sadie and Cody too!



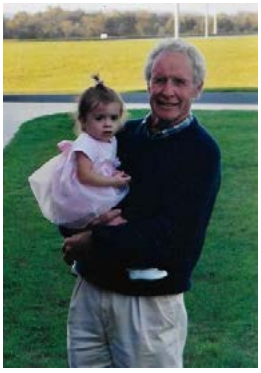




























Seth Alan Conner, son of Kevin and Simmons of New Bern, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Seth played the piano for seven years, competing annually in the NCMA piano competitions. He played soccer and baseball for six years and joined The Brigade lacrosse team last year. Seth plans to pursue a degree in computer science with the potential for also working in law enforcement. Seth has been a joy to teach and a blessing to his family. He has contributed much to the success of Arrow Academy, but now the doors will close as there are no more students and the teacher is retiring.



Abigail Elizabeth Conrad, daughter of David and Amy Conrad, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. She completed her senior year dual-enrolled at GTCC. Abby enjoyed playing volleyball and participating in 4-H shooting and basketball. She loves spending time outdoors with her family and friends especially when she can be active. She's the youngest of eight children to graduate. Abby wants to pursue a career path in the medical field.



Abigail Catherine Cowen, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Cowen of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has a passion for music and plays the guitar, ukulele, and leads worship at her church. She volunteers with the middle school ministry and is active in her youth group. She loves friends and traveling the country. She is working on her AA at DDCC and plans to transfer to pursue a degree in nursing and nutrition.



Chloe Rose Crank, daughter of Eric and Linda Crank, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. She is a competitive cheerleader with Cheer Athletics and is on a nationally ranked team, Crowncats. She also loves serving at her church as a youth leader. Chloe has participated in several international missions trips. During free time, you can catch her enjoying local coffee shops, traveling, singing, thrifting, or just hanging out with family and friends. Chloe's favorite Bible verses are Matthew 11:28 and Ephesians 6:10-12. She plans on pursuing a degree in the medical field.



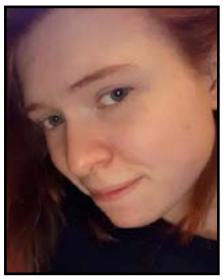
Jackie Rea Ecker, daughter of Alva Ecker, homeschooled twelve years. She's the youngest child and has many pets and farm animals. She moved to Boone eight years ago. She has enjoyed dancing—ballet, lyrical, tap, and jazz—since two years old. She loves clogging with her mom. Her favorite memories are clogging at Disney World with her mom, getting dog Sadie, and her river baptism. Jackie enjoys church, youth, movies, amusement parks, skating, pageants, baking, biking, and playing with Sadie. Her favorite things are faith, family and Disney World! She plans to attend CCCTI then get her bachelors.



Krystal Rose Edwards, daughter of Chris and Kimberly Edwards, of Raleigh, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling (K-12)! Krystal has also been training in figure skating for thirteen years. She has competed at US Nationals and coaches part-time. She also enjoys baking and cooking, painting, decorating, and reading. Krystal plans to pursue a career in residential and commercial interior design and figure skating coaching. She will attend the New York Institute of Art and Design online. Two of Krystal's favorite Bible verses are Matthew 19:26 and 1 Chronicles 16:11.



Lydia Polley Eichmann, daughter of Stephen and Polley Eichmann of Tarboro, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She serves in the media ministry at her church in addition to teaching Sunday school and singing special music. Her motivation and drive have allowed her to complete her high school education in three years. She plans on attending Liberty University as she begins her journey to becoming a physical therapist.



Sophia Lynne Farmer is graduating with honors from S & M Christian Academy after thirteen years of homeschool. She is the daughter of Marcie and Ray Farmer. She is a talented artist, and her paintings are amazing! She has a love for aquatics and the natural environment. She specializes in aquatic maintenance and enjoys taking care of all her pets, especially her beloved goldfish Comet. She plans on attending Rockingham Community College next spring. Her family and friends are so proud of all her accomplishments. One of her favorite quotes is, "The sun will rise, and we will try again."

