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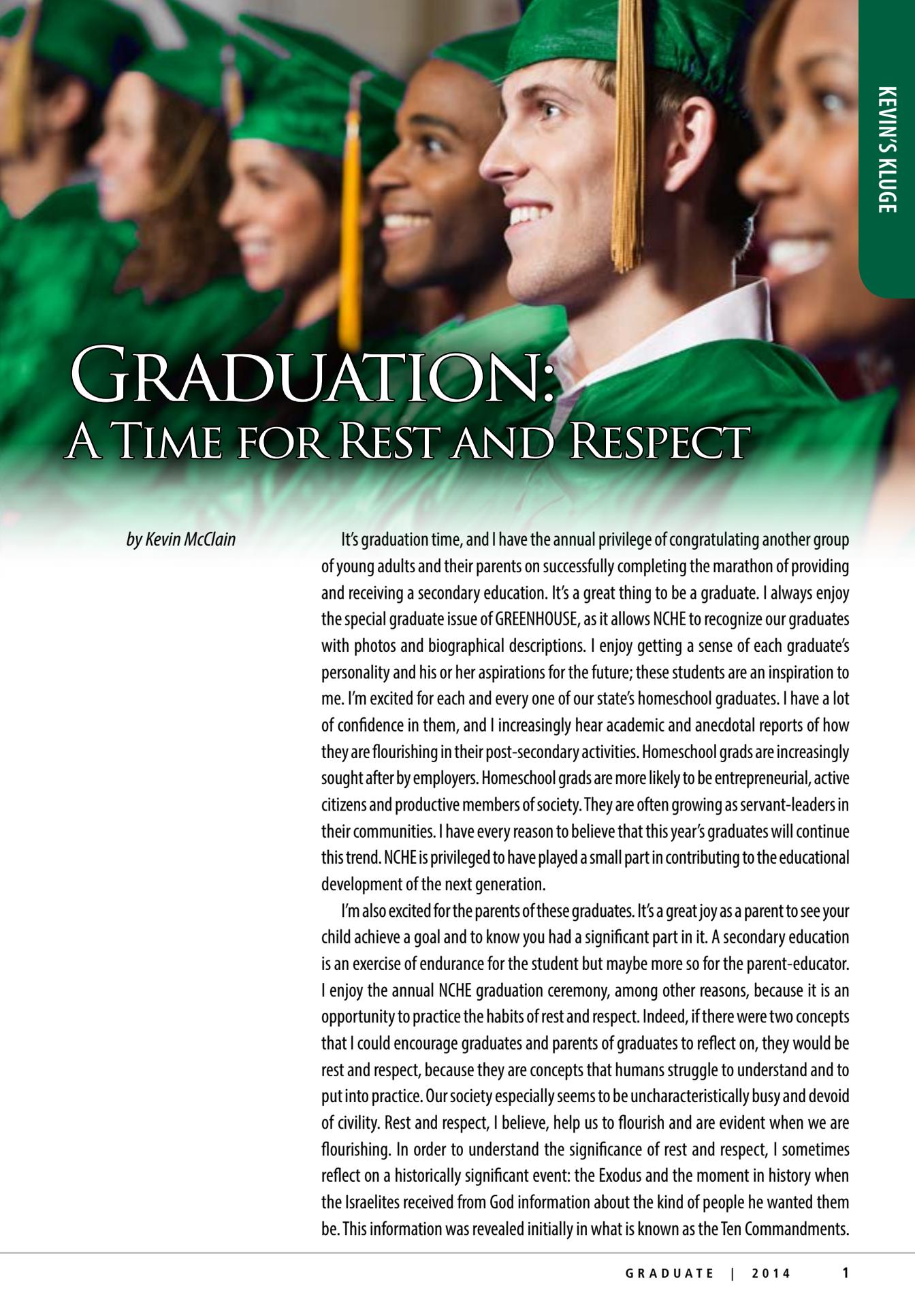
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GRADUATION: A TIME FOR REST AND RESPECT

by Kevin McClain

It's graduation time, and I have the annual privilege of congratulating another group of young adults and their parents on successfully completing the marathon of providing and receiving a secondary education. It's a great thing to be a graduate. I always enjoy the special graduate issue of GREENHOUSE, as it allows NCHE to recognize our graduates with photos and biographical descriptions. I enjoy getting a sense of each graduate's personality and his or her aspirations for the future; these students are an inspiration to me. I'm excited for each and every one of our state's homeschool graduates. I have a lot of confidence in them, and I increasingly hear academic and anecdotal reports of how they are flourishing in their post-secondary activities. Homeschool grads are increasingly sought after by employers. Homeschool grads are more likely to be entrepreneurial, active citizens and productive members of society. They are often growing as servant-leaders in their communities. I have every reason to believe that this year's graduates will continue this trend. NCHE is privileged to have played a small part in contributing to the educational development of the next generation.

I'm also excited for the parents of these graduates. It's a great joy as a parent to see your child achieve a goal and to know you had a significant part in it. A secondary education is an exercise of endurance for the student but maybe more so for the parent-educator. I enjoy the annual NCHE graduation ceremony, among other reasons, because it is an opportunity to practice the habits of rest and respect. Indeed, if there were two concepts that I could encourage graduates and parents of graduates to reflect on, they would be rest and respect, because they are concepts that humans struggle to understand and to put into practice. Our society especially seems to be uncharacteristically busy and devoid of civility. Rest and respect, I believe, help us to flourish and are evident when we are flourishing. In order to understand the significance of rest and respect, I sometimes reflect on a historically significant event: the Exodus and the moment in history when the Israelites received from God information about the kind of people he wanted them to be. This information was revealed initially in what is known as the Ten Commandments.

The commandments revealed that God would not have humans be slaves, but rather experience and participate in a flourishing community. While all the commandments are significant and worthy of reflection, lately I've been focused on the fourth commandment, the command to honor the Sabbath, and the fifth, the command to honor one's parents. It is from these commandments that we get a better sense of the significance of rest and respect.

In the fourth commandment, God tells His people that they should follow His lead in actively practicing rest. God created this world in six days. After the sixth day, the universe was fully functional. The cycle of days and seasons was in place. In reality, day seven could have been the first day of the second week. But no, instead God established an additional day, a day of rest, a day upon which He ceased from labor and enjoyed what He had done. He incorporated rest into the cycle of work. Further exposition on this command revealed God's plan for fields to be left uncultivated every seventh year so that the land could rest and that the poor could have an increased access to the fields. Moreover, God set every fiftieth year as a year of Jubilee for the Israelites to enjoy, when not only would the land be given a rest, but those captive to debt would be set free. All of these things show us that His design is for people to actively participate in rest. Now that may sound like an oxymoron—to "actively participate in rest." I believe people who incorporate rest that honors God into their lives will truly experience and enjoy life. It is right and good to periodically cease from our labors and rest.

In my view, a graduation ceremony is an act of rest. While some may shy away from large events, I believe a ceremony such as graduation, in which one publicly acknowledges the end of a significant portion of one's life, is important. It is important that we mark our days and the cycles of our existence as we transition from one phase of life to the next. It is NCHÉ's mission to serve home educators. It is my hope that one of the ways we do that is by helping parent educators and students mark the end of their secondary education journey together with a public declaration of the work having just been completed and a hint of the work to come. I hope the ceremony helps you enter more fully into rest.

