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# THRIVING THROUGH ALL STAGES OF LIFE



*by Kevin McClain*

Congratulations graduates on completing your high school course of study and earning your high school diploma! Savor this time of celebration with your family and friends and enjoy the sense of hope and pride this achievement brings. As you make plans, I trust you will remember the sacrifices many have made to bring you to this point in your academic career.

No doubt you are thinking about the future and working on career plans. You may be a little worried, considering the economy and outlook for employment. It is true that these are trying times, and employment is difficult to come by. Some of you will have dreams of pursuing higher education, either at a community college or a four-year institution. Others may be looking at securing apprenticeships or employment. Both courses of action, I believe, have benefits. I want you to make wise plans. What you do next is a big decision, and I encourage you to thoughtfully consider your options and confer with your parents and other experienced adults in your life as you make your plans. Personally, while I am a big proponent of higher education, I urge you not to acquire debt merely for the sake of a college experience.

Whatever you are considering, I want you to learn from my experience. At your age I really did not understand the true nature of vocation.

On the subject of choosing a vocation, there is a lot of debate among experienced adults who give advice to young adults. Some encourage young adults to understand their passion and then to actively strive toward a role in which they get to do what they are passionate about. Now, it is possible for someone to never get to the point where they are paid full-time to work at something they are passionate about, but the idea here is to pursue that goal. This camp appeals to me, to my idealistic and romantic side. I like the notion that I *could be* a college

professor of educational history, and although I work at a university, in reality, I am not a professor. The reason: there is not a lot of need for educational history professors. But I keep working on that plan. I keep that dream alive. I think there is some good in that.

The other camp argues that one should take a more realistic and pragmatic approach. I also value this. The reality is that the market for professors is tight, and I might be able to find a low-paying professorship, but find that it wouldn't pay my bills. So I have discovered how to use other skills I have—information technology skills—to be gainfully employed at a university. This camp says info technology is obviously the future and that I would be smart to maximize my skills in this field to have an adequate income. I enjoy info technology work; however, I am not as excited about it as I am about teaching educational history.

What does this have to do with vocation? From experience, I know that you may not find the perfect plan for reaching the vocation that suits you perfectly. The way I resolve the tension in my life around choosing a vocation is to rest in my belief that God is sovereign; in other words, He is in control, and where I am right now is—well—where I am. The work I have to do today is the work God has given me to do today. This view, I believe, empowers me to work hard at the information technology job I have, giving my employer a good day's work for the wages I am receiving, but at the same time, allowing me to dream, and to look for opportunities to move closer to my dream, while not feeling

guilty about it, as if I was being ungrateful or discontent.

I am working at thriving. I am working at thriving in my current state and as well as in a potential state. My experience is that this position creates the best possibility for peace and opportunity for new experiences. New experiences bring new insights into my skills and what I can do well and what I find exciting. Which brings me to my closing point: you never really stop learning and graduating. Whatever is next for you, you will one day look back at it as a stage from which you eventually graduated into a new stage of life. It is my hope that when you look back, you will be able to say that you were blessed because you worked hard at thriving. You made good sacrifices, and you received the benefits of them, just like your homeschooling parents have done. Your graduating is an end of a stage for them. I am confident they are looking at you and are excited that you are thriving. They, in turn, will look forward to thriving in a new stage of their own.



*Kevin McClain and his bride, Brea, are in their tenth year of homeschooling. This May, Kevin completed his eight year long journey to earn a PhD in educational philosophy and history from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), where for the last ten years he has been employed as an educational technologist.*

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# NCHE's 2014 Graduates



**Megan Eleesha Abernathy**, daughter of Marc and Laura Abernathy of Wilkesboro, graduates May 17 after twelve years of homeschooling. Megan has been in 4-H, Bible Quest and youth group for eight years. She

and her siblings won Nationals BQ Competition in 2011. She has played piano for four years and also plays violin. She has worked at Chick-fil-A for two years. She plans to attend WCC and study business management. We are so proud of her!



**Emily Ann Adair** of Weaverville graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has many interests; some of her favorites are reading, writing and photography. In 2010 she started her own photography

business, Painted Sunsets Photography. She has been attending DCCC in the Career and College Promise Program. She plans to attend Montreat College and double major in English and cinematic arts.



**Virginia Kennedy Allen** of Fuquay-Varina graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has used her musical talent playing keyboard for the Bridgepointe Church worship teams. Pursuing her interests in

sports, she earned a starting position on the MSF Liberty Elite soccer team. She is currently a physical therapy student intern at Raleigh Orthopedic Athletic Performance Center and will pursue a degree in exercise science.



**Julia Diane Allison**, daughter of Eugene and Carol Allison of Charlotte, graduates on May 31 after being homeschooled all her life. She enjoys playing piano, serving in many family businesses, and singing in the CYC. She is

actively involved in the music and children's ministries at her church. God has gifted Julia with a love for little ones, and she hopes to continue working with children as she earns her college degree through Thomas Edison.



**Kenneth R. Apthorp** graduates on May 25 from the Apthorp Academy in Charlotte. Kenneth has been active with the special needs ministry at Calvary Church. God has given him a musical gift, and he enjoys

combining music with 3D animations and movies, a path he will continue to pursue after graduation. We are so proud of Kenneth's hard work and helpful spirit while working toward his goals.



**Nicholas Sebastian Croom Archer**, the son of Franc and Angela Archer of Monroe, graduates after homeschooling for seven years. He is a junior volunteer at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer. As a limited junior

member, Nick has been able to participate in the annual Southern Christmas Show through the Metrolina Model Railroaders. Nick competed in Bible quizzing through his local church for two years and earned a spot on the regional team in 2011. He also volunteers as a tutor for several hours a week helping younger children with reading and math.



**Carley Hope Arrowood**, daughter of Yancey and Cindy Arrowood, graduates in May after being homeschooled for twelve years. One of her many life verses is Galatians 1:10. She has passionately played fiddle for

seven years and has won multiple awards. She currently plays and sings with Most Wanted Bluegrass who have released their second CD. She is also a songwriter. She wants to pursue a musical career and is praying for the Lord to open a door.



**Matthew Tyler Austin**, son of John and Tammy Austin of Burnsville, graduates following thirteen years of homeschooling. He has played guitar and bass as well as sung with the group Joshua Generation since its

inception nine years ago. The group performs on a regular basis for church meetings and local events. They recently completed their second album. Matthew has enjoyed working on the family dairy farm and plans to continue farming to some extent in the future. He interned with a Ford certified mechanic this past summer and has been offered a partnership following graduation.



**Danielle Nicole Baker**, daughter of Gerald and Kim Baker of Pittsboro, graduates May 24 after homeschooling her entire life. She is currently employed with the YMCA and works with their after-school program. Danielle

participates with NCFCA speech and debate, volunteers at a Christian retirement community and enjoys being a camp counselor for girls in the summer. Her desire is to attend Emmaus Bible College and serve the Lord where He leads.



**David Jeremiah Baker**, son of Gerald and Kimberley Baker of Pittsboro, graduates May 17 after homeschooling his entire life. David attends Central Carolina CC in the College and Career Promise Program and has been employed

as a tutor there. He has participated in NCFCA speech and debate tournaments, played competitive baseball and football and is a member of the Eta Sigma Alpha Honor Society. David plans to attend University of North Georgia.



**Rachel Diane Ballou**, daughter of Joe and Michelle Ballou of Charlotte, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Rachel was a ballet student for ten years and danced in many productions. She has served on

three mission trips, plays the piano, takes voice lessons and participates in a youth choir. She is the vice president of the Zeta Epsilon National Honor Society. Rachel plans to pursue a BS in nursing and to serve on the mission field.



**Anderson Mae Bannister**, daughter of Tim and Kimberley Bannister of Wingate, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. Anderson has placed her love and service to God above all

other pursuits. She has obtained a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, served as president for the 4-H Union County Teen Council and her 4-H club, and participated in the Career and College Promise Program at SPCC. Anderson plans to attend Wingate University.



**Haley Renee Bare**, daughter of Dan and Hope Bare of West Jefferson, graduates May 24 after homeschooling for seven years. She is dually enrolled at Wilkes CC and plans to become a licensed cosmetologist. Haley helps teach in the Awana program at her church and is a member of Generation Excellent, a choir and drama ministry focused on sharing Christ with others. She and her sisters also run a local sewing business. Her life's goal is to serve her Lord wherever He leads her. We love you and are so proud of you, Haley. We are truly blessed to call you our daughter.



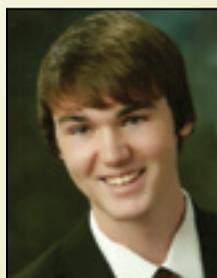
**Sara Mae Barnicle**, daughter of Paul and Tracey Barnicle of Cove City, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. She played classical piano for ten years, participated in mission trips to Costa Rica and was active in her church. She has been involved with the Generation Joshua student political organization, participating in electoral campaigns. She plans to continue her education, pursuing biology at Campbell University. Jeremiah 29:11



**Patrick A. Bello, Jr.**, son of Tony Bello and Melanie Willis, graduates on June 6. Patrick enjoys hunting, fishing and volunteering at his local fire department in Newport. Patrick volunteers at Camp Celebrate, a camp for young burn survivors. He will be a cadet at the Wilson Fire and Rescue Academy starting in July.