The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us.

Billy Graham

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Krystal Edwards

Krystal, we are so proud of
who you are and everything you do!
Stay sweet, strong, and faithful to Jesus!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Sarah

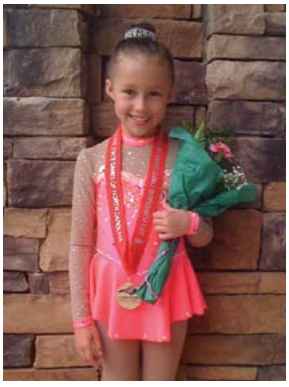
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5-6

"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

We love you!



















Xanna Freeman, daughter of Teddy and Charlotte Freeman of Lumberton, graduates after homeschooling for two years. At a young age, she gave her heart to Christ. She enjoys singing and playing the piano. She is a loyal sister and friend. God has gifted her with a sweet and loving spirit that is evident in her kindness. She has obtained college courses during her junior and senior years. She plans to attend Robeson Community College.



Evan James Frye, son of John and Shelley of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Evan is a gregarious guy with many friends. During his education, he participated in drama, music, and scouting. He has played many years with the North Wake Saints of the HFL football league. Personal interests include fishing, teaching himself the guitar, and running his landscaping business. He intends to expand his business upon graduation.



Maggie Vaughn Godwin, daughter of William and Lisa Godwin, graduates after a combined ten years of homeschooling. She plans to attend Appalachian State University to major in nursing and minor in Spanish. Later, she plans to earn a PhD in nursing to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. For the past two years, she has been a dual enrollment student at Nash Community College and is graduating with thirty-nine credit hours. She enjoys playing golf, being on the beach, and spending time with her family and dog.



Caleb Aaron Hill, son of Nicky and Susan Hill of Wilmington, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. Caleb enjoys martial arts and earned his black belt in Tang Soo Do. He has participated in the Career and College Promise Program at Cape Fear CC and earned a membership with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He will graduate with an associate in engineering degree and plans to pursue a civil engineering degree at NC State. Caleb, we are so proud of your accomplishments and the man you have become. "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Brooke Mackenzie Hinson









Congratulations Kenzie! We are so proud of you. May all your dreams come true and God continue to guide your journey.



Tyrome McCurtis Hollomon III, son of Tyrome II and Natalie Hollomon, graduates in May after being homeschooled for nine years. His hobbies are serving, basketball, and music (piano and drums). His plan is to become a youth pastor and cultivate a ministry that will be known for developing true Christ-followers. He has played homeschool basketball for GC-HEAT for nine years and has received numerous awards. In the fall, he will be attending Highlands College and Southeastern University in AL, pursuing a bachelor of science degree in student ministry.



Ella Janae Huffman, daughter of Jason and Dawn Huffman, graduates after homeschooling for eight years. She is active in her church and enjoys hiking, hanging out with family and friends, and music. Ella completed dual enrollment courses at CVCC and plans to continue college there to pursue an associate in science degree. Her passion is helping others, and she is excited about her future career in the medical field. Joshua 1:9