I do not think it is a coincidence that God follows the fourth command to rest with the fifth commandment to honor one's parents. It is important for each of us to acknowledge that the success we experience is never completely our own doing. Someone went before us and in some way paved the way for our success. As I understand it, the command to honor one's

parents marks the beginning of the command to actively practice gratitude. It is important for homeschool grads to practice this attitude toward their parents. Parents aren't perfect. However, one shouldn't demand perfection before offering gratitude, but rather recognize the sacrifice that has taken place. Our parents are worthy of our gratitude. Homeschooled children should be especially aware of this fact. Good parents sacrifice much to give their children a quality education. They sacrifice time and energy. Yes, it is their responsibility to do so. But in today's society it is far too easy to avoid responsibility and sacrifice. Because education is subsidized by public funds in modern society, parents who choose to homeschool demonstrate a unique kind of sacrificial life. This sacrifice is worthy of respect. It is NCHÉ's practice that during the graduation ceremony, the graduate gives a parent a rose. The rose has been a symbol that NCHÉ has long embraced as part of the concept of the home and homeschooling being a greenhouse for the next generation. This gifting of the rose is also an act of appreciation, of gratitude. It is a respectful acknowledgment that the student would not be the graduate they are without the care and guidance, the preservation and the long-suffering of the parent educator. The commandments lead me to conclude that there is a link between rest and respect, and my experiences affirm this. There is a unique kind of sadness in a celebratory ceremony without a toast, and a unique kind of crassness in a funeral without a moment of silence. Both seem to ring hollow. So, too, would a graduation ceremony without giving the opportunity for grads to publicly express gratitude to their parents. NCHÉ is pleased to provide this public forum.

Graduates and home educators, I trust you know that the NCHÉ board members, staff and volunteers consider it a privilege to serve you and to share a small part in this season of your life. It is my hope and prayer for you, on behalf of North Carolinians for Home Education, that you can fully participate in this graduation season, that you will both give and receive a measure of rest and respect and that it will further equip you for true and lasting joy.



Kevin McClain, NCHÉ's president, and his bride, Brea, are ending their tenth year of homeschooling. Kevin recently earned his Ph.D. in educational philosophy from UNCG where he is employed as an educational technologist. 🇺🇸

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Reflections of a Reluctantly Retired Homeschool Mom

by Cindy Townsend

There I was, two years after my youngest had graduated from high school, walking through the annual NCHE book fair. This was the third NCHE conference that I'd attended with no one to buy for and nowhere to apply my new knowledge from all the wonderful workshops. What torture!

Walking through the book fair, wishing that this and that had been available years ago, I painfully remembered all the materials that I had sold at used book fairs—unused. Most of them, I didn't consciously choose not to use, we just never got around to them.

This past spring, at her college awards ceremony, my daughter received the award for best public speaker. When she called to tell me about the award, I remembered an incident she had recounted to me a year earlier, the first time her speech teacher heard her deliver a speech. "You obviously have spoken in public before," she said.

"I was homeschooled," my daughter replied. "My mother made me do *everything*."

Thinking that my daughter was communicating to her teacher how pleased she was that her mother had ensured she received such a well-rounded education, my peacock feathers began to unfold. "I take that as a compliment," I told her.

"Forestry, Mom? Why did we do *forestry*?" My feathers were now unfolded, and I became conscious of the fact that I was only a monochrome peahen.

This is the same child who, when a co-worker realized she had been homeschooled, was drilled on every imaginable subject. She impressed him with her knowledge until he asked her to name the three branches of government. Her response was, "Will you give me multiple-choice?" I began to feel less like a peahen and more like a dodo. How can someone who can pace to determine accurately that she is

sixty-six feet from a tree, hold a Biltmore Stick at arm's length and calculate the number of board feet of that tree not know the three branches of government?

Gaps? Oh yes, we have gaps. Huge ones.

Occasionally someone will ask what I wish I had done differently during my homeschooling years and what I'm glad I did. Incidents like the above make me seriously reflect on that question, and careful reflection has caused me to believe that I have misunderstood the question! I've been adding words to the question that aren't there.

I thought the question was actually, "What different choices would you make concerning curriculum and activities?" If that is the question, then I have to carefully consider the truth that every choice to do something is a choice not to do something else. I can't think of anything that we did that I would leave out (except maybe forestry).

I also have to consider the truth that our kids did great in college because there weren't important gaps (considering the three branches aspect, I'm probably losing credibility with you right now), and they were able to fill in any gaps that needed to be filled (she now knows the three branches). Therefore, I still can't think of anything that I would change.

When pondering our homeschool experience I am continually amazed at what God has done with my children in spite of me. I'm amazed at the "wrong" decisions that I have made concerning curriculum and activities that God has caused to work together for good. I'm amazed at His sovereignty in the "happenstances" of their childhood and adolescent days that I had never considered, much less planned, that have been integral parts of the development of their characters and their callings. Obviously, God had something bigger planned than I could see. So, if I was originally correct and the question is actually, "What different choices would you make concerning curriculum and activities?" I'd have to answer, "Probably none."

If, however, I can take the question "What would you do differently?" at face value, then my answer would be, "I'd examine my motives for each choice more carefully." I would ask myself, "Am I doing this out of selfish ambition or foolish pride?" That can translate into "Am I doing this because *everyone* assumes that this is something *everyone* needs? Am I doing this to be like all those "perfect homeschoolers" that I hear about each year at conference? Am I doing this because I don't want to disappoint so-and-so? Am I doing this based on what my friends will think of me?"

I would also frequently ask myself the same question to evaluate continuing in an activity or program. I have learned that most of the time, it is harder to make the decision to stop something than to decide to start it.

If I had asked myself all of these questions when making decisions, maybe I would have made the exact same decisions, but my stress level would have decreased and my relationship with the Lord would have increased. Just think what a difference that would have made in my kids' lives! Still, I'm convinced that God was right there directing my every decision for His glory and the good of my children despite my lack of introspection. I'm just waiting to see how He'll use the Biltmore Stick.



Cindy wrote this article in 2004, a couple of years after her youngest graduated from homeschool. She and her husband, Jeff, are former NCHC board members who homeschooled their two children through high school. The kids are now grown, happily married and well adjusted, having been providentially protected from her ignorance, misjudgments and regretted selfishness.





Letter to Homeschool Grads

by *Susannah Wares*

“Hi. My name is Susannah, and I’m homeschooled.” It’s kind of weird not having to say that anymore when people ask me where I’m going to school. Now I am still Susannah, a soon-to-be nineteen-year-old, a student at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi, a child of God, and oh, yeah—a homeschool graduate. Growing up, being homeschooled wasn’t something I tried to identify myself with, it just ended up happening naturally. As many homeschoolers might, I felt the need to prove that I was intelligent, and that I had an answer to the question, “What are you doing after high school?” I wanted to show that my parents had actually given me everything I needed to succeed and to prove that homeschooling had completely benefited my life.

Disclaimer: My parents are amazing individuals who did, in fact, prepare me to the best of their ability with the help of our Savior Jesus Christ, and I am eternally thankful for the years of blood, sweat and tears that went into my education. Thanks Mom and Dad. (Insert wink, cheesy peace sign and stuff like that.)

That being said, if I had any advice for the homeschooler who is anxiously anticipating the terrifying freedom that awaits them after graduation, know this: *God is in control*. Whether your next step is college or missions or working or taking a year to find a start in whatever field you’re called to, know that God is in control. People are still going to ask you the same

questions, and it is okay to not have all the answers worked out. Not worked out *yet*, I mean. You will never fully *arrive*, and going through this life is about the process, *not* the product. Do not panic. Trust me; you will panic, and when you do, please remember this truth.