**Kathryn Adele Benz**, daughter of Al and Rachel Benz from Greensboro, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Kathryn has been very involved teaching Bible clubs with CEF, running sound and power point for her church, participating in "Pure Fashion" and playing on the GC Heat Basketball team. She is full of life and genuinely cares for people. Kathryn plans to major in nursing. Her dream is to be an overseas pediatric nurse.



**Joel H. Bradshaw**, son of O.J. and Connie Bradshaw of Clinton, graduates after eleven years of homeschooling. He is currently enrolled at Sampson CC. He has been actively involved in 4-H, Royal Rangers, church youth, Sampson Co. Teen Court, homeschool football league, and Barracudas Swim Team. He has had a passion for the guitar since age six. His goal is to become a nurse practitioner. Joel is a great son. We love you!



**Dominique Shavonne Brown**, daughter of Bryson and Sharon Brown of Raleigh, graduates in May 2014 after thirteen years of homeschooling. After a high school career dedicated to academics, spiritual growth, volunteering with her church and local hospital, karate, choir and a mission trip to Haiti, she will attend UNC or UNCG. Dominique plans to pursue a career as a pediatrician with the ultimate goal of serving as a medical missionary.



**Tabitha Ann Brown**, daughter of Rev. Larry and Mrs. Donna Brown of Teachey, graduates after homeschooling for fourteen years. She is active in her church as pianist, treasurer and nursing home worker. For two summers,

she was a junior volunteer at Vidant Duplin Memorial in Kenansville. Tabitha will attend James Sprunt CC to earn her associate's degree in early childhood education. Tabitha has been a great blessing to her family. Congratulations!



**Patrick Sebron Bryant**, son of Kelvin and Patrice Bryant of Greensboro, graduates after fourteen years of homeschooling. Patrick is active with his church youth ministry. He played football, baseball and basketball. He was named to the Western Region All-Star Basketball Team. Most importantly, he loves the Lord and is a blessing to his family. He plans to continue at GTCC to complete his associate's degree then transfer to a four year university.



**Michaela Christine Burns**, daughter of Michael and Joy Burns of Raleigh, graduates May 31 after nine years of homeschooling. She is a National History Day scholar, mock trial competitor and served as a page in the NC House of Representatives. She enjoys playing volleyball and creative writing. She currently serves as secretary for North Wake's National Homeschool Honor Society. Michaela will pursue a degree in English or paralegal studies.



**Emily Noelle Camplejohn**, daughter of Chris and Rebecca Camplejohn of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. Emily has enjoyed competing in swimming, playing piano and volunteering at church. She earned her gold award in Girl Scouts and participated in the Career and College Promise program at Wake Tech. This fall she plans to attend Bodenseehof, a Bible school in Germany.



**Savannah Anne Carman**, daughter of Davis and Rachael Carman of Waxhaw, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She's worked with Habitat for Humanity, pro-life ministries, Carolina Youth Chorale, Illumination Choir and Chick-fil-A. She enjoys reading at Starbucks, talking with friends and writing. She plans to continue her education at Impact 360 in Georgia. She is currently interested in pursuing a career in journalism or education with a minor in bio-ethics.



**Zachary Chaney**, son of Mike and Cheryl Chaney of Roxboro, graduates with honors after being homeschooled his entire life. Zachary is very gifted and talented. He demonstrates good leadership abilities and can do anything he sets his mind to. Zachary's accomplishments include achieving the rank of Bo Dan Black Belt, being awarded NC 4-H Volunteer of the Year, representing his county at the NCACC and serving as vice president of the 4-H County Council. Zachary's interests include martial arts, 4-H, Teen Court attorney and weight lifting. His future plans are to pursue a degree in engineering.



**Abigail Lindsey Clark**, daughter of Randy and Donna Clark of Mooresville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Abbey has participated in drama, dancing and singing with Testify Youth Choir for four years. She has enjoyed volleyball, vocal lessons, hip-hop dance classes and is very active in her church youth group. She plans to attend Mitchell Community College upon graduation.



**Jessica Simmons Conner**, daughter of Kevin and Simmons Conner of New Bern, graduates May 24 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jessica has played the piano for eight years, competing annually in the NCMA

piano competitions. She has played and coached recreation level volleyball and traveled with a Junior Olympic volleyball team for three years. Jessica also enjoys photography, serving her church and serving her family. She will study civil engineering at NC State. Jessica has been a diligent student, a joy to teach and a blessing to her family. She will be sorely missed at Arrow Academy.



**Hannah Gabrielle Davis**, daughter of Max and Rhonda Davis of Durham, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Hannah enjoys public speaking, drama and history, but her passion is music. She is a gifted songwriter

and plays the piano, guitar and drums. An aspiring entrepreneur, she will study business in college and pursue a career in the music industry. Hannah, we are very proud of you and love you! We pray God's best for your life!



**Bethany Frances Council**, daughter of John and Charlotte Council of Laurel Springs, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She is the fourth of six kids. She has three brothers and two sisters. Her hobbies include

reading, scrapbooking, playing her mandolin, photography and Pinterest! She plans to continue in pursuing her hobbies and is undecided about what career path God has chosen for her. Her favorite Bible verse is Psalms 34:7.



**Tia Jenai Davis** of Browns Summit graduates in May after homeschooling for four years. Tia has enjoyed tutoring others, ice skating and her community service activities. She plans to attend High Point University to pursue a degree

in early elementary education.



**Rebekah Lynn Critchett**, daughter of Paul and Angie Critchett of Indian Trail, graduates after one year of homeschooling. She enjoys photography, music and theatre production. She has spent her last three summers

at Bob Jones University participating in drama, art and culinary art classes. She is very involved in her church youth group. Rebekah plans to travel this summer and then attend CPCC to earn a nursing degree.



**Elissa Dawson**, daughter of Mark and Robin Dawson of Durham, graduates with sixteen college credits as a concurrently enrolled student after a lifetime of homeschooling. An honor society member and recipient of the

PVSA, she served as fitness trainer, kindergarten assistant, tutor for Hispanic students, nursery worker and crucifer at her church. A nationally ranked diver, she was three-time national champion and four-time finalist at nationals. With scholarship offers from UNC, Duke, Kentucky and Tennessee, she will dive at UNC, majoring in exercise and sport science with a minor in coaching.



**Landon Jeffrey Day**, son of Geoff and Angie Day of Hudson, graduates in May after homeschooling thirteen years. Landon has been active in his church youth group and has been on mission trips. He excelled in

4-H and, being athletic, has participated in baseball and basketball and his passion, motorcross. His life verse is John 3:30. His future plans are to attend college specializing in criminal justice with the goal to be a NC Highway Patrolman.



**Kelsy Tai Dean**, daughter of Brian and Stephanie Dean of High Point, graduates on May 24, 2014, after homeschooling for four years. She is a competitive figure skater, winning first place at her final competition at the State Games

of America in York, PA, during the summer of 2013. She also rides horses and has three part-time jobs. As a senior, she studied culinary arts through the Career and College Promise program at GTCC in addition to her traditional classes. She plans to attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and double major in marine science and English.



**Hannah Kathryn Deans**, daughter of Barry and Sabrina Deans of Raleigh, graduates May 24 after homeschooling ten years. Hannah enjoys participating in her church youth group, as well as volunteering in service to her

community through VBS, various service projects and Upward Cheerleading. She is interested in pursuing a career in social work or public policy at East Carolina University.



**Rachel Caroline Deans**, daughter of Barry and Sabrina Deans of Raleigh, graduates May 24 after homeschooling ten years. Rachel has been very active in her church youth group and enjoys working with children as

a volunteer with her local elementary school and as an assistant coach with Upward Cheerleading. She plans to attend East Carolina University and pursue a degree in elementary or special education.



**Benjamin Harold DeCarmine**, youngest son of William and JaDiene DeCarmine of Spring Lake, graduates after homeschooling thirteen years. Ben is very active in his church.

He sings with the youth band and is a student leader. He played basketball for the Harnett Warriors for the past five years and volunteers as an assistant middle school basketball coach. Ben plans to acquire an associate's degree and then a bachelor's degree in engineering.



**Jamie Ellen DeLuca**, daughter of Jim and Janna DeLuca of Winston Salem, graduates May 24, after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jamie has enjoyed piano, guitar and basketball. She volunteers in summer camps and at a local

hospital. Jamie is active in her church. She has earned several college credits and plans to pursue nursing after attending Bible college. May God continue to bless you, Jamie! We love you!



**Kathryn Elizabeth Dockham**, daughter of Stephen and Ellen Dockham of Greensboro, graduates in May after homeschooling for ten years. Katy loves all things literary and all things British, from Doctor Who and Sherlock to Austen and

Shakespeare. She served as president of the GHE teen girls' book club for five years and as editor-in-chief of the GHE yearbook for three years. She plans to study creative writing in college.



**Ryan Thomas Dovel**, son of Tom Dovel and Gina Dovel, graduates with honors May 17. Ryan is Dodger, Steeler and ASU fan. He enjoys team policy debate

and debated with NCFCA for three years. Ryan is a leader in youth group at Mt. Pisgah UMC in Greensboro. He is a natural learner, and there are not many subjects he does not enjoy. He loves music and plays the guitar, piano, ukulele, harmonica and banjo. He is a member of the National Honor Society.