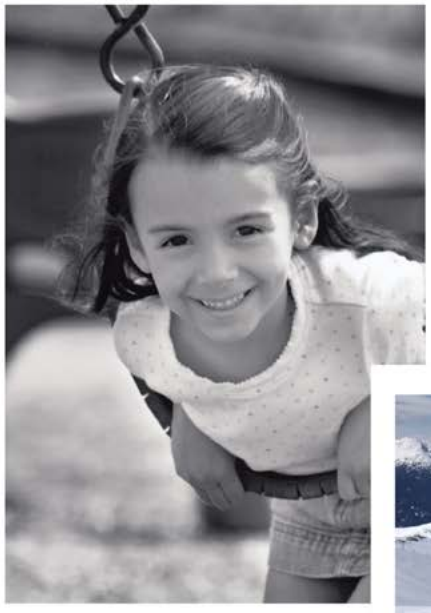


Domonic Stanton Hutchinson, son of Bradley and Ashley Hutchinson of Clemmons, graduates after homeschooling ten years. Domonic spent about twelve years in scouting and is now an Eagle Scout. He worked for three years at Chick-fil-A and exited as a trainer. Currently, Domonic is building his own automotive business while exploring the many educational and entrepreneurial opportunities available.



Josephine Elanor Hutson, daughter of Aaron and Beverly Hutson of Waxhaw, graduates from Oakview Academy after homeschooling her senior year and previously attending private schools. She is dually enrolled at CPCC, where she will continue her education before transferring. Josie has volunteered extensively in her community as a Girl Scout and has also been on several domestic and international short-term mission trips. Josie enjoys art, photography, anime, history, reading, gaming, skiing, hiking, kayaking, and spending time with family. Her family is very proud of her dedication and hard work.





Josephine
HUTSON
Class of 2021

You did it, Josie!
We are so proud of you! Never stop chasing your dreams; you can accomplish great things.
We love you, always and forever.
Love,
Mami, Daddy, and Daniel







Matthew Iandoli is the son of Louis and Kathryn Iandoli of Wilmington. Matthew has been homeschooled his entire life and will graduate on May 29. Matthew has been very active in his local homeschool group and has played basketball and soccer for the homeschool soccer team, the Cardinals. Matthew made the state homeschool all-star team for soccer two years in a row. Matthew plans to play soccer in college and study cybersecurity.



Consuela Marie Jennings, daughter of Derek and Patricia Jennings of Wake Forest and youngest of six, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Vibrant and creative, Connie loves animals, cars, music, drawing, and painting. A standout basketball player for eight years, first at Lighthouse and finishing with Durham Flight, she made the all-star team in her final year. Outgoing and encouraging, Connie looks to the Lord for her future plans.



Richard Matthew Johnson, son of Richard and Michele Johnson of Pinehurst, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He completed his senior year dual-enrolled at Sandhills Community College. Matthew enjoys spending his free time practicing martial arts: Hapkido and Tae Kwon Do. He earned his black belt last year. His other hobbies include working out and playing video games. After Sandhills, he plans on pursuing writing or directing.



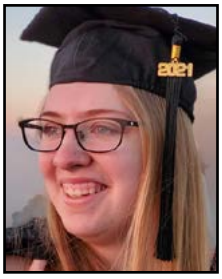
Abby Jones, daughter of TJ and Hannah Jones of Trinity, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Abby enjoys writing and plans to publish her first novel this year. She has faithfully served as an AV tech in church for many years. Abby will graduate high school at age sixteen with two years of college completed at Davidson-Davie CC. She is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Abby will attend UNC-Pembroke and plans to pursue a doctorate in psychology and become a forensic psychologist. We love you so much and are proud of your hard work and determination! Is. 43:1



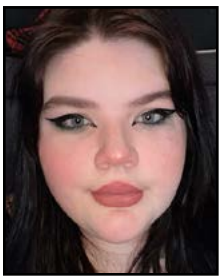
Lynn Pierre Jones, III, son of Lynn and Duwana Jones of Matthews, NC, graduates with academic honors from Rivers of Water Homeschool. As an eight-year homeschooler, he plans to embrace his love for automobiles by pursuing a career in engineering. Pierre enjoys basketball, dancing, educating youth at church, and debate. Pierre came to know Christ at a young age and is ready for the next level with grace, power, and the provision of God in his life.