When I graduated, and went off to college to be a dance major, I thought I had the answers worked out. The words would dribble out of my mouth like clockwork, ready to be copyrighted onto an online profile or job application. When I got to school everything shifted. Once I was in my place it started to feel foreign, it's not that it was different than I expected. I just had to sit down and be honest with myself about who I was, and why I was there. This is a good thing! I am thankful that with prayer and support from those God has put in my life, I came to peace and assurance. Moving to Mississippi and getting away from the mold that I thought was required to fill, pushed me, in the best of ways, to be confident of whom I am in Christ and for my security to lie in Him alone. I can boldly and unabashedly face life in all its complications knowing that my sole purpose in life is to live for His glory and give to others what He has given me. Now, if you asked me about myself today, I'd be happy to tell you that I'm not a dance major anymore and that I'm in the process of changing to a different one; no, I'm not sure where exactly God is taking me, I'm just trusting in His will every day. If you asked, I'd probably tell you something about me—just me. I'd tell you that I love tea and Jane Austen and

journaling and Tumblr and hiding in my reading nook under my dorm room bed, surrounded by twinkle lights, and books and learning about organizations and things I'm passionate about. I love being with my friends and family and traveling, embracing snap-shot moments, and pushing towards goals even if those goals change (and they will).

I can definitely thank homeschooling for preparing me to appreciate those things, and my parents for teaching me that this life is important. Living each moment every day is incredibly important. The way you treat people is important. Even though there are things that you are going to be expected to know and be able to do in order to function in society, that is not your sole purpose in life or the definition of who you are as an individual. You are not your career goals, your age, your style, your major or your current occupation. You are a child of God. That is enough. In all the craziness of getting ready for graduation or coming to college or whatever you do remember that. Breathe—God is enough. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10



Susannah Wares is a 2014 homeschool graduate and daughter of NCHC board members, Michael and Amanda Wares. 

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NCHE's 2015 Graduates



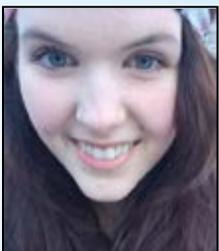
John "Charlie" Abb, son of Madelfia and William Abb of Chapel Hill, graduates from high school after homeschooling for six years. In addition to his classroom studies, Charlie excelled in Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout

in November 2014. Charlie also excelled in martial arts earning both his first and second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. Charlie plans to attend the Digital Animation and Visual Effects (DAVE) School in FL.



Caleb Gene Auer, son of Ken and Carol Auer of Holly Springs, graduates May 23 after being homeschooled from the beginning. In recent years, he has pursued his passions of law enforcement, fitness, theater,

guitar and God. He hopes to be certified as a personal trainer but would like to go into law enforcement once he is twenty-one. Caleb has taken dual enrollment classes and plans to graduate with an associate's degree in business from WTCC.



Haley Elizabeth Aydelette, daughter of Phillip and Rebecca Aydelette of Oak Ridge, graduates with honors after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has been active in Girl Scouts, earning her

Gold Award, and in her church, participating in the praise team as well as traveling with two mission teams to serve indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico. Haley currently attends the College and Career Promise Program at Guilford Technical Community College. Upon graduation, she plans to continue her education at the university level, pursuing her passion in art and photography.



Adam Lynn Baldwin is graduating from Baldwin Family Christian School on May 23. He is the son of Jack and Sheila Baldwin. He sings in the adult choir at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church and occasionally

plays piano there. He currently works at Chick-fil-A. Adam has studied calculus, physics and Shakespeare, among other things, in preparation for college.



Hannah Marie Balsler, daughter of Michael Balsler and Revonda Russos of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has participated in Lighthouse volleyball, Tae Kwon Do and mission trips. She plays the

violin, continues to work on her Japanese and loves to draw. She is currently dually enrolled at Wake Tech and plans to attend a four year university in the fall. She plans to enter the field of psychology.



Colby Marion Barker, son of Paula Lynn and Larry Barker of Lexington, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. Colby has enjoyed playing baseball for local Lexington teams and has been very active

in his local library. He has participated in local youth groups, playing the piano and teaching the guitar. Colby has won various musical awards for his talent. Colby volunteered at Green Hill assisting the elderly. Colby will be attending DCCC.



Sophia Grace Barron, daughter of Chad and Anne Barron of Hamptonville, graduates after being homeschooled her whole life. Sophia has lots of natural curiosity and loves to learn. She plays violin and likes to listen

to a variety of music. Sophia loves to read and garden. She is surrounded by a large family that loves her and wishes her all the best for all that is next in her life. Congratulations, Sophia, you made it!



Kieran Chesney Barton, son of Charles and Melissa Barton of Maxton, graduates in May after homeschooling for ten years. Kieran enjoys playing the piano, bass and drums. He also sings in the family group. He is

an inspiring leader in his youth group, Christian Teens in Action (CTIA). Kieran plans to continue his education in the medical field.



Marta Bloemsma, daughter of Tony and Laura of East Flat Rock, graduates after homeschooling her whole life. She enjoyed four years of volleyball with the Asheville Trailblazers and competing in

archery and rifle. She is musically talented, enjoys acting and loves teaching Sunday school. Her love for animals has led her to enroll in dog grooming school with plans to start her own business. Marta is a godly young lady and is a joy and blessing.



Robert James Brazinski, son of Michael and Shelly Brazinski of Colfax, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He has been playing guitar for eight years and has been a part of numerous local worship

teams and bands. He is currently a part of Rescue House Worship and local bands, Cheerly and Cavalier. He plans to take a gap year for 2015-2016 and focus on worship ministry. After that he will pursue a degree in sound engineering.



Brooklyn Rae Brinkley, daughter of Kevin and Carla Brinkley of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. She enjoys sports, playing guitar in her church worship band and working at

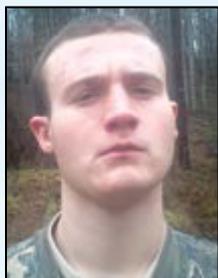
a local pottery shop. She currently participates in the Career and College Promise Program at Davidson County Community College where she is in the Global Scholar program. She plans to attend UNC Charlotte and pursue a degree in exercise science.



Jonathan Nathaniel Broome, son of Scott and Christy Broome of Hickory, graduates in May after homeschooling for three years. Nathan enjoyed being captain of his basketball team and winning tournament

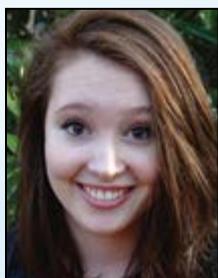
MVP. He volunteers as a coach for Special Olympics basketball. Nathan also enjoyed playing guitar with Suzuki Music and entertaining at local coffee houses. He is currently enrolled at Caldwell Community College

and Technical Institute in the Career and College Promise Program. Nathan plans to attend UNC Charlotte where he has been accepted into the William States Lee College of Engineering.



Alexander K Brown, son of E.K. and Linda of Marion, graduates in May after homeschooling for eleven years. Alexander has enjoyed Boy Scouts in which he has been awarded a PADI Open Water Diver

Certificate and rank of Eagle Scout. Alex has also served as a police explorer for two years with Marion Police Department. He currently attends MTCC as a Career and College Promise student and plans to continue upon graduation in the business program.