**Isabel Ann Dowty**, the daughter of Mark and Allison Dowty of Rural Hall, will graduate after being homeschooled for thirteen years. She is active in her church youth group, teen praise band and handbell choir. She has a love for swimming and was captain of the FHE Hawks swim team. She currently attends FTCC and will attend VA Tech to attain a degree in animal and poultry sciences. We are very proud of the wonderful young woman Isabel has become!



**Brooklynn Sierra Dulaney**, daughter of Rev. Glenn and Charisse Dulaney, graduates May 24 from Apostolic Academy where she has homeschooled since kindergarten. She is concurrently enrolled in Surry CC. Brooklynn is actively involved in many areas of her church including music, Bible quizzing and teaching Sunday school. She has a heart for missions and is excited about ministering in Austria and Hungary this summer. We are proud of you, Brooklynn.



**Hannah Randolph Edmondson**, daughter of Rick and Becky Edmondson, graduates with honors on May 24 after twelve years of homeschooling. She plans to pursue a degree in entrepreneurship from Thomas Edison State College. Hannah has a heart for children and enjoys music, reading, photography and hiking. Her desire is to start a non-profit organization geared towards teaching life skills to orphans in Eastern Europe. Her life verse is 1 Timothy 4:12.



**Nathan Robert Edmondson**, son of Rick and Becky Edmondson of Marion, graduates with honors May 24 after eleven years of homeschooling. He plans to attend Liberty University to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He is an active member of the worship team in his local church. Nathan's interests include music, the history of weaponry, all things outdoor and Tae Kwon Do, in which he has earned his black belt. His life verse is Joshua 24:15.



**Erin Nicole Eley**, daughter of Mark and Christi Eley of Winston-Salem, graduates in May after homeschooling for ten years. Erin has been very active in the arts, performing in over twenty-five plays and taking private voice, acting and dance lessons. She plans to attend college and major in either communications or wildlife biology so she can continue her passion to help people or animals and give back to the world in a positive way.



**Andre Christian Falardeau**, son of Walter and Teresa Falardeau of Clemmons, graduates with honors in May. Homeschooled for eleven years, Andre has been active in cross country, Vertical Generation Choir, and in Calvary Baptist Church youth group. Andre has a heart for missions and has been actively involved in helping Romanian orphans as well as local ministries. He plans to attend North Greenville University.



**Josef Benjamin Falk** of Kernersville is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing and marksmanship. He has won gold, silver and bronze medals in state 4-H shooting competitions and has volunteered to work tech in several

local community theatres. He has homeschooled for seven years and plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice and law enforcement. A member of the NRA, Josef is an advocate of the second amendment and a proud patriot.



**Anna Grace Fields**, daughter of Michael and Lauren Fields of Beaufort, has a dance background of fifteen years. She has competed since the age of nine, earning various awards, and was a finalist at a national competition for the

title of America's Miss Dance 2014. She is active in church and currently sings in her youth praise band. She plans to study journalism and cosmetology at Wake Tech CC before transferring to a university.



**Thomas McLendon Fleming**, son of Bryson and Sandi Fleming of Asheville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. An AP scholar with honor and a recipient of three gold medals on the National Mythology Exam,

Thomas is an Eagle Scout and a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. A cellist in the Hendersonville Symphony Youth Orchestra, Thomas won first place in the HSYO concerto competition. He has also played with the Western Regional Honors Orchestra and the Asheville Young Musicians Club. Dually enrolled at A-B Tech, Thomas plans to attend Clemson or NC State and major in engineering.



**Megan Marie Foltz**, daughter of Ronnie and Leigh Foltz of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for five years. She is very active in Girl Scouting and her church youth group. She sings in her church youth praise band and

assists with their Tiny Tot singers and the after-school Bible Club. She has plans to work for a few years and then marry and pursue a career in motherhood, including one day to homeschool her own children.

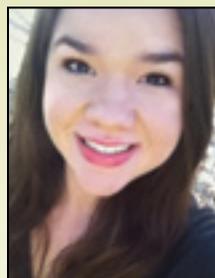


**Judah David Fox**, son of J. Mark and Cindy Fox of Burlington, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Judah has enjoyed sports, mission trips to Colombia and Kenya and local theatre, which is his passion. He works as an administrative assistant and sound technician for Antioch Community Church. He is a student at Alamance Community College and plans to transfer to a university where he will use his theatre major to glorify the Lord.



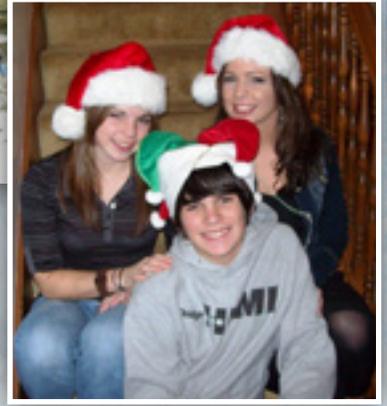
**John William Frye IV**, son of John and Shelley Frye of Raleigh, graduates after being homeschooled for thirteen years. John William has enjoyed participating in Scouts and various sports teams. He spent nine years

with HFL football playing as quarterback in high school. Out of an interest in business and desire to work with his hands, he founded SubdueCreateMaintain, a yard service company. At church, he leads a middle school group, leads the high school ushers and is on the worship team. Final high school trips include mission trips to Guatemala and Mexico. He will pursue a degree in business.



**Olivia Rae Fuelling**, youngest and much loved daughter of Linda and Roger Fuelling of Wilmington, graduates in May after homeschooling all her life. Olivia has played flute for nine years. She is very active in church, orchestra

and volunteering in her community. She has been employed part-time with Chick-fil-A Mayfaire for two years. This past April, Olivia was also an Azalea Belle for the Azalea Fest. She has been attending Cape Fear Community College during her senior year in the dual-enrollment program and plans to continue towards a degree in the business side of medical.



# Congratulations!

## ..... **JUSTIN HARTMAN**

We are very proud of Justin! He seeks God's direction for his life and is grateful for the opportunities the Lord has given him. Justin's greatest desire is to follow Christ unconditionally.

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." ~ Matthew 6:33*



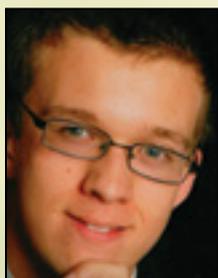
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**Lennie Thomas Gardner III** of Garner graduates after homeschooling for nine years. Len has enjoyed being involved in his youth group and Awana programs. He has played baseball with the Wake County Warriors for six years.

He plans to attend Wake Tech CC and transfer to NCSU. He enjoys hunting, fishing, playing guitar and working on cars—his family's Mustangs. He appreciates all the wisdom from parents, grandparents, coaches and leaders.



**Caleb Jeremiah Gibson**, son of Robbie and Annette Gibson, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is very active at his church, singing in the choir and praise band, playing guitar and drums, participating in the youth

group (including several musical and drama performances), working at a neighborhood mission to feed the hungry and with other outreach efforts, leading children at a summer enrichment program and playing on the church basketball and softball teams. He plans to attend Southeastern and follow his call to missions and ministry, claiming the promise of Jeremiah 29:11.



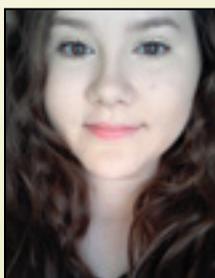
**Nancy Welles Gordon**, daughter of Hart and Nancy Gordon of Stoneville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Nan ran cross country for the FHE Hawks, and became the Varsity State Champion. Running

is her passion. She has completed charitable 5Ks and half marathons. Nan is active in Community Bible Study, volunteering each week in the children's program. Nan plans to continue her education by majoring in forestry.



**John Bradley Gupton, Jr.**, son of John and Rebecca Gupton of Wake Forest, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. He has participated

for four years in the Lighthouse basketball program, and attended numerous basketball camps and clinics. His favorite verse is Philippians 4:13. He plans to attend college, pursuing a degree in business and sports management.



**Emily Jean Hair**, daughter of Robert and Donna Hair of New Bern, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years.



**Justin Hartman**, son of Jerry and Becky Hartman of Lillington, graduated on March 6, after homeschooling all his life. He participated in ALERT, Teen Pact, Quest, SEEK, HFL, CYT, NFL, NCFCA and FELC. His honors are: Grange

Degree of Ceres, Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Society and National Society of High School Scholars. He is certified in: CPR and AED, high angle rescue and advanced open water diving. His hobbies include: ultimate Frisbee, dancing and being an Awana leader. Justin is currently enrolled in the CollegePlus program.



**Kayla Jane Hartsell**, daughter of James and Melissa Hartsell of Elm City, graduates May 31 after homeschooling thirteen years. She was involved in 4-H leadership and livestock, having raised championship lambs. She

worked with children in Awana, taught beginning gymnastics and participated in several gymnastics competitions

including the state championships. She enjoys her work at 1604 Day Spa and is open to the Lord's leading for her future.



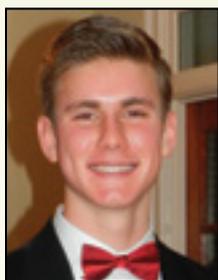
**Virginia Elizabeth Hawley**, daughter of Michael and Gidget Hawley of Winterville, graduates after homeschooling eleven years. Virginia has developed a love for music and not only enjoys singing in her church choir but also demonstrates a beautiful ability on the guitar. She is the second-born of ten children. Psalm 23 is her life verse. She plans to attend Bob Jones University to major in music or performance.