Camryn Alexa Kearns, daughter of Gregory and Lisa Kearns of Sophia, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is enrolled in the Career and College Promise program at Randolph Community College and is on the Dean's List. Camryn is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, National Society of Leadership and Success, and is the current president of Central Carolina Homeschool Beta Club. She's an accomplished competitive clogger, serves in the children's department at church, and is active in youth. Camryn plans to attend High Point University to pursue a degree in psychology.



Samantha "McKenlie" Kelbaugh, daughter of Frank and Lisa of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. McKenlie has enjoyed playing travel volleyball during most of her middle and high school years. She has been dually enrolled at WTCC for the past two years and has demonstrated leadership through working as a children's teacher in her church and at the YMCA. McKenlie will attend college in the fall and plans to major in pre-law.



Emmalee Keller, daughter of Kevin and Michelle Keller of Erwin, will graduate in May 2021. She is more than halfway through her associate's degree at CCCC and hopes to work in the medical field. Emma is smart, caring, beautiful, and funny. She has a bright future in front of her. Her family couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments and can't wait to see what the future holds for her! Way to go Emma, you're amazing!



Loree Noelle Kepley, daughter of Ricky and Jessica of Concord, graduates after thirteen years of home education. While growing academically, she enjoyed horses, served her community by volunteering at Wings of Eagles and Meals on Wheels, crocheted prayer shawls and baby beanies for hospital patients, enjoyed playing guitar and singing, grew a deep love for her country, and gained strength through shooting and archery.

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Her family shares her faith in God, her excitement as she looks forward to the next chapter of her learning journey, and one of her favorite Scripture passages, Job 39:19-25.



Mason Isaiah King, son of Al and Pam King of Gibsonville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Mason has a brother, Malik King, who attends NC A&T, and a sister who lives in Florida. Mason will attend WSSU and major in mass communications with a concentration in public relations. He desires to be a brand market manager or a lobbyist. One of Mason's future aspirations is to own real estate as an avenue to build generational wealth.



Sarah Ashley Lee, daughter of Frank and Hannah Lee of Statesville, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. For two years, she has been dually enrolled at Mitchell Community College. She is often found reading, drawing, or talking to friends. One of her favorite Bible verses is Revelation 2:10. Sarah is interested in a career in academic counseling. We love you so much and are proud of your accomplishments!



Gwenivere Seminole May Macedo of Hamlet graduates this spring. She's been homeschooled since seventh grade by her mother. She's currently attending RCC and is graduating in August with her associate's degree in arts. She will also be obtaining a welding certificate through the CCP program and plans to continue with her welding education and get her welding diploma. She enjoys playing piano and guitar and is excited to see what the future holds.



Cydney Megan Marland, daughter of Wade and Bari Marland, graduates after homeschooling her whole life. Cydney is involved in her church, plays the violin and guitar, and sings with her sisters. She is very creative and has written several fictional books. She is a compassionate person who loves the Lord. Her favorite verse is Isaiah 40:31, and she will be waiting on the Lord to direct her path. We love you and are so proud of you! Congratulations!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
-Jerimiah 29:11

Camryn Kearns

CLASS OF 2021

Camryn is graduating from Caraway Mountain Academy and plans to major in psychology at High Point University.

Dear Camryn,
It's a beautiful thing, watching the daughter we've always loved growing up and getting one step closer to her dreams. Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. We are so proud of your accomplishments and cannot wait to see what the future holds for you. We love you so much!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Justin, and Tyler













Hannah Ashlea Zhizhou Matthews, daughter of Randall and Susan Matthews of Greensboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Hannah has pursued rock climbing competitively and recently started kickboxing. An honor student with a passion for languages and travel, Hannah plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa and double major in Korean and Asian Studies.



Sigourney Blythe McClain, daughter of Kevin and Brea McClain of Kernersville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She swam with the FHE team for five years. She is involved in Venturing Crew 940 and enjoys working in the Trading Post as summer staff at Camp Raven Knob. We wish her immense success and happiness for her next adventures.