Jessica Leigh Brown, daughter of Richard and Christina Brown of Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. She has served as officers in Gavel Club, Venture Crew and most recently as president of Zoe

Youth Group. She returned from Haiti in October and has earned more than 500 volunteer hours through various ministries. God blessed her with the gift of creativity, and she plans to pursue a degree in the field of art. Psalm 27:3



Kandace Leigh Brown, daughter of D. Kevin and Pamela Brown of Purlear, graduates from Heaven's Treasure Academy after thirteen years. She has traveled to China, Ethiopia and Mexico doing missions. Kandace teaches

clogging and plays violin. She has performed in venues including Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. She is also a member of her church praise team. She plans to complete her degree in Christian ministries at Liberty University online.



Molly Katherine Brown, daughter of Scott and Tina Brown of High Point, has homeschooled for thirteen years. Molly has danced with Arts Evangelica since kindergarten. As a member of the AE Dance Company, she has danced at nursing homes and other community venues. Molly volunteers in the children's ministry at CBC and at the High Point Museum. She enjoys crocheting, reading and drinking hot tea. Molly plans to attend DCCC in the fall. We love you!



Rachel Grace Brown, daughter of Jimmy and Ginny Brown of Clayton, graduates with honors after homeschooling for twelve years. She has traveled to Guatemala on a medical mission trip and serves the local community as a member of CrossWaves HANDS, an outreach team. Grace loves being a vocalist on her church's praise and worship team. She is currently enrolled at Johnston CC in the CCP program and plans to transfer to ECU to study speech pathology.



Kaycee Laine Browning, daughter of Randy and Tracey Browning of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Kaycee has enjoyed creative writing throughout her studies. Her second novel, *Ember Flame* is available on Amazon.com and can be found in the Wake County Public Library system. She has also enjoyed teaching a middle school writing class. Kaycee will attend NC State University and plans to major in creative writing.



Stephen Andrew Bryant, son of Kelvin and Patrice Bryant of Greensboro, will graduate after being homeschooled fourteen years. Stephen was very active in homeschool athletics playing

basketball, football and baseball. Stephen loves animals and has enjoyed hatching and raising chickens, ducks and pigeons. Most important, Stephen loves the Lord and is very active in his church. He plans to attend NC A&T and major in animal science.



Michael Orion Buchanan, son of Thom and Caroline Buchanan, is graduating high school after ten years of homeschooling. He has a passion for the arts and music. He has studied dance at Arts Evangelica

in High Point for four years. He also plays the cello. He has attained black belt status in Hapkido at Triad Martial Arts. Michael has taken some early admission college classes at GTCC including EMT training.



Thomas "Judah" Buchanan, son of Thom and Caroline Buchanan, is graduating from high school after ten years of homeschooling. Judah has overcome more obstacles each day than many have to overcome

in a lifetime in order to attain this goal. He has great passion for all things Apple and has a dream of working in the Apple Store or for Apple in some capacity. Judah plans to attend GTCC in the fall to begin his education in computer science.



James Wilson Burns II, son of John and Jennifer Duckwall-Bowman and James and Cammie Burns, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has participated in contact football since the age of

eight in Pop Warner, Homeschool Football League and most recently the Lake Norman Storm in the Pioneer Football League. During his senior year the Storm won its first championship with a record of 12 to 3 in 2014. He plans to study radiography.



Taylor Nicole Burns, daughter of David and Stephanie Burns, is graduating with honors after ten years of homeschooling. She is a member of both the Wake Forest Christian Honor Society and Mu Eta Sigma National Math

Honor Society. Taylor is an active member of Crossroads Fellowship Church in Raleigh where she has been volunteering for years. She has also earned the National Presidential Service Gold Award two consecutive years for her over 600 hours of volunteer service. Taylor will attend Meredith College and will major in pre-med/biology.



Katherine Louise Cain has homeschooled for the past twelve years and has nurtured a life-long passion for learning! Her graduation is a celebration of her wonderful achievements.

Katherine plans to continue her academic development indefinitely, while training in dance and competing in roller skating, swimming and gymnastics, through the Special Olympics. To God be the glory!



Hannah Katherine Cardin, daughter of Troy and Tracey Cardin of Garner, graduates from CCCE after thirteen years of schooling. Hannah enjoys serving her community through volunteering at With Love From

Jesus and other non-profit organizations. She wishes to continue her service with future missions work and more local outreaches. Hannah also wishes to further her education by attending Wake Technical Community College for her degree in business.



Arthur Newman Carroll, son of Art and Lydia Carroll of Potters Hill, graduates this May after being homeschooled all twelve years. He enjoys playing airsoft and basketball and is part of the local volunteer fire department.

He has been attending a ground school class and is looking forward to a career in aviation, possibly as a pilot.

enjoys playing bagpipe, guitar, percussion and any instrument available! She's a bagpiper and instructor and has played in the SAU Pipe Band and SHS marching band. She loves to learn and plans to continue her education as the Lord leads.



Matthew Shawn Cheek, son of Shawn and Julie Cheek of Hamptonville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Some of his interests have been studying his southern

heritage, playing basketball, playing guitar and running the sound system for his church. He loves working on the family farm which he desires to continue after attending WCC for a diesel mechanic degree. We love you and are blessed that you are our son. Joshua 1:8-9



Kelsey Naomi Cave, daughter of Tony and Debbie Cave of Mt. Airy, graduates May 15 after thirteen years of homeschooling. She plays center position for the Surry Runnin' Patriots basketball team and

has made the Western Division All-Star team for 2014 and 2015. She attends Surry CC under dual enrollment studying auto mechanics and receiving a certificate in vet assisting I and II. She plans to further her education towards becoming a veterinarian.



Rachel Anne Childers, daughter of David and LeAnna Childers, graduates in May after homeschooling from birth. Rachel has already accumulated twenty-one college credits.

While seeking God's will for her life, Rachel plans to attend a local community college and later pursue a four-year degree. She is very active in church and plays keyboard with the youth praise team. Her love for both the Lord and others will carry her far in life.



Rebekah Ann Champion, daughter of Wes and Chris Champion, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. She played varsity volleyball all four years of high school and worked faithfully with the special

needs ministry at her church. Following God's calling, Bekah plans to return to the Philippines for a two-month internship upon graduation. She then hopes to pursue a degree in occupational therapy in the fall. Her life verse is Proverbs 16:9.



Camden Joel Clark, son of Ted and Jamie Clark of Calabash, graduates from Lighthouse Academy after homeschooling for thirteen years. Cam has been involved with Young Life, missions, MJROTC and 4-H. He

has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, enjoys ultimate Frisbee and played football during his junior and senior years for NMBCS . He is currently enrolled in the CCPP at BCC. Camden will spend part of the summer on work crew with Young Life in Colorado.



Hannah M. Chavis, daughter of David and Donna Quick and David Chavis, all of Laurinburg, graduates May 23 after homeschooling from age three to twelfth grade. She loves working in many areas of ministry and



Gabriel Clark, son of Drs. Tony and Dee Dee Clark, is the third graduate of Coram Deo Academy of Cary after twelve years of homeschooling. Gabe has received recognition in formal speech and plays guitar in

two worship bands. Gabe has been a member of ministry trips to Peru with Crosswave Ministries, where he is a team leader, as well as to Mexico for medical missions. Prior to college, Gabe will do a gap year in Mexico, Chile or Indonesia.



Rachel Sutton Cline, daughter of Todd and Kelly Cline, graduates after homeschooling for seventeen years. Rachel has studied on a merit vocal scholarship at the Music Academy of NC since 2011. She

has captained a two-time state champion mock trial team, earning multiple top ten finishes at national/international competitions and receiving twenty individual awards including top overall attorney at the 2014 World Championship in NYC. Rachel is currently negotiating scholarships with her top three schools. Ultimately, she seeks to leave a legacy of loving God and people well. Soli Deo Gloria!