**Lauren Elizabeth Henley**, daughter of John and Rhonda Henley of Claremont, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. She is very active in her church youth group, participating in a mission trip to Honduras, working with kids and teens. She has also participated in CFA Fire basketball and softball, receiving the Most Improved Player and Sharp Shooter awards in basketball. She plans to attend CVCC then transfer to USC to study nursing.



**Caleb Ray Herrin**, son of Tim and Angelia Herrin of Monroe, graduates in May after homeschooling since kindergarten. Caleb is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 169 and is working on his Eagle project. He attended Wingate University as a dual enrolled student. He plans to continue his education at Stanly Community College and study radiography.



**Harper Jeffrey Hicks**, son of Hugh and Jill Hicks of Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Harper's honors include president of the local National Honor Society, captain of the Stallions 2014 State Champions

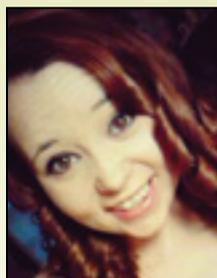
Soccer Team, member of the NCHC All-Conference Soccer Team and finalist in the UNCC Levine Scholars Program. Harper enjoys his work as pianist at Charlotte airport, leading worship at his church and serving the Lord.



**Anna Louise High**, daughter of Ken and Kim High of Holly Springs, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has participated in NCFCA, CYT, 4-H, Cross Wave and swim team. A highlight was attending NCFCA nationals. She is active in her church youth group and has gone on mission trips to Peru and Tennessee. She enjoys photography and music and loves working with children on Sunday mornings and in Awana. Anna will attend Liberty.



**Bailey Renee Hill**, daughter of Verne and Paula Hill of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Bailey is a dance instructor and choreographer. She plays guitar and sings in her church worship band. Bailey is on the Dean's List and a Scholar of Global Distinction at DCCC in the Career and College Promise Program. Bailey will attend High Point University; she has been accepted into the Honors and Media Fellows Programs.



**Hosanna Lea Hill**, daughter of Jessie and Patricia Hill of Greensboro, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. Hosanna participated in Greensboro Panthers volleyball. She enjoys spending time with family and hanging out with friends. Hosanna plans to pursue a career in cosmetology.



**Luke Christopher Hill**, son of Jeff and Tammy Hill of Goldsboro, graduates on May 23 after being homeschooled for ten years. During his high school career,

Luke participated in 4-H, volunteered, worked and took classes at Wayne CC. Luke enjoys outside activities. Luke has grown into a wonderful young man that has many goals and dreams. Luke has considered several plans for the future but has not yet fully decided.



**Brooke Gray Hughes**, daughter of Mark and Alison Hughes of Creedmoor, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. Brooke enjoys reading, history and playing piano. She plans to attend the College at Southeastern to pursue degrees in history and music.



**Lindsey Victoria Hooker**, daughter of David and Gwenda Hooker of Walkertown, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Her passions include art, photography and music. She has been very active in 4-H and church and has played guitar in several bands. She loves the Lord, enjoys serving in her community and looks forward to fulfilling God's plan for her life. She plans to enter the photography program at Randolph Community College.



**Addison Rose Hutchins**, daughter of Jerry and Vickie Hutchins of High Point, graduates in May after homeschooling for twelve years. Addie has always loved the arts and has pursued that interest through many years of piano, dance and other art forms. She has been recognized for her piano playing with awards and honors. She is a member of the Arts Evangelica Dance Company, a ministry that shares God's love throughout the world. She also loves teaching dance worship. Addie plans to continue in her dance ministry while attending GTCC then transferring to UNC-G.



**Lauren Faith Howard**, daughter of Chip and Beth Howard of High Point, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. Lauren has danced with Arts Evangelica for twelve years and is a member of the Dance Company. She especially enjoys classical ballet. Lauren plans to attend Union University in Jackson, TN, in order to prepare for a career in physical therapy. Lauren, you are beautiful, and we love you!



**Emma Rose Isom**, daughter of Gary and Jo Anne Isom of Gastonia, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has participated in 4-H concentrating in poultry science and the electric programs. She has been active in CBS eTeen Bible study. Her life verse is Proverbs 3:5. Emma plans to attend Gaston College.



**Lindsay Catherine Howard** of Raleigh graduates in May after homeschooling for three years. She has a GPA of 4.88 and has been involved in several extracurricular activities. She particularly enjoys teaching the toddler class at her church and volunteering at an animal shelter. She has been accepted at NC State University and William Peace University and will attend one of these universities in the fall where she plans to major in psychology.



**Luke Holden Jackson**, son of Roy and Christy Jackson of Dunn, graduates on May 24 after homeschooling for ten years. We are very proud of you, Luke, and wish you the best at anything you do. The future is bright, so do anything you wish.

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**Erin Grace Jones**, daughter of Wayne and Kristin Jones of Wallburg, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. She is a lifelong learner who loves God, nature, dancing in its many forms, reading and all things Disney. We

are very proud of her as she grows in her faith and continues her education away from home. Erin plans to attend either Bryan College or UNC Wilmington to study science.



**Andrew Thomas Jordan**, son of Cliff and Jennifer Jordan of Clemmons, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Andrew has studied piano and music theory for the past ten years. He is also a member of the

FHE fencing team. Andrew is active in his church youth group, and serves in both worship and children's ministry. After graduation, he plans to pursue training in sound engineering and music production.



**Maggie Kanipe**, daughter of Chad and Angela Kanipe of Newton, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She has enjoyed volunteering at hospice and The Corner Table, as well as making music in her church

handbell and chancel choirs. She is participating in the dual enrollment program at Bryan College and plans to study English literature there as an undergraduate.



**Noah Keith**, son of Brian and Connie Keith of High Point, graduates May 24 after homeschooling twelve years. He has a strong work ethic, leadership skills and an uncanny sense of humor. Noah enjoys church youth

group, time with friends and working on his truck. Employed in landscaping, he also plans to study auto repair at DCCC.

We pray for Noah to seek the Lord in all he does and emulate Genesis 6:8, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."



**Zachary B. Key** of Lenoir, son of Phillip and Donna Key, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling at Roundhouse Christian Academy. Zac will be attending Gardner-Webb

University School of Nursing to obtain his BSN and then graduate school for CRNA. He has been in 4-H for thirteen years, drummer for his church and earned the Awana Citation award. For eleven years, Zac has been a competitive USA swimmer and will continue on the GWU team.



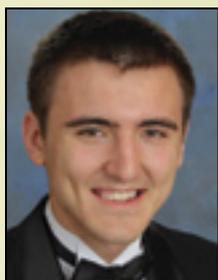
**John Lucas Owens Kirkland**, son of John and Lorie Kirkland of Indian Trail, graduates after homeschooling grades kindergarten through twelfth. Luke was a successful football kicker

for the Carolina Pride, played soccer and sang in the Carolina Youth Chorale. He is a member of the Lambda Alpha Honor Society, enjoys math and is considering a major in mechanical engineering after a gap year attending the International ALERT Academy in Texas.



**Jacob Terry Kirkus** of Lexington graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. His interests are in God, racing, four-wheeling, cars, hunting and shooting. He plans to attend Hennessey Performance School in

Texas to further his knowledge in high performance cars. Afterwards, his goal is to achieve his lifelong dream of racing and opening up his own high performance and tuning racing shop in Charlotte. Psalm 69:6.



**Jacob John Klar**, son of Les and Deborah Klar of Burlington, graduates May 24 after being homeschooled his entire life. He is in the University Pathway program at ACC. He has been a valued member on his basketball team,

Alamance Warriors, for five years. He is a member of Kinnett Baptist Church. The Lord has given Jacob a fun and loving heart for all people. He plans to pursue computer science and design. His life verse is I Corinthians 10:13.



**Hannah Roxanne Lee**, the daughter of Chris and Medià Lee of Mt. Olive, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. Hannah loves playing the violin and piano, 4-H, singing and performing with Project Jump.

Hannah is very involved in her church music and children's ministries. She has also served on a mission trip to Kenya and has a heart for serving others. She will attend the University of Mt. Olive and major in communications.

**Micah Elizabeth Lee**, the daughter of Chris and Medià



Lee of Mt. Olive, graduates with honors after homeschooling all her life. She loves to study music, especially piano, violin, voice and xylophone. She is very active in 4-H, her church and Project Jump. Micah has also served on a mission

trip to Kenya. Most importantly, she loves to serve her Lord and Savior. Micah plans to attend the University of Mt. Olive to study biology and music.



**Alyssa Ann Leonard**, daughter of Russell and Shirley Leonard of Lexington, graduates May 1 after homeschooling for seven years. She enjoys cooking, playing the piano and karate. Alyssa plays the piano for her church and has

earned a first degree black belt in Kyokushin karate. She will attend community college in the fall.



**Alexander James Linton**, son of AJ and Suzanne Linton of Mt. Olive, graduates with honors May 24 after homeschooling for twelve years. His interests include archery, four-wheeling, and water sports. Alec is an Eagle Scout,

NC Delegate for NREC Youth Leadership Council and a National Homeschool Honor Society member. He is a violist in his church orchestra and a member of Goldsboro HEAT Basketball and Clinton Barracudas swim team. Alec is an amazing and wonderful part of our family!