Elliot McEwen, son of Rob and Jenny McEwen, graduates after homeschooling for four years. Elliot excelled in his excellent efforts in his high school homeschool education. His passions and best work are in the areas of art and horticulture. Elliot not only started and maintained his own garden but also assisted in helping with the community garden at Corinth Reformed Church. Elliot began his own lawn management business and assisted in home renovations in Hickory. Elliot looks forward to a future in home renovations and his horticulture endeavors.



Ashlyn Mills, daughter of David and Ellen Mills of New Bern, graduates with honors from Griffin Academy. She has been active in fastpitch softball for seven years, as well as serving in various leadership roles at church. Her interests include filmmaking, photography, paddleboarding, and traveling. Ashlyn plans to pursue a career in filmmaking and entrepreneurship.



Ivy Moonen, daughter of Scott and Lisa Moonen of Fuquay–Varina, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. Ivy loves the arts, is an accomplished pianist, and has enjoyed participating in the Cary Fire homeschool cross country team. She has volunteered regularly at church, her local library, and Military Missions in Action. Ivy plans to work for Alumni Connect and The Yellow Bird as a graphic designer and administrative assistant.



Caitlin Grace Murdock, daughter of Todd and Brenda Murdock of Clayton, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She enjoys reading the Bible, singing, painting, and vlogging. Caitlin currently works at Chick-fil-A. She plans to study biblical and theological studies from Liberty University with the desire to develop a ministry. We are excited to see how God uses her. Caitlin, you are loved, and we are blessed that you are our daughter. Congratulations! We are proud of you. John 15:16



Jonathan Paul Nichols, son of Paul and Cindy Nichols of Raleigh, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jonathan played football in the HFL for eight years with many awards. He went on mission trips to Harrisburg, PA, Haiti, and Nicaragua. He worked as a staff member at New Life Camp and started a photography company. Jonathan plans to attend Methodist University to pursue a degree in Christian Counseling and play football.



Thys Whitted Oldenburg, son of Lawson and Jan Oldenburg of Hillsborough, graduates after homeschooling four years. His focus has been on academic success. He will be graduating with honors and a GPA of 4.0. Thys is an athlete and enjoys staying fit and healthy. His plans after graduation are to attend Liberty University online and work with children. He believes that with God, all things are possible.



Jackson Bennett Parnell, son of Alan and Jennifer Parnell of Wilson, graduates in June after five years of homeschooling (eighth-twelfth grades). Jackson has been dually enrolled at Wilson Community College for his junior and senior years. His main hobby is listening to music. He is interested in pursuing a career in marketing. Mom, Dad, Robin, and Granny love you and are so proud of you. We can't wait to see what the future holds.



Dylan Robert Pearo, son of Paul and Debbie Pearo of Taylorsville, graduates after four years of homeschooling. Dylan enjoys weightlifting, and he loves to bake. After graduation, he plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Maybe his path will lead him into the FBI or the DEA.



Carlie Perry, daughter of Steve and Amber Perry of Wendell, graduates with honors after homeschooling for twelve years. She is a kind and compassionate young woman with a true servant's heart. She will attend Johnston Community College in the fall with the goal of becoming a nurse.

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Micah David Petterson, son of David and Alison Petterson of Lincolnton, graduates with honors after seven years of homeschooling. Micah has attended Gaston College CCP program for the last two years. He plans to pursue a degree in computer science at UNCC. He enjoys playing piano, composing music, drawing, and creative writing. He is involved with the youth, along with a variety of other activities at the Denver Gospel Hall.



Nathaniel Austin Pope, son of Doug and Lindy Pope of Liberty, graduates after homeschooling for four years. A gifted guitar player, he was recently selected as one of the "top ten under twenty" guitarists internationally. Nathan has been playing shows regularly with his band for six years and was featured in Our State Magazine as a blues prodigy. He is an active worship team member at his church. Nathan plans to pursue a career in music.