Eric Douglas Compton, son of Eric and Shannon Compton of Kernersville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has been in the Civil Air Patrol for six years and has earned many awards including

a presidential award. Eric is in the process of earning his private pilot's license. Eric is a true servant of the Lord. His life verse is I Corinthians 16:13. Eric is dually enrolled at FTCC. He plans to join the Navy after college.



Matthew Moses Cooke, of Charlotte, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. He played keyboard for his church youth group and participated in Gavel Club where he won several best speaker

awards. He hopes to enter the medical field one day and enjoyed biology, advanced biology, and marine biology. He plans to attend Liberty University.



Abigail Grace Cotton of Hickory graduates after eight years at Cotton Patch Academy. She has been active in her church's evangelistic outreach throughout high school. Abigail has been a finalist at the NCFCA

National Championship in both Persuasive and Duo Interpretation; she won second place in Apologetics last year. She will pursue intercultural studies at Columbia International University, where she has been awarded a full tuition scholarship.



TýRiyyah Monét Covington of Fayetteville is a May graduate. She has been a homeschooling student for twelve and a half years. Ty has participated in singing and acting among other activities. She enjoys spending

time at church with the youth group. Ty's favorite scripture is 1 Peter 3:3-4. Ty is currently enrolled at Fayetteville Tech Community College in the High School Connection program and plans to continue to get an RN degree.



Joshua Craig, son of Troy and Lori Craig of Jacksonville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He has actively pursued his study of Tae Kwon Do, recently reaching blue belt

status. He plans to attend Coastal Carolina Community College.



Alan Chase Cunningham, son of Scott and Amy Cunningham of Pfafftown, graduates after five years of homeschooling. He plans to continue at Forsyth Technical Community College and later transfer to the University of Texas to study film. He is an Eagle Scout and current Police Explorer. He is a long-time volunteer at the Forsyth Humane Society. His interests include: film, creative writing, all things history, video games and travel.



Abigail Danfora, daughter of Essam Danfora and Nancy Moser of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling for nine years. Abigail enjoys volunteer work, classical ballet, foreign languages and travel, writing and research. She is a three-time recipient of the Mayor's Award and Hard Corps Award for her volunteer service at Rex Hospital and North Raleigh Ministries. Her final two years of high school, Abigail participated in the NC School of Science and Math online program, taking honors and AP science courses, as well as in Career and College Promise, receiving over thirty hours of college credit.



Brandon Davis, son of Eric and Donna Davis, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Brandon played soccer for D.A.S.H United in the 2012 and 2013 seasons. The last two years he served at Tapestry Church

located in the NYC metro area. He's been involved in youth, film and production. In his spare time, he enjoys filming and hanging out with friends. Brandon has applied for the Core Leadership Program at LC in Fredericksburg, VA.



Madison Christin Davis of Gold Hill graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Upon graduating, Madison plans to take a year off school to explore her options for continuing education. She is an active member of 4-H and hopes to get involved with kids through summer camps or 4-H. Animals are another area she is interested in working and possibly going to RCCC.



Micah James Dawson, son of Jim and Beth of Monroe, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is involved in church as a sound tech, tutor, youth ministry and Nazarene Bible quizzer at district and regional levels. Upon completing dual enrollment, Micah will receive a residential architecture technology certificate (CPCC) and will have earned thirty-nine credits toward an associate architecture degree. We love you and are proud of you!



Karina Isabel De Gracia, daughter of Roberto and Ginger De Gracia of Charlotte, graduates on May 16, 2015, after thirteen years of homeschooling. Her activities included political campaigning through Generation Joshua, attending iGovern camp, working at the Harris YMCA as a gymnastics instructor and serving in the children's ministry at Forest Hill Church. She plans to attend UNC Charlotte to pursue a degree in business and/or nutrition studies.



Sandra Jean Doshier, daughter of Danny and Julie Doshier of Newport, graduates after homeschooling nine years. Sandy is a musician and plays on the worship team at church

where she is actively involved with music, drama, artistic media and youth group. She believes in using her love for the arts to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of her life verses is Esther 4:14. Sandy plans to attend Regent University studying English and theater arts.



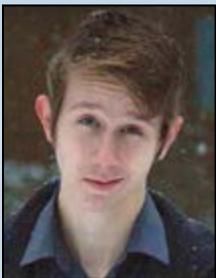
Madeline Sarah Eck, daughter of Darren and Gretchen Eck of New Hill, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. Maddie has enjoyed studying Krav Maga and participating in Teen Pact Leadership School.

She is also very active in her church youth group and volunteering for Love Wins homeless ministries. She plans to begin her nursing degree at Wake Tech in Raleigh in the fall.



Nathan Robert Edmondson, son of Rick and Becky Edmondson of Marion, graduates with honors after twelve 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.



Andrew Mark Gregory Faggion, son of Mark and Lynn Faggion of Clayton, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Andrew's love of music, theater and film has led him to play guitar for worship

in church, act and sing in Spiritual Twist Productions' musicals for twelve years and become an avid film maker and song writer. He currently is interning for a Raleigh video production company and will be hired full-time upon graduation.

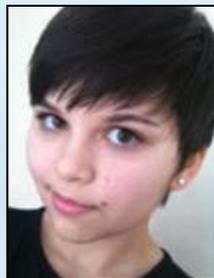


Patrick Allen Fisher, son of Mark and Dixie Fisher of Cary, graduates with honors in May after thirteen years of home education. He enjoys teaching and mentoring at his church, plays competitive and recreational soccer and participates in Teen Community Bible Study. Patrick is active in Boy Scouts and the Eta Sigma Alpha Honor Society, serves as chaplain in the Generation Joshua Club of Wake County and plans a career in the health professions.



Jordan Scott Fornes, son of Jason and April Fornes of Southport, graduates after homeschooling for nine years. He volunteered for Brunswick Released Time Ministries, as well as the afterschool program at his

local community center. He is very involved in his church youth group, VBS program and enjoys working in the AV/music ministry. His passions for computers and art have led him to pursue a career in graphics design. Philippians 4:13



Juliana Gabrielle Gagliano, daughter of John and Sandra Gagliano of Jamestown, graduates after homeschooling for five years. She is active in her church youth group and serves in the children's ministry. Her

passion is dance, and she has participated in In His Steps dance ministry for five years. Her life verse is Romans 8:38-39. She has participated in the Career and College Promise program at GTCC and plans to attend UNCG.



Jeffrey Gagne, II, son of Jeff and Robin Gagne of Monroe, graduates on May 16 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jeffrey played piano for eleven years, basketball for four

years, was the soccer captain two years for the First Assembly Christian Wildcats and went on three mission trips to Nicaragua. Jeffrey participated in the College and Career Promise Program at SPCC. Jeffrey plans to attend UNCC after completing his associate's degree.



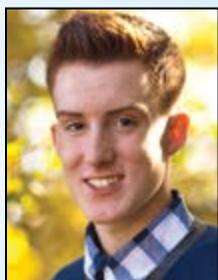
Jacklyn Emily Galyean, daughter of Barry and Michelle Galyean of Elizabethtown, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Jackie has enjoyed helping lead worship with her family, learning Spanish,

serving Christ through interning in the summers in Honduras and now seeks to enter full-time missions after college. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and plans to pursue a degree in dental hygiene as a platform for missions in Latin America.