**Rebecca Lobach**, daughter of David and Mary Lee Lobach of Durham, graduates in June after homeschooling all her life. She captained Durham Flight VG basketball and played AAU for four years. An outstanding student, she

is being recruited by NCAA colleges and plans to study sports medicine. She enjoys cooking and has won many state fair prizes. Her family is very proud of her and cheers her on as she pursues all God has for her. Jeremiah 29:11



**Rebekah Leigh Mackin**, daughter of Kevin and Debbie Mackin of Cary, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Rebekah has participated in TeenPact and competitive speech and debate through the NCFCA.

She is active in her church youth group and is on the student leadership team and youth worship team. She also volunteers with the children's ministry. Her life verse is Psalms 112:7. She plans to attend the Florida School of Discipleship.



**Amelia Mae Manriquez**, daughter of Mark and Hilda Manriquez of Princeton, graduates from Promise Christian Academy. She is the worship band leader at church and has spent many hours volunteering at historic sites giving

tours and demonstrations. Amelia has been to Nicaragua for missions work and hopes to do more. She will be attending community college in the fall.



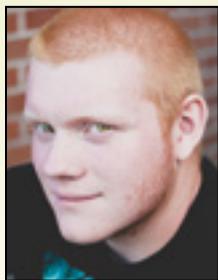
**Gabrielle (Gabie) Nicole Marshall**, daughter of Mike and Ronda Marshall of Asheville, graduates May 16 after homeschooling for thirteen years. During high school, Gabie participated in Trailblazer

volleyball, choir and served on the Ezra Project board. She is currently serving as an au pair in Madrid, Spain, and plans to continue her studies this fall.



**Kara Ashley Mayor**, daughter of Adam and Kim Mayor of Wendell, graduates in May after homeschooling since birth. Ashley is passionate about her relationship with Jesus, her five siblings and photography. This

summer she is traveling to Haiti on a medical mission trip. She plans to attend The College of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest and assist in the preschool at her church. Ashley's life verse is Acts 20:24.



**Jacob Thomas McCormack**, son of Gary and Debora of Midway Park, graduates in June after completing his nine year homeschooling journey. Jacob enjoys his role as student youth leader with Enon Baptist,

participation in World Changers mission trips, outstanding

grades and money from the part-time landscaping job. His major is in mechanical engineering with acceptance letters from NC State, Missouri S&T and UNC Charlotte. He has chosen NC State.



**Naomi L. McIlvaine**, daughter of Rick and Marji McIlvaine, was always homeschooled. Besides the academics, she has faithfully served in the church nursery for ten years and has been involved with forensic speech and 4-H. Her

biggest challenge was a battle with an aggressive leukemia, a bone marrow transplant, and a difficult recovery. She plans to become a child-life specialist. We celebrate her graduation with gratitude to God and profound joy.



**Christopher Noel McManus**, son of Mark and Anita McManus of Morganton, graduates May 17 after homeschooling for twelve years. During high school, he enjoyed playing football for the Morganton Mountaineers and MX

racing in regional and national motocross events. He is active in his church, serving as an altar server for ten years. Chris's passion is repairing and racing motorcycles. He plans to pursue a career in racing.



**Noah Jeffrey Medlin**, son of Marty and Donna Medlin of New London, graduates May 16 from Vision Christian Academy. Noah has been active in the performing arts since age five, his passion being music. He is a drummer for

his church's praise band, an actor and a theatre musician. He is currently employed as a percussion instructor. Noah is open to God's leading for his life's work and seeks to live in the center of His will.



**Siera C. Merritt**, daughter of Samuel and Tiffany Merritt of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. Siera has actively participated in NCHC volleyball for four years, achieved her black belt in karate

and has served as part of a youth mission team to Haiti. With a heart for service, Siera has decided to pursue a career in nursing and will attend the University of Toledo. Her life verse is Philippians 4:6-7.



**Cayla Victoria Miller**, daughter of Rev. Joey and Crystal Miller, graduates with honors after homeschooling thirteen years. Her joy is her five years of competing in team policy debate and speech in NCFCA, where she has ranked

nationally. She is a gifted singer, musician, writer and animal enthusiast. She enjoyed an assignment as a Governor's Page. She plans to attend law school after completion of her undergraduate degree at Liberty University.



**Ivan Thomas Miller**, son of Thomas and Donna Miller of Gates, graduates after thirteen years. Ivan enjoys being active outdoors and spending time hiking, canoeing, biking and running. He plans to hike the entire Appalachian Trail

one day. He's served several years as a counselor at Camp Cale, a summer camp in Hertford, NC. Upon graduation, he plans to gain practical work experience before entering in a technical school for a skilled trade.



**Americo Michael Minotti, III**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Minotti of State Road, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Michael tutors math at Surry CC where he attends dual

enrollment courses. He is on the President's List, Phi Theta Kappa, Eta Sigma Alpha, NSHSS, and Mu Eta Sigma. He has enjoyed soccer, basketball, chess and Boy Scouts, obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Michael plans to study computer science at Liberty University.



**Austin Shealtiel Morris**, son of Kenneth and Karen Morris of Mount Gilead, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is active in 4-H, winning many awards and medals. Austin volunteers weekly at his local

food pantry, writes his own sports blog and is active in his church. Austin plans to attend Stanly Community College as a transfer student, pursuing a degree in sports management to become a professional football coach.



**Gabriel Joseph Muldovan** has strived to achieve God's best for his life throughout the thirteen years he has been home educated. He has enjoyed participating in FHE fencing, Home Moravian Community Band, and Royal

Rangers where he earned the Gold Eagle badge. Gabe hopes to follow where the Lord leads him from here forward.



**Jaclyn Nicole Mundy**, daughter of Philip and Shelia Mundy of Barnardsville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jackie loves being in the outdoors and is a dog lover. She has a poodle named Jasmine who

is special to her and also spoiled. She would like to thank all of her family for the help and support they have given to her through the years. Her goal in life after graduating is to follow the Lord's plan for her.



**Alison Leigh Nailor**, of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Ali has enjoyed leading worship in her youth group and volunteering at Hope Reins. She competes in the NCFCA and serves as a youth leader

for SpeakOut. Ali has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years, serving as historian and social chair. She enjoyed traveling to Ghana in 2012 as part of a medical mission. Ali plans to attend either NCSU or ASU.



**Harrison William Nobles**, son of Lynette and Hugh and a life-long homeschooler, lives in Southport. He enjoys computer tech, cycling, fitness, hunting and Russian car wreck videos. Harrison is a reliable, courteous, responsible

young man. Recently Harrison achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This year he has been in Classical Conversations and has worked as a life guard at Brunswick CC. His plans include a career in computer science.



**Kellie Denae Osborne**, daughter of Micheal and Katrina Osborne, graduates with honors on May 24 from DSA #5. A dual-enrolled student at CCC&TI, she is currently studying early childhood education. Denae is an active

member at her church and has been an active member of 4-H since age five. She sings, makes bracelets for missions, teaches children's dance and drama. Her favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. We are so proud to be your parents, love you.



**Kellie "Beth" Palmer**, daughter of Dean and Sheila Palmer of Mount Airy, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Beth has participated in mission trips to New York, Vermont and Pennsylvania. She volunteers

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at the Pilot Mountain Outreach Center's Toy Store. Beth has been employed part-time at Subway for three years. She plans to attend Surry Community College in the fall.



**McKayla Grace Parks**, daughter of Dwayne and Kris Parks, graduates on May 24 after homeschooling for ten years. She has held various officer positions in the TEACH 4-H club as well as the Wayne County 4-H program.

She was a senior leader on the PROJECT JUMP jump rope program and currently participates in courses at Wayne CC. She plans to further her education at WCC, then transfer.



**Kaitlyn Hope Partin**, daughter of Craig and Melody Partin, is graduating after homeschooling for eight years. She is very active in her church youth group and has a heart for children of all ages and circumstances.

She is called into full-time ministry and will be attending Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina. Hope loves writing and has been published in a magazine and an anthology. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11.



**Jennifer Kathleen Patterson**, daughter of Allen and Joyce Patterson of Wendell, graduates May 24 after homeschooling all of her life. Jennifer has enjoyed playing basketball and teaching and

volunteering at church. She has a sweet, compassionate spirit and a natural talent for working with young children. Jennifer will attend Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA. We love you, Jennifer, and are extremely proud of you.



**Zachary Ray Patton**, son of Brian and Kimberly Patton of Monroe, graduates May 23 after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has enjoyed playing football in a local recreation league and soccer with SOAR Sports. He has been very involved with serving the Lord on worship teams and drums is his passion. Zachary hopes to attend ministry school this fall and eventually follow his call to evangelize in other nations.



**Joanna Paul**, daughter of Ravi and Nancy Paul of Greenville, will graduate after homeschooling for thirteen years. Joanna has enjoyed competing in team policy debate and various types of speech with NCFCA during her high school years.