Rebekah Anne Purdom, daughter of David and Dawn Purdom of Asheville, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. Rebekah is an inductee of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts and an apprentice of the Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater. She has completed two Cecchetti ballet exams with honors. Rebekah also has a passion for ASL and will be attending Blue Ridge Community College to earn her degree in sign language interpretation.



Tyler Lee Redmon, son of Derek and Tracey Redmon, graduates after ten years of homeschooling with Classical Conversations and interest-led learning. He has high-functioning autism and has overcome many obstacles. He is active in hunting, fishing, and raising chickens, and this past year harvested his biggest buck ever. He is also a big NASCAR fan. He loves his family, friends, and the Lord. Tyler plans to work and find God's will for his life.



Mary Grace Riddell, daughter of Mark and Lori Riddell of Charlotte, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Mary Grace has trained in classical ballet for nine years and enjoys performing with the Charlotte Youth Ballet. In her free time, Mary Grace creates digital art, designing original characters, each with their own unique stories.



Samuel "Luke" Roark, son of Lane and Lenore Roark of North Wilkesboro, graduates after homeschooling all his life. Luke is a very outgoing young man, loves people, and is passionate about Jesus. He has worked in the restaurant business for two years and enjoys car detailing and running. He is excited to see where God leads him.



Myles Christopher Rumph, son of Sonya and Darryl Rumph, Sr., of Raleigh, graduates May 29 after homeschooling for thirteen years. He enjoys Bible study, writing, computer programming, bowling, and fencing. He also likes listening to jazz music, debating, and critiquing movies. He has a passion for building computers and plans to pursue a career in computer science. Congratulations! We pray that God will continue to guide your footsteps!



Faith Victoria Segers, daughter of Elaine Segers and John Segers, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. Faith enjoyed ten years of worship dance including ballet on pointe. Faith excelled in high school mock trial competition with CCH and competed in nationals in GA and at Yale University. She has been dual-enrolled at DCCC and plans to become a teacher of elementary education with an interest in special education.



James Emerson Shaver, son of Gregory and Dawn Shaver of Monroe, is a lifelong homeschooler. He is an active member of his church and a leader in many of the children's programs and student ministry. James has also participated in competitive swim, cross country, Image drama group, and Generation Joshua. He enjoys literature, history, strategy games, and swimming. James currently attends SPCC and plans to study business at Wingate University.



Joseph Stepp, son of Kevin and Jennifer Stepp of Gastonia, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He has been a competitive gymnast for eleven years, winning many awards and championships during his gymnastics career. Joseph finished eleventh in the nation and medaled in three events at the 2019 Junior Olympics. He was selected to compete on the state elite team the last four years. He also coaches and judges gymnastics. He enjoys being outside, sports, video games, and spending time with family. He plans to attend community college and learn a trade where he can work with his hands.

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Mary Grace Riddell

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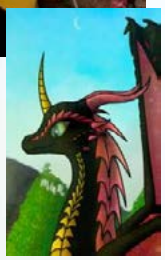




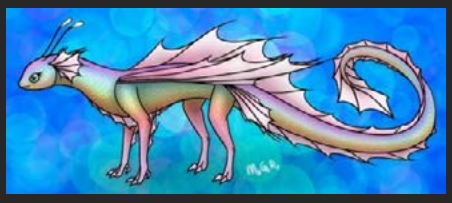




















Kyle Stokes, son of Jeremy and Jodi Stokes, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. He is a lifelong Shanan Co-op and Tutorials student and is dual-enrolled at SPCC where he will finish his associate of arts degree. Kyle will then continue to a four-year university to study piano and composing. We are so proud of your hard work as a student, 4-H'er, artist, and music teacher! We love you and are excited for your next adventure!