Anna Grace Garren, daughter of David and Caroline Garren of Bailey, graduates May 23 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Upon graduation Anna Grace will pursue a degree in nursing. Grace, you are such

a blessing to all who know you, and we are very proud of you!



Harvey Wilson Gouch, III ("Trey"), son of Harvey and Kristi Gouch, Jr., of Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. Trey played basketball for the GCAA Stallions for six years and also has worked

hard with his landscaping company that he founded. He has enjoyed being active at Hickory Grove Baptist North. His life verse is Psalm 91:11. Trey plans to further his education by pursuing a degree in business.



Logan Matthew Grant, son of Andy and Wendi Grant of Thomasville, graduates on May 23. He has always homeschooled. He is a dedicated baseball player, playing for the Triad Blue Jays and the Thomasville Hi-Toms.

Logan played basketball in Upward and upon graduating out of the program, continues to coach and referee. Logan is very active in Infusion Youth at Trindale Community Church. Logan plans to study exercise and sports studies.



Eva Shea Greene, daughter of Clenard and Sherry Greene of Valdese, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Eva volunteers at her local library and is also an active member of the Young Adult

Advisory Board for the Burke County library. Eva also swims on a competitive US swim team. She plans to attend WPCC this fall for the nursing program.



Jackson Douglas Griffith graduates from Grace Heritage Academy after thirteen years. Jackson enjoys playing the guitar, the cajon and keyboard, often helping to lead worship. He earned his BSA Eagle badge

in 2013. Jackson has performed with HP Community Theatre as well as with HPHE LIFE classes. He enjoys playing soccer, sharing the gospel and studying theology. He plans to work and pursue opportunities in short-term missions in the coming year.



Bailey Aryn Gwyn, daughter of Tim and Melody Gwyn of Asheboro, graduates after thirteen years of homeschool. She has volunteered at the Circle C Equestrian Center for several

years where she also takes horseback riding lessons. She is a level one archery instructor and has recently begun learning mounted archery. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9. She is still exploring her options for life after high school and waiting for the Lord's guidance.



Peyton Carver Hammed of Kernersville, son of Jenifer Barnes and Don Hammed, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. He volunteered at The Summit Church for over five years and works there part-

time. He is technical director for the children and youth groups. Peyton snowboards, is an aspiring photographer and is a black belt in Combat Hapkido. Words alone could never express our gratitude to God for entrusting us with such a wonderful son.



Andrew David Harper, son of William and Amelia Harper of Rocky Mount, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. He was a member of the National Piano Guild for seven years and played for the DASH basketball

team. In 2014, he served as a governor's page. Since 2013, Andrew has worked for Smith's Red and White Grocery. He plans to major in business administration at Bob Jones University, where he has already earned sixteen college credits.



Michael "Caleb" Harris of High Point graduates in May and will attend the university of his choice in the fall. His accomplishments include Eta Zeta Honor Society, much volunteering with church outreach ministries,

4-H, Miracle League, the Red Cross and theatre acting as well as his job at the YMCA. His passion in worship has also been a driving force in his musicianship as a bassist playing for church and Cheerily to Sea.



Sydney Marie Haskett, daughter of Rick and Amanda Haskett of New Bern, graduates from Southern Christian Academy. Sydney, a gifted musician, has studied piano for eleven years. She shares her gifts by playing

bass in her church's praise band and by teaching piano lessons. An avid equestrian, Sydney maintains her own stable and teaches natural horsemanship. She is a CCPP student at CCC and plans to attend ECU to pursue a degree in music pedagogy.



Bethany Patricia Helm, daughter of Todd and Karen Helm and sister of Benjamin and Esther of Winston Salem, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. She enjoys participating in youth activities at her church

as well as singing in the choir, lyrical dance, reading and traveling. Her positive attitude and encouraging words are a blessing to all who know her. She will be attending university in the fall.



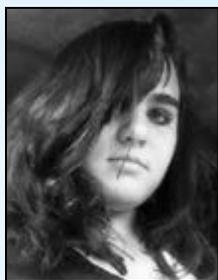
Kristina Henley is the daughter of John and Rhonda Henley of Claremont. She has been homeschooled for eight years. She is active in her community by being a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and she

is active in her church youth group. She is graduating from Henley-Hall Academy. She has a passion for helping people and plans to attend Catawba Valley Community College to pursue a career in the health care industry.



Nicholas Armondo Herring, son of John and Donella Herring of Charlotte, graduates after over ten years of homeschooling. He strived for academic success and graduates with high honors.

Nicholas has a beautiful gift and talent in his voice and has taken voice lessons and studied on his own. He sings in youth band; it brings him joy singing to our God. He is going to CPCC for the voice/music education associate's degree and then transfer to UNCSA.



Rebecca Lee Herring, daughter of Jim and Anita Herring of Greensboro, graduates after homeschooling since the third grade. After completing Classical Conversations Challenge III program, she is currently

attending GTCC in the Career and College Promise program while working as a tutor in their writing center. She is planning to attend UNC Chapel Hill and major in English in the fall.



Dorothy Elizabeth Hollar, daughter of Johnny and Dawn Hollar of Taylorsville, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has played recreational and travel softball for twelve years. She enjoys singing in the choir at church. She attends Catawba Valley Community College in the College and Career Promise Program. She plans to graduate with an associate's in arts and then transfer to a four year university, majoring in creative writing.



Caleb James Hudson, son of Keith and Anita Hudson of Indian Trail, graduates this May after being homeschooled his entire school career. Caleb is an Eagle Scout who enjoys competitive mountain biking as well as



Dorothy Elizabeth Hollar

Trust in the Lord always and He'll direct your path. We're so proud of the young woman you've become.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ethan, Alisha and Annie.



hiking and camping. He is active at his church serving with the youth leadership team and with the Trail Life troop. Caleb has been attending CPCC and plans to pursue a business management degree from UNCC.



Sara Abigail Huneycutt, daughter of Brady and Joanna Huneycutt of High Point, graduates May 23 after homeschooling all her life. She enjoys apologetics, music, cello, dance and theater performance.

Sara placed second runner up in the National American Miss NC Teen 2014 Competition, as well as, first place in Actress, Photogenic and Miss Personality. She desires to reclaim the arts for the glory of God. Her life verse is Isaiah 41:10. Sara plans to pursue a bachelor of arts degree in musical theater. Sara you shine forth the glory of our Lord. We love you and are so proud of you!



Ellen Marie Irish, daughter of Kent and Carrie Irish in SE Raleigh, has always been homeschooled. She looks forward to continuing with College Plus liberal studies and work outside the home. She has been a disciplined and faithful

student and enjoys helping with her younger siblings and relaxing with "Dr. Who." She enjoys being a mother's helper and serving the body of Christ. We look forward to seeing how the Lord will use her in coming years.



Noah Harrison Jarman, son of Russ and Elizabeth Jarman of Surf City, graduates in May after homeschooling for twelve years. People say Noah is quiet, but those of us who really know him recognize him as an articulate

young man who exudes confidence in everything he does. Noah will attend Cape Fear Community College and plans to pursue a career in video game design and development. We know that he will do well in whatever he endeavors.



Isaac D. Johnson, son of Jesse and Sheria Johnson of Autryville, graduates in June following nine years of homeschooling. Isaac enjoys science and computers and hopes to pursue a career in computer programming. He is a member of Mintz Baptist Church on the outskirts of Roseboro. His parents and two older brothers wish him the very best for the future.