Joanna loves to do everything with excellence as unto the Lord and truly lives a life of serving others. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing and continue to learn, live and serve as she shares Jesus' love. We are proud of you and pray that God will continue to use you wherever you are! We praise Him for you are fearfully and wonderfully made! Psalm 139:14



**Christopher Peck**, son of Steven and Kathy Peck, has been homeschooled for thirteen years. On May 24, he will graduate from Peck Academy. Christopher played basketball for Lighthouse Eagles of NCHCEAC. Presently, he works at

Wake County Library. He plans to attend college in the fall, majoring in history. We are very proud of him and we pray that he will always seek the Lord's direction for his life. We love you! Dad, Mom, Deborah



**Brian Phagan**, son of Tim and Leanne Phagan of Maryville, TN, formerly of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. A 4-H Honor Club member, he has been active

in 4-H for eleven years, competing in photography and public speaking. Brian enjoyed playing basketball for the Davidson Guardians as well as being active in community service with his 4-H club and church. He is heading to an undecided college to major in awesomeness.



**Hannah Nicole Pittman**, daughter of Tim and Judy Pittman of Mount Airy, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She has participated in Surry Running Patriots basketball and

cross country team. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life." She currently attends SSC and plans to transfer and continue in the nursing program.



**Taylor Anne Pressley** of Stokesdale graduates from MDNC Academy after homeschooling from kindergarten through high school. Taylor has a servant's heart, volunteering her time and talents in the children's ministries of her

church. Taylor loves dancing and studies jazz, ballet and modern dance. She plans to study cosmetology. Psalm 39:7 summarizes Taylor's confidence for the future: "And now Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you."



**Leah Jean Privette**, daughter of Eric and Robin Privette of Jefferson, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. She enjoys reading, photography, crocheting, cooking, drama and singing. She has been a member

of Generation Excellent a homeschool Christian choir for ten years. Leah's giving heart and strong convictions are a reflection of her deep love for the Lord. We look forward to seeing where the Lord leads Leah as she continues to serve Him. We love you and are so proud of you. What a blessing you are to us!



**Aaron Ratterman**, son of Dona Ratterman of Thomasville, graduates from Haynes Hill Academy on May 24 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Aaron began learning guitar two years ago and recently started mandolin. He is a member of a band that he formed with his friends, and performs with them at church. He wants to continue advancing in music and someday turn it into a possible career.



**Hannah Ray**, daughter of Micah and Jennifer, graduates after eight years of homeschool. She enjoys theatre, mission trips and time with friends and family. She is a lover of stories, a writer of words and a thinker of thoughts.

By the time you read this, she will have decided her next steps in life. Hannah thanks all who have been part of her story, her loving parents and Jesus for His love which will guide her next chapter in life. Romans 5:5



**Jacob Keelyn Rego** is the only son of Joe and Danette of Wake Forest. Jacob graduates after homeschooling since kindergarten and is our final graduate. The fruit of his life can be described in many ways: a Christian man—just and compassionate, an Eagle Scout—persevering and serving, a WF Police Explorer—strong and determined, a leader—steadfast and hardworking, a friend—loyal and caring. He has enlisted in the Navy and awaits orders.



**Rachel Rhodes**, daughter of Michael and Linda Rhodes of Hendersonville, graduates after homeschooling for nine years. Rachel has attended and worked for Camp Greystone, a Christian girls

camp, for seven years. She has participated in FAR, a girls club, church youth group, soundboard and recording for her church and volunteering at The Storehouse, a local food mission. She is accepted to WCU and will pursue sound recording.



**Heidi Ritner** of High Point, daughter of Tucker and Denise Ritner, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Heidi has been a joy and delight in our family. She loves the Lord with all her heart and carries that into

everything she does. She has been active in youth group. She plays on a soccer team and teaches gymnastics. She is gifted with children and plans to pursue a degree in early childhood education at the University of Montana.



**Elijah James Roark**, son of Lane and Lenore Roark of North Wilkesboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He enjoys producing videos and playing the bass guitar and piano for his church. His life verse is

Jeremiah 29:11. He plans to attend Regent University and pursue a bachelor of arts degree in cinema-television.



**Isaac Edward Robson**, son of Tim and Deborah Robson of Kannapolis, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. He is active in his church youth group, lead drummer in the youth praise band, coach and referee for

Upward basketball, premier production concerts volunteer and mission trips volunteer. His life verse is Romans 1:16. He plans to attend Rowan-Cabarrus CC for two years, then Gardner-Webb to pursue a career in audio/visual effects.



**Brad David Rowan**, son of Jeff and Beth Rowan of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Brad played on the varsity soccer team and the homeschool football team. He has taught himself several computer

languages and spends free time answering programming questions online at Stack Overflow. He enjoys playing his drums and gardening. Brad plans to attend college where he will major in pre-med or engineering. We are thankful to our Lord for entrusting Brad to us, and it truly has been a blessing educating him at home. Congratulations! We love you, Brad! Stay faithful son!



**Evangeline Grace Ruff**, daughter of Brian and Amy Ruff of Durham, graduates from Chancery Academy on May 31 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Eva displays God's love and grace in who she is and all she

does. She blesses many with her godly character and gifts, singing worship, helping with church services, dancing, playing volleyball and basketball, serving on a mission to DR and working at a dermatology spa. Eva blesses others with the outer beauty God gave her and the inner beauty of character which she cultivates to God's glory. Eva will attend Aveda for cosmetology. We love you, Eva!



**Eliza Joan Russ**, daughter of Ed and Mary Russ of Raleigh, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is active in her church's children's ministry and greeting team and helps lead a Bible study on NC State's campus.

She enjoys piano, reading, healthy cooking and crafting of all kinds with a special interest in clothing design. Her plans are to start a sewing business and continue volunteering with her church.



**Daniel Christian Russell**, son of HL and Lynda Russell of Thomasville, graduates after homeschooling his entire academic years. Dan shares his musical gift, playing guitar and singing in his church praise band. He volunteers

and serves in US and foreign missions. As a senior Dan has participated in CCP at DCCC in the automotive technology department and will receive both the auto tech and diesel certificates. He plans to continue those studies.



**Laura Camille Schnoor**, daughter of Joel Schnoor and Michelle Barry of Apex, graduates June 7 after thirteen years of homeschooling. Laura is active in church and has assumed leadership roles in the youth group

and participated in music ensembles. Laura swims and plays

water polo with the Raleigh Seahawks. She also enjoys playing and teaching piano. Laura will attend Campbell University and will major in pre-physician assistant biology.



**Nicholas Seymour** of Lenoir graduates May 24. He spent eight years as a vocalist/guitar player for Sweetbriar Jam bluegrass band. He is currently in the praise bands at Flemings Chapel BC. He has received Awana's Citation and

multiple music awards. He works part-time at Western Carolina Electrical Supply and plans to attend college at CCC&TI or Catawba College in Salisbury. He is dedicated to serving the Lord and is a blessing to all.



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**Steven Wesley Sheets**, son of Branson and Stephanie Sheets of Greenville, graduates from twelve years of homeschooling. Wesley has enjoyed soccer, drama ministry, Karate, Tae Kwon Do and being on the worship teams at church. He is

currently enrolled at PCC in the Career and College Promise Program and intends to spend a year with Life Action Ministries before continuing his education.



**Cassia Morgan Sherrill**, daughter of Randy and Martha Sherrill of Newton, graduates after having always been homeschooled. She has enjoyed dancing and acting throughout her school years but has found her passion in writing and

movie productions. She hopes to pursue this further in college. "To change the world for God's glory" is her life goal, which she hopes to achieve through her films!



**George David Silliman**, of Greensboro, graduated in December. Homeschooling from the beginning allowed him to pursue his passions: Scripture, drama, apologetics, writing and Lego design. Currently attending Laurel University, George is

majoring in ministry. His life-calling is to defend the Truth and to uphold the Word of God as entirely accurate and trustworthy.



**Peyton Boone Simmons**, son of David and Tracy Simmons of Dobson, graduates after homeschooling for nine years. He enjoys science and history, serving his church in youth, drama, missions and brotherhood. He has swum for the Dobson Team

for fourteen years, enjoys snow skiing, riding horses, flying airplanes and is an EAA Young Eagle. He is an avid hiker, is learning to be a blacksmith and a bladesmith. He plans to pursue a degree in engineering.



**Esther Kathleen Sloyer**, daughter of Robert and Mary Sloyer of Winston-Salem, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is a talented artist who has established her own pet portrait business, selling her commissioned

works both in the US and internationally. Esther is an avid fiction writer and is a self-published author. She also loves horsemanship and spent three years as a volunteer at Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center. Esther is interested in criminal justice technology and cybercrime and is considering studies in these areas.



**Margaret Althea Sloyer**, daughter of Robert and Mary Sloyer of Winston-Salem, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Margaret is an accomplished flutist and pianist and has won numerous state and regional

competitions in both instruments. She has performed in master classes with world-renowned flutists Leone Buyse and Christina Jennings and has been a member of the Winston-Salem Youth Orchestras throughout high school. Margaret is a member of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Honor Society and has been accepted at UNC School of the Arts for a degree in flute performance.



**Ethan Thomas Smith**, son of William and Gwenna Smith of Asheboro, has enjoyed thirteen years of learning while at Lake Country Academy. He is an Eagle Scout and recently participated as co-captain of his varsity basketball team. Ethan

has also participated with the local drama club and has sung at the state fair with his sisters. Upon graduating, he plans to continue entertaining with his guitar and singing.



**Kerri Elizabeth Smith**, daughter of Jerry and Karen Smith of Asheboro, graduates after being homeschooled for twelve years. Kerri enjoys meeting new people, playing guitar and sports, baking and sewing. She has attended Bailey's

Grove Baptist Church for thirteen years and has attended many youth conferences and camp. Kerri is currently employed at Hobby Lobby and loves her job. Her plans are to attend cosmetology school in the near future.