Lily Faith Swing, daughter of LeRoy and Brenda Swing of Waxhaw, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Lily excelled in basketball and played eight years on various teams. She is active in her church youth group, Bible studies, and sang in the youth choir. Along with working as an area leader for Chick-fil-A, Lily loves many aspects of art, especially painting, photography, and embroidery. She will continue her studies at CPCC.



Montana Tickle, son of Kristie Tickle of Roxboro and Brian and Rebecca Tickle of Chatham, VA, graduates after homeschooling for his senior year. He is the oldest of two, brother to Zachary. He enjoys building computers, gaming, movies, spending time with friends and family, and is quite the food connoisseur! Montana attended iD Tech and received a certificate in coding and design. He plans to attend PCC, studying information technology. We are so proud of you; continue to work hard, stay humble, and know that you can accomplish any goals you set your mind to achieve. Jeremiah 29:11



Rachel Tyree, daughter of Morris and Pam Tyree of China Grove, graduates after homeschooling for two years. Rachel is the youngest of four and is applauded by her parents for her generous spirit in giving to her family, her church family, and to our military. Lovely both inside and out, Rachel is planning to enter college to study business/fashion design. We love you, Rachel, and we pray God's best for your future!



Valura Coral Vann, daughter of Christian and Honey Vann of Garner, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. She's been dually enrolled with Wake Tech Community College. She has excelled in crew as a rower with Triangle Rowing Club. Valura has a passion for using her creativity in the arts. After graduation, she is seeking the Lord's direction with plans to continue her education and to utilize her skills in the film industry. Words she lives by, "As for you, be strong and do not give up for your work will be rewarded" 2 Chronicles 15:7. Senior Quote, "See you next year, or not. . . hehehe."



Victoria Allison Vann, daughter of George and Stephanie of Star, graduates after eight years of homeschool. She enjoys competition clogging and plays violin in the church band. Known as "Sissy" to her younger siblings, Victoria has a nurturing spirit and loves all babies, human and furry. She earned two certificates in the CCP Program from RCC while working at Chick-fil-A. She will attend cosmetology school with dreams of opening her own salon.



Katrielle Wares, daughter of Michael and Amanda Wares of Greensboro, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. Her future plans are to attend a four-year university, studying English with the goal of becoming a high school English teacher. Katrielle excels at whatever she tries and has been a talented gymnast, a gifted musician, as well as a great student both in homeschool and dual enrollment at GTCC. She has overcome many challenges in recent years, and we can't wait to see where she goes from here. We are so proud of you and love you so much!



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Joshua Michael Webb, son of Stephen and Lynn Webb of Granite Falls, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Josh is a committed follower of Jesus Christ. He is very gifted in working with his hands and is a self-taught knife-maker. Josh enjoys the outdoors, especially backpacking and hiking. He is a very dedicated worker in the family business. For the last two years, Josh attended CVCC in the CCP program. He will continue studying at CVCC for a degree in computer-integrated machining technology. Josh is an amazing man, an incredible blessing to his family, and we are so proud of him!



Emma Katherine Whiteman, daughter of Mark and Katherine Whiteman of Sanford, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Emma has a passion for working with children and likes to use her gifts to make others happy. She loves a good outfit and can't ride in the car without a good song. One of her biggest passions is ballet to which she has dedicated fifteen years of her life. Emma plans to pursue a special education degree at UNCG with a concentration in working with hearing-impaired children. Emma's brother, Levi, her dog, Roscoe, and her parents are extremely proud of her!



Reagan Hope Willis, daughter of Dayne and Kim Willis of Vale, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. Reagan finished her high school career as a dual-enrolled student at CVCC in Hickory. Reagan plans to pursue a biology degree and then her doctorate in veterinary medicine. Reagan works on a farm in Newton and loves working with the animals there. She also enjoys swimming, playing her guitar, and spending time with friends.