Hailey Nicole Johnston, daughter of Darell and Shiela Johnston of Dallas, graduates after homeschooling for ten years. Hailey has participated in the Triangle Youth Leadership Conference and Youth Legislative

Assembly in Raleigh. She is co-founder for the E.S.C.A.P.E. Plan charity for teens with cancer. Hailey has completed courses with Gaston College and plans to attend the University of Kentucky.



Blake Stephen Jones, son of Rev. Larry Jones and Bonnie Jones of Maggie Valley, graduates May 16 after homeschooling for all twelve grades. He plans to attend Haywood Community College to study business. He

has already been attending HCC as a dual enrollment student. He is active at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Waynesville where he helps in the music. He is a very skilled guitarist and plays the piano. He plans on pursuing music as a career.



Caroline Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Bert and Susan Jones and sister to David, graduates after homeschooling her entire life. Caroline has been active in church and in sports from early childhood. She enjoys soccer,

being outdoors, riding her horse, Lena, and playing the piano. She has earned college credits online and through dual enrollment at Rockingham Community College. Caroline plans to pursue nursing at Liberty University.



Matthew Franklin Jones, son of Larry and Fran Jones of Salisbury, graduates after homeschooling nine years. Matthew is president of the Zeta Epsilon chapter of Eta Sigma Alpha honor society, a violist

for GSYO Philharmonic and a founder and member of Blackstone mock trial team. He co-manages a hobby farm with his brother, William. Matthew's favorite service activities are NC House and Senate page, NC Missions of Mercy dental clinic and McClintock Summer Science Experience. Matthew is a National Merit finalist and plans to attend dental school after completing his undergraduate degree.



Daria Brooke Jordan, daughter of Gary and Emily Jordan of Sanford, graduates after homeschooling for eight years. Daria has enjoyed being active in her church youth group, volunteering with a therapeutic riding stable and working as a youth counselor with the YMCA. She has a passion for riding horses. She plans to attend Central Carolina Community College and study veterinary technology and desires to work with horses throughout her career.



Justyn Wendell Joyce, son of Michael and Mae Lynn Joyce of Kernersville, lifelong homeschooler, graduates in May from Lighthouse Christian Academy. Justyn loved playing FHE soccer; was varsity soccer

team captain. Accomplishments as an active 4-H'er

includes: 4-H club president, county council officer, 4-H Honor Club. He volunteers at church—sound, VBS, kid's church and Upward soccer coach. He is currently seeking God's guidance for his future.



Bradley Elizabeth Kay of Mill Spring graduates in May after homeschooling kindergarten through twelfth grade. She has enjoyed interacting with animals on the farm, 4-H communication and knowledge contests, church

choir and hand bells and volunteering with TROT and Foothills Humane Society. Bradley plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in animal behavior, neurosciences or a related field with her career goal to improve how animals are treated.



Griffin Elisabeth Kayser, daughter of Shad and Jennifer Kayser of Iron Station, first graduate of Times Academy, graduates in May after five years of homeschooling. She is an avid reader, enjoys painting, playing

piano and teaching preschool Sunday school at Lake Norman Baptist Church in Huntersville. She is active in youth group and has served on local and international mission trips. Griffin is a member of Speech and Debate Club and the NCFCA.



Hannah Mikelle Kelly, daughter of Michael and Annette Kelly of High Point, graduates at sixteen after just five years of homeschooling. The flexibility of homeschooling has afforded her knowledge beyond her years,

a chance to serve and an opportunity to excel. Sports, media/technology team, modeling, community homeless projects, theater, worship team and serving as a Central Triad Church student ministry intern have kept

her busy. She is graduating with 28.5 credits and a 3.78 GPA. Hannah Mikelle is embarking upon her journey to attain a bachelor of science in media communications.



Daniel Shene Kenline, son of John and Mary Ellen Kenline of Raleigh, is graduating from Kenline Family Homeschool. Daniel has been homeschooled his entire academic career, though much of it has been self-

directed. As his homeschool teachers, we have often found it tough to stay in front of him, but we are thankful for teachers in the community like Anthony and Christina Dunn. Daniel plans to major in computer science at NCSU.



Sarah Joyce Klar, daughter of Leslie and Deborah Klar from Burlington, graduates with high honors after being homeschooled her entire life. Sarah is an active member of Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. The Lord has

shone brightly through her pen as she is a gifted and published poet. Sarah will be finishing a college transfer program and continue her education in veterinary medicine. It is a joy to see her grow in Christ and see blessings flow.



Natasha Fayth Kreiling of Fayetteville graduates from Vineyard Christian Academy after homeschooling for seven years. She enjoys teaching others about Christ. She is excited about traveling with students from her

local apologetics group to Honduras in June 2015 to work with and train an apologetics group there. She currently attends Fayetteville Technical Community College and plans to pursue a degree in biology.



Lydia Elizabeth Kuehnert, daughter of Dan and Cindi Kuehnert of Morganton, graduates in May. Her college biology professor wrote: "In my teaching career of over fifteen years, Lydia ranks among the

top 95%. Her performance was unmatched...naturally gifted and highly disciplined. Her work ethic spills over into many areas of life, including running. Arrogance and pride could easily characterize a young woman who has earned the recognition Lydia has enjoyed...she is one of the most humble students I have had in my career." She is considering UNC-CH, Covenant, Davidson and lives by Psalm 18:34.



Kasey Rose Lamprecht is the second of James and Jennifer Lamprecht's four children to graduate with NCHE. She has been homeschooled eleven years. Kasey's passion for those of all ages with special needs

and her love of languages has influenced her decision to attend UNCG's International and Global Studies Program while pursuing a degree in occupational therapy. She looks forward to studying abroad and making a difference in the lives of others.



Grace Carol Lancaster, daughter of Matt and Jennifer Lancaster of Newton, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Grace has enjoyed swimming with the Hickory YSST swim team, life-guarding

and teaching swimming lessons at the YMCA. Her life verse is Philippians 4:13. She plans to attend and swim for either Lenoir-Rhyne University or Mars Hill University. She plans to pursue a career path that reflects her desire to help others.



Alyssa Michelle Lee, daughter of John and Angela Lee of Garland, graduates after homeschooling for nine years. Alyssa's favorite passion is dance, and she has been taking dance since the age of three. She also

teaches dance to children from the age of three to second grade, and she helps with a special needs class once a month. She has danced in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in New York City for the past three years. She currently attends Sampson CC in the early childhood education program and plans to continue upon graduation and transfer to earn a degree in dance education.



Alexander Alfredo Lentini, son of Angelo and Kimberly Lentini of Fuquay Varina, graduates after homeschooling for four years. He demonstrates leadership abilities and can do anything he sets his mind to. He

is a member of the worship team and youth group at church. Alexander's accomplishments include elementary ministries lead director, junior commander expedition ranger, President's Volunteer Service Silver Award and writing a Christmas play.



Daniel Charles Leonard, son of Ted and Jennifer Leonard of Raleigh, graduates in May. A gifted guitarist, Daniel is a member of the youth praise team at his church. He also served as a leader in Awana and Kids' Club

and as a camp counselor. Daniel enjoys sports and played with the Homeschool Football League for the past four years. Daniel has been accepted in the Maynor Honors College at UNC Pembroke and plans to major in business administration.



Sarah Elisabeth Leviner, daughter of James and Robin Leviner of Hamlet, graduates on May 23 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Sarah has volunteered over 350 hours between two different hospitals,

loves to play piano, sing, have fun, and work at the Waffle House. She plans to attend a university and become a nurse practitioner.