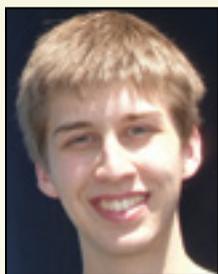
**Jayson Louis Spencer**, son of Jay and Karen Spencer, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. During high school, Jayson participated in the Garner Classical Conversations Challenge program, and he also played in the Homeschool

Football League. Jayson plans to enter Wake Tech's college transfer program in science. Our prayer for you is Colossians 1:9-10. Congratulations, Jayson!



**Matthew Hunter Stanley**, son of Scott and Kim Stanley of Four Oaks, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Matt has enjoyed bowling in two different leagues and participating in USBC competitions. Several times

his team has placed first in both leagues, and Matt has received many patches for his accomplishments. He has competed in Science Olympiad at Campbell University. Matt has been active in his Student Government Association doing community service projects. He plans to pursue a degree in computer technology integration at Wake Technical Community College.



**Daniel Lee Stickel**, son of David and Julie Stickel of Chapel Hill, has always been homeschooled. He will be a sophomore at Alamance CC planning to study medicine at UNC.

His 4.0 earned this year's ACC President's Honor List. Artistic, sensitive and kind, Daniel has encouraged our family, our Chinese ministry, the Durham Flight basketball team seven years and an Odyssey of the Mind team five years, winning third at World's Competition. Much love.



**Conner Logan Stipe** of The TLC Academy of Learning will be graduating in May. He is the son of Ron and Lynn Stipe of Concord. Conner enjoys snowboarding, basketball, cycling and swimming. He is also a member of the Special

Olympics Cabarrus County Steering Committee and is a Global Messenger for Special Olympics NC. Conner plans to follow a career path of costume and 3D video game designing.



**Jared Scott Strickland**, son of David and Denise Strickland, graduates from Strickland Academy after homeschooling for twelve years. Jared is an Eagle Scout from Troop 63 in Pine Level. He has been an active member of Johnston

County Home Educators (JCHE) and has played basketball for the Goldsboro Heat for the past four years. Jared will attend Pensacola Christian College to pursue a career in criminal justice. We are very proud of him!



**Melissa Gail Sultan**, daughter of Aaron and Cheryl Sultan of Rolesville, graduates from Grace Academy after homeschooling for thirteen years. She enjoys piano, voice and musical theatre and has shared her love of music in church

and nursing homes. She loves children and has held steady babysitting jobs since age thirteen. She looks forward to sharing the love of Christ at a four-year NC university, where she has received a music scholarship.



**Dolly Marie Taylor**, only daughter and youngest child of Ron and Julie Taylor of Cary, graduates May 24 after thirteen years of home education. Irrepressibly ambitious, Dolly knows God made her for a purpose and doesn't want

to miss it! She looks forward to continuing her education at Liberty University.



**Hanna Marie Troedsson**, daughter of Eric and Rebecca Troedsson of Durham, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She has played volleyball within the NCHC league and Club Red. She participated in

Legacy Production's Drama camps for seven years. Hanna will be attending Durham Tech in the fall and will transfer to Appalachian State to focus on forestry.



**Jackson Scott Ussery**, son of Scott and Vanessa Ussery of Elizabethtown, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Jackson, an accomplished pianist and vocalist, is very involved in his church and helps lead worship

on the youth and adult praise teams. He enjoys basketball, theater, and mixed martial arts. He currently attends Bladen CC and after a gap year of mission work and apprenticeships, plans to attend The College at Southeastern.



**Joseph Alton Vuke**, son of Tom and Darlene Vuke of Cary, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Joseph is active in church and community outreach, plays keyboard for youth band, participates in fine arts and

volunteers in children's ministries. He plays piano, works part-time and was a Royal Ranger and FCF member for many

years. Joseph plans to attend Wake Technical Community College then transfer to a university to obtain his degree.



**Faith Danielle Wahlers** is the precious child of Dennis and Laura Wahlers of Taylorsville. With eighteen years invested in roots, we joyfully labor to now grant her wings. True to her name, she has been faithful to her Savior, family,

friends and 4-H. We eagerly await the fulfillment of God's promises in her life. Her life verse is Proverbs 30:8-9. She graduates with forty-four college hours and is accepted at Gardner-Webb, UNC, ASU and Meredith.



**Kara Beth Walters**, daughter of Robert and Phyllis Walters of Goldsboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Kara has been a competitive dancer since the age of six. The last two years she has been a

part of the Wayne County 4-H Shooting Sports team and is an avid babysitter for many families. Kara is currently enrolled at WCC in the Career and College Promise Program and plans to pursue a career in medical sonography.



**Susannah Joy Wares**, daughter of Michael and Amanda Wares of Greensboro, graduates in May after homeschooling for nine years. She is an accomplished ballet dancer and plans to major in dance at Belhaven University.

She is co-editor of the Homesteader yearbook and an active member of the Greensboro Home Educators. Most importantly, she loves God with all her heart and is intent on following His plan for her life.



**Michael Anthony Watkins**

II graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Michael earned the rank of Eagle Scout in December 2012. He is very active in his church, playing softball and basketball, assisting with sound

and chairing the power point committee. Michael currently attends Gaston College in the College and Career Program and plans to get his associate's degree in welding. His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13.



**Caleb Weeks**

of Weeks Homeschool, son of Shelton and Angela Weeks of Tyner, graduates after homeschooling for fourteen years. Caleb enjoys archery and is a three-year Albemarle Hunter Safety Team member as well as a bow

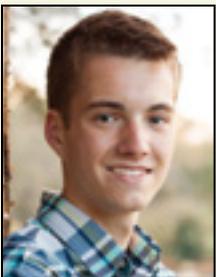
instructor for the church's Sportsmen's Centershot Ministries. Caleb will continue as a staff member for the Refuge youth group at Fountain of Life church and has plans to further his education.



**Lara Whitfield**

, daughter of Hugh and Carol Whitfield of Conover, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She is a member of Tri-City Baptist Church where she has been a cast member of the PROMISE for five years, a member of the TCCS

Lady Eagles softball team, Praise Team, and Beta Club. She has danced with St. Joseph Irish Dancers for seven years. She plays guitar and leads in her youth praise team. Lara plans to attend CVCC.



**Matthew Whitlow**

, son of Rich and Susan of Zebulon, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. He has played defense on the DASH soccer team for all four years of high school, winning All-Conference and

All-Tournament honors his senior year. He has studied Russian for several years and has been able to put it to use during two mission trips to Ukraine. He is currently enrolled in College Plus and intends to have thirty college credits by the time he graduates in May. He will pursue a degree in communications.



**Cortney Frances Williams**

, daughter of Ron and Andrea Williams of King, graduates with honors after homeschooling since pre-kindergarten. She is a member of ETA SIGMA ALPHA Honor Society. She attends KCC where she sings with

the praise and worship team, has been involved with various plays and went on a mission trip to Jamaica. She has been on choral tours to Alaska, NYC and New Orleans. Cortney plans to pursue a major in English and theater.



**Michael Williams**

, son of Mike and Michele Williams of Asheville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has been a member of 4-H since he was four and a member of the YWNC Piranhas swim team since he was

nine. He progressed through the ranks of scouting and attained his Eagle Rank in June 2012 in Troop 138. His Eagle Project consisted of building a 150-foot retaining wall for the Swannanoa 4-H Education Center. It was named Eagle Project of the year by the Daniel Boone Council. He is a National Merit Finalist and plans to study engineering and mathematics in college.



**Nathan Ward Wilson**

, son of Andrew and Heather Wilson, is graduating after seventeen years of homeschooling. Nathan has commanded a national drill team, twice served as president of his local honor society, competed in speech,

debate, mock trial and moot court, played hockey, animated short Lego films and survived both Saxon Calculus and Giles

Kirk. Nathan plans to attend law school after completing a degree in computer science.



**Olivia Michelle Winslow**, daughter of Chad and Lisa Winslow from Wendell, graduates with honors after homeschooling twelve years. She has enjoyed being part of Christian Youth Theatre throughout high school.

She has also been involved in 4-H for twelve years and has received the President's Challenge Award many times. For the past two years, Olivia has attended Nash Tech CC. Her future plans are to study chemistry at a four year university.



**Allison Marie Wise**, daughter of Benny and Karen Wise of Kernersville, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is an active member of the Trailblazers 4-H club and enjoys serving and ministering God's love

at the local nursing home and community Rescue Mission. Some of her passions include: playing piano, spending time with friends and family and being outdoors. Currently she is seeking God's guidance for her future plans.



**Christian James Wiseman** of Concord graduates after homeschooling for the past four years. CJ loves skateboarding, playing guitar and working outdoors. He plans to attend Rowan Cabarrus Community

College while he decides on a major.



**Katherine Louise Woodley**, daughter of Edward and Deborah Woodley of Kernersville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She is active in her church youth group and works with the children's ministry. She participated

in volleyball and soccer for FHE and basketball for GC-HEAT. She currently attends Forsyth Technical CC and plans to continue there for a year then transfer to NCSU to study in the field of engineering.