Anna Grace Winn, daughter of Jason and Julie Winn of Boiling Springs, graduates with honors after twelve years of homeschooling. She is dually enrolled through the CCP program at CCC and plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Gardner-Webb University. As an ambassador for Girl Scouts, Anna Grace has earned her bronze, silver, and gold awards. She is active in many ministries in her church. She has a passion for working with special needs children. She enjoys singing, drawing, and spending time with family and friends. We love you and are so proud of your accomplishments! Jeremiah 29:11



Benjamin Wright, son of Ronny and Anne Margaret Wright of Fleetwood, receives his certificate of completion after homeschooling all his life. He has worked hard to learn, and grow, and love, and laugh, and play some every day. Benjamin has been an active part of his community, loving and blessing everyone who knows him. He started his own ministry to bring smiles through birthday cards—http://bit.ly/BenjaminsBirthdayBlessings. Benjamin demonstrates every day that God can do great and beautiful things through individuals with Down syndrome. We love you and are so proud of you, dear son!



David Brainerd Young, son of Hal and Melanie Young, graduates from Jonathan Edwards Academy. He plans to major in international relations this fall and is interested in a career in diplomacy. He has received several scholarship offers but had not decided which to accept when this went to print. David has been an irreplaceable asset to our family business and ministry, and he'll be greatly missed.

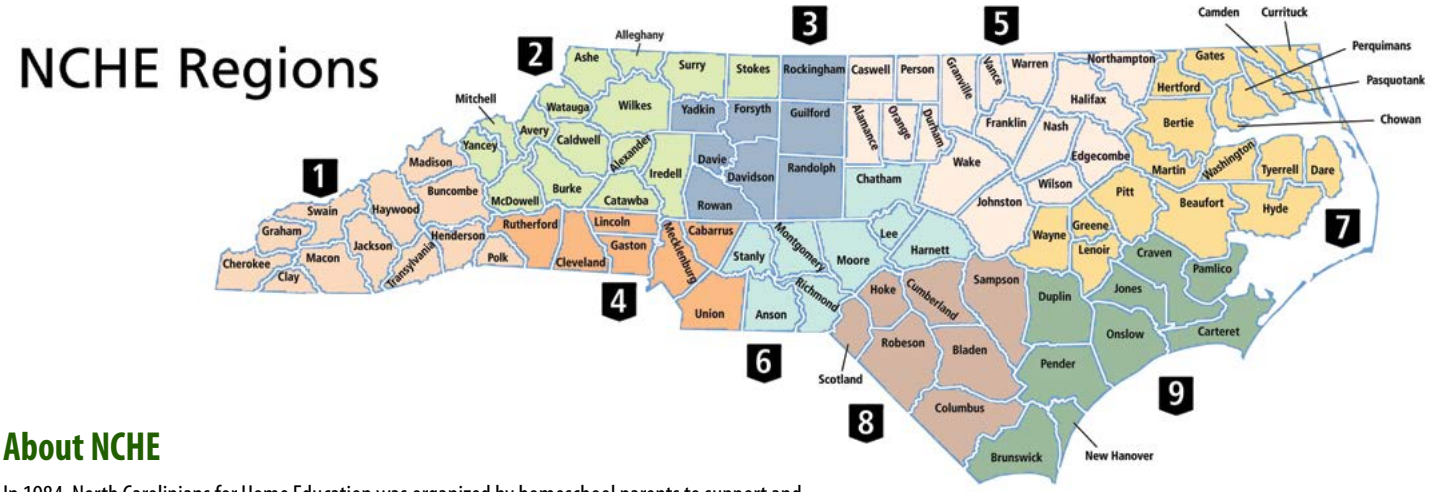


Xaiver Young, son of Sean and Destiney Young of Jacksonville, graduates with honors after faithful dedication to his work ethic and outstanding character. His intelligence is rivaled only by his kind heart and desire to serve, which he will do with the United States Marine Corps. Xaiver, there is nothing in this world you can't accomplish. Psalm 28:7. Remember, we love you always, no matter what.

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