**Eleanor Elizabeth Woods**, daughter of Bryan and Maria Woods of Marion, a lifelong homeschool student, graduates in May with honors. Her interests include art, volunteering as an after-school tutor at her church

and showing her two miniature horses at local shows. She is enrolled in McDowell Tech's Career and College Promise Program where she is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is working toward her associate's degree in business.



**Grace Woods**, daughter of John and Beth Woods and a lifelong homeschooler, graduates with honors. She enjoys soccer, reading and theater. She plays goalie for the Guardians homeschool soccer team (Davidson County). Grace has

taken classes at Davidson County CC for three semesters and will attend Western Carolina University to pursue a degree in forensic anthropology. Creative, faithful and joyful, Grace seeks to honor God in all she does.



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# Alumni Updates

## 2000s

**Emily (Farrington) Smith '04** graduated from FSU in 2008 with a degree in mass communication and then worked as a civilian journalist for the Air Force. She published a history book in 2011 and now writes freelance. She lives in Gastonia, NC, with her husband, Ash, and two sons, Bennett and Weston.

**Hannah Fox '07** is graduating from Regent University this year with a bachelor's degree in English (concentration in acting and scriptwriting). She is pursuing screen-acting and is currently working with an agent and acting coach in Virginia Beach to hone her craft.

**Cordia Schmidt '07** attended Frontier School of the Bible in LaGrange, Wyoming, where she met her husband. They were married in 2009 and graduated from FSB in 2011. Currently, they live in Charlotte, NC, where she works in the benefits department for TriNet—a professional employer organization.

**Katelyn Fletcher '09** married second Lieutenant Jeremiah Spurlock '07 on May 5, 2013. She graduated from Bryan College, Dayton, TN, on May 11, 2013 with a B.S. in English. The newlyweds moved to Enid, OK, on January 12, 2014, where Jeremiah will train to be an Air Force pilot at Vance AFB.

## 2010s

**Kristen Elizabeth Conant '10** from Jacksonville, NC received her associate's in biology from Coastal Carolina CC in 2013. She is finishing her bachelor's in environmental studies for conservation biology and community ecology at Brevard College. She received the Leadership and Presidential scholarships. Her goal is to research wolf biology and pack ecology.

**Morgan Pait '11** attended Bladen Community College and

graduated May '13 with an A.A. in college transfer. She is currently attending UNC Pembroke as a chemistry major. Recently, she was accepted to attend Duke University's summer undergraduate research in pharmacology.

**Brendan Fletcher '12** was named Outstanding Junior by the Clemson University's School of Computing after just four semesters. He won first place with a team of two others at the Mercer University Spring Programming Competition in March 2014. He has made the President's List (4.0 GPR) each semester.

**Cristina Minotti '12** is training to become a nurse practitioner. After graduating this May from an accelerated RN program, she will begin working full-time in a hospital while completing a one year RN to BSN program. Upon completion, she will enter a master's program for nurse practitioners.

**Leah Rhodes '12** is in her second year at WCU, a Writing Fellows tutor, a selected participant at the NCUR conference, an honors student on the dean's list and an active honors board member. She has participated in parades, themed ball dances, volunteer opportunities, committees, and other school activities.

**Audrey Joyner '13** was greatly prepared for the new challenges she faces in college by her parents' investment in her education. The strong classical education her parents gave her through theology, history and literature, with vigorous reading and writing lists removed any transition from homeschool to college.

**Jordan Joyner '13** found that the fall after her high school graduation brought many changes, but her homeschool years prepared her by providing a robust classical education. Her parents' emphasis on the classics in history and literature, with the vigorous reading and writing schedule, gave her a solid foundation for college.



# Out of the Greenhouse, into the Garden: A Perspective on My Son's Graduation

*by Lynda Russell*

I want to express the gratitude I have to the Lord Who allowed me to have these eighteen years at home with my son. Some moms see their kids only a few hours a day, and their teachers have them the remaining hours. Some teachers get to teach them only one subject, and then the bell rings and the students rush out the door. But for me, it's been a full-time job: 24/7, K-12, "reading, writing, 'rithmetic," plus respect and responsibility. Sometimes youth leaders and Sunday school teachers are given the responsibility for all the Christian training in a child's life. But I've had the pleasure of "training him in the way he should go" and taking him from Genesis to Revelation in a Bible curriculum. It's been a privilege and a challenge.

I don't take credit for what I've done. God planted the seed of desire within me to homeschool before my son's birth. God watered and fed the sprout during his preschool years. And He formed the first bud when my husband came home and asked, "Have you ever thought about homeschooling?" As with all plants, homeschooling has had seasons of beautiful blossoms and seasons of dormancy. Blooms burst open when the phonetics clicked, and he began to read. And elementary math became the stem that supplied food to the leaves of algebra and geometry. Yet leaves fell off when I feared teaching chemistry and twigs cracked when well-meaning folks questioned how he would learn Spanish from me when I don't speak the language.

As it is with plants that are raised in a greenhouse, the time comes when they must be removed from this controlled environment. My son will be set out to weather the scorching sun of hundred-page reading assignments and the bitter cold of long semester projects. Professors who don't even know his name now, will soon be pruning his branches. His classroom will be full of new faces—other types of flowers, even thorny ones and weeds—not the familiar face of his brother. Yet the master Gardener who has lovingly nurtured him all of his life will continue to watch over him and supply his needs. He will be the one in the next four or more years, as He has been over the past eighteen, to feed his love for learning, to water his mind with clear thinking, to provide sunshine for new branches (new subjects) to grow, and to weed out the distractions of worldly dorm life. At the season's end, He will be the one to cut the flowers of concentration and determination, deep and lasting friendships, and my son's personal relationship with Him; and arrange them in a vase called a college diploma!

God has been with us every step of the way in our journey of homeschooling. He's made it clear to me that my calling was to be my job for these eighteen years. I didn't set out to teach algebra and atoms when I started addition and a unit on air. High school wasn't in my

plan, but it was in His, and He has provided. Daily He gave me understanding and words and object lessons. I am humbled and bow in awe at His amazing provisions. Teaching chemistry was my greatest fear, but God provided a way through a co-op class and a wonderful curriculum, and now my son is pursuing a career in chemistry!

So, our greenhouse doors are open. This strong plant is ready to be moved outside. He truly is ready. He will take his place where all may see. I am so grateful for having been a mere apprentice under the Master Gardener in His greenhouse.



*Lynda Russell has been teacher to her youngest two sons for sixteen years. She wrote this article when experiencing the graduation of her first homeschooler. In May her youngest son will graduate, but Lynda will never give up her love for learning and for teaching. She and her husband have five sons and two grandchildren. They have been members of NCHC since 1998.*



A blurred photograph of three runners in blue and white athletic wear competing on a red running track. The runners are in motion, and the background is out of focus, showing greenery and a fence.

# WITH THE END IN MIND

by *Diana Waring*

Finishing the homeschool race well means finishing.

Now, this does not mean that you have to finish every book, conversation, subject, or project. We all have lots of unfinished projects and business and books in our lives.

Finishing implies, though, that we prepare our hearts and minds to let our children go. When the moment arrives, let them walk out the door.

I've thought a lot about this, because I've had to let all three of my children go to live their own lives, to fulfill their own dreams, to walk the paths the Lord has set out for them.

And, I tell you the truth, it's not easy. Once you get to the point that they are young adults, when the conversations are fascinating and in-depth, when they have become such a vital part of your home (and workforce!), it is incredibly wrenching to let them go.

But, here's the deal. Though God gave you the precious privilege of being a steward of these children for a few short years, at the end of the day, they do not belong to you. They are His creation, His children, and He has a plan and a purpose for them that is beyond your comprehension.

And, in order for them to step out onto that path, they need to step out the door—and keep going.

To finish well, one word of advice: Imagine your little children as fully functioning adults, living outside of your home. What you say to them today—and how you say it—will impact the relationship you have with them as adults. I want to encourage you to enjoy them, to like them, to delight in them now. It pays huge dividends when they are grown!



*Diana Waring is the author of *Beyond Survival*, *Reaping the Harvest* and *Diana Waring's History Revealed* world history curriculum. Diana discovered years ago that the key to education is relationship. Audiences on four continents have enthusiastically received her energetic speaking style. Diana will be a featured speaker at the 2014 NCHE Annual Conference.*

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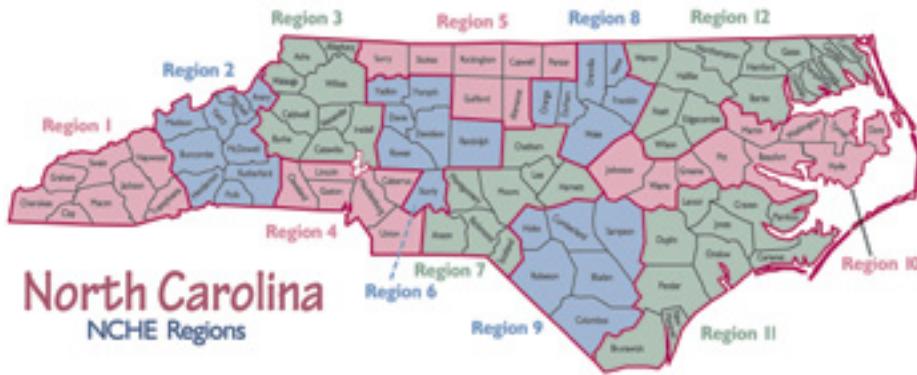
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College student



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