Jacob Christopher Lindsay, eldest son of Kevin and **Sonya Lindsay** of Kernersville, graduates from The Measuring Line Christian Academy after completing thirteen years of homeschooling. Jacob enjoys

leading worship, studying philosophy, reading, singing and writing music. It has been a great joy to watch him grow in wisdom, stature and in favor with God. Jacob will continue his education at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. 2 Cor. 4:16



Andrew Michael Malzacher, son of Kathleen and Michael Malzacher of Iron Station, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Andrew has a strong faith in Christ and has been active in youth group.

He also enjoys playing guitar and has participated on his church's worship team. We are extremely proud of all his accomplishments. Andrew has been attending Liberty University online and will be a full-time resident student after graduation.



Bethany Ellen Mansfield, daughter of Walter and Lesley of Gastonia, graduates a lifelong homeschooler. She has served as her church's children's choir director for three years, enjoys teaching piano to beginner

students and participates in local theater both on stage and in the orchestra. She plans to pursue a musical theater major at Anderson University, SC, School of the Arts. She hopes to always live out Psalm 30:12.



Emily Rose Marshall, second daughter of Randy and Kimberly Marshall, graduates after being homeschooled for twelve years. Emily has enjoyed singing in her church praise band and serving in her local 4-H club all through

high school. She spends her free time volunteering, cooking and learning new songs on the piano. Emily plans to attend Surry Community College to obtain a degree in radiology.



Timothy Dolan McCann, son of Jeff and Tammy of Elon, graduates in May after thirteen years of homeschooling. Tim's interests are hunting, hiking, camping and being with family and friends. A certified lifeguard,

he has been involved in CAP for the last four years, earning the rank of Cadet Captain and achieving expert ranger status in search and rescue. Upon completion of his criminal justice degree, he will pursue a career in law enforcement.



Micah Adam McCoy, son of Jim and Beth McCoy of Statesville, graduates May 30 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Micah has received the Presidential Scholarship from Columbia International

University where he plans to major in business and organizational leadership. As a YMCA lifeguard, he has a passion for helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind and body. Micah enjoys playing basketball, baseball, tennis and ultimate Frisbee; has played the piano for eleven years and sings in the homeschool chorus. He is a Phi Theta Kappa member at Mitchell Community College.



Michael Gajewski McNally of Monroe graduates this year after being homeschooled from the very beginning. He has an extraordinary passion for geo-political events and world history. His plans are to pursue

a Ph.D. in foreign affairs at UNC Charlotte. His future is anything he has imagined. "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." Einstein



MaClay Justine Miller, daughter of Jody and Robin Miller of Richfield, graduates in May after homeschooling for nine years. She is concurrently enrolled in the Career and Promise Program at SCC and is

planning to attend CPCC for the dental hygiene program. MaClay loves the outdoors, spending time with her family and friends, volunteering with her church, but most of all, living for the Lord. We are so proud of all her accomplishments and goals!



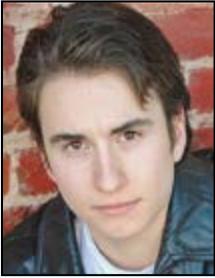
Sarah Jo Miller, daughter of Thomas and Donna Miller of Gates, graduates after twelve years. She has taken fifteen years of dance and especially loves ballet and pointe. She serves as a youth leader in her church and

has volunteered as a summer camp counselor. Sarah enjoys outdoor activities including hiking, archery and canoeing. Her passion is creating art, and she hopes to pursue a career utilizing her creative gifts and abilities.



Rachel Catherine Myers, daughter of Madeline Myers of N. Wilkesboro and Dwayne Myers of Dongguan, China, graduates with honors after homeschooling all her life. She has been dually enrolled at Wilkes CC and has

worked at Chick-fil-A of Wilkesboro for over two years. Rachel is actively involved at Wilkesboro Baptist Church as the praise team leader, in youth choir, various volunteer activities, mission trips and is president of the youth group.



Isaac Andrew Mitchell, son of Tom and Lana Mitchell of Mocksville, graduates after homeschooling his entire life. Isaac is an active member of Trailblazers 4-H, V.P. of Davie 4-H County Council, president of Tom

Cowden Memorial 4-H Shooting Sports. Isaac has enjoyed participating with community theatre and church drama team. His future plans are to pursue a career in fitness. Isaac, we are very proud of you! We pray for God's best for your life.



Benjamin Edward Nichols, son of Paul and Cindy Nichols of Raleigh, graduates with honors in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Ben enjoys photography, videography and music. He holds a second degree

black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has participated in state and national championships. He has been part of mission trips to Serbia and Harrisburg, PA, and he is active in youth group. Ben plans to study computer science.



Caleb Aiden Morgan, son of Steve and Missy Morgan of Newton, graduates after twelve years of homeschooling. Caleb loves dramatic arts and serving the Lord. He has been involved in our church's dramatic

presentations and leads the puppet and clowning ministry for the children's services. He has served over four years in the media ministry and now leads the children's media. Caleb plans to pursue a media or communications degree.



Anna Marie Otto, daughter of Kemp and Rosalyn Otto of Winston-Salem, graduates with honors on May 2 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Known for her love for God and tender heart, she enjoys

dance, painting, singing with her vocal ensemble, a good book and working at Chick-fil-A. A servant leader, Anna has served as a counselor at a Christian camp and started a prayer group for homeschoolers. She looks forward to attending Wheaton College.



Michaela Jayne Parks, daughter of Scott and Amanda Parks of Hamptonville, graduates from Deerfield Christian Academy on June 6 after thirteen years of homeschooling. She participated in Classical Conversations for

eleven years. Michaela holds a lifetime sportsman's license with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and is a patron member of the Texas Game Warden Association. She enjoys hunting, fishing and working on the farm. With God's direction, she hopes to continue farming in the future, as she plans to pursue a degree in agribusiness technology.



Jacob Harrison Parnell of Thomasville, son of Judy Magee and Kevin Parnell, graduates after thirteen years of homeschooling. Jacob is very involved in his church youth group and has also played basketball and soccer.

His talents include guitar and drums. He is the owner/operator of a lawn care business and has also studied diesel mechanics at Davidson County Community College which he plans to continue after graduation. Romans 8:28-30



Madison Faith Parnell, daughter of Kenneth and Patti of Oak Ridge graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Madison's hobbies include dancing, singing, photography and playing the piano. She has participated in color guard and winter guard at Northwest Guilford High School for five years and was the captain her junior and senior year. She will be attending Meredith College located in Raleigh where she will major in sociology, minor in photography and will continue upon graduation to obtain a master's in speech pathology.

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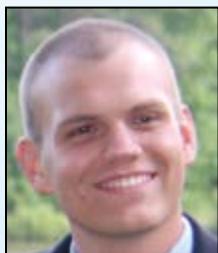
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Joshua Richard Partin from Clayton is the son of Craig and Melody Partin. Josh enjoys playing guitar and leading worship. He is very involved in his church and is an active member of his youth group worship band.

After graduation, Josh plans to continue his education. Josh's life Bible verse is Colossians 2:8.



Jonathan Walter Paulson, son of Judy and Walt Paulson of Cary, graduates with honors May 16 after having been homeschooled his entire academic career. Jonathan is an

avid golfer, member of The First Tee of the Triangle and played in a nationally televised Pro-Am golf tournament. Jonathan's accomplishments include Eagle Scout, president of Generation Joshua of Wake County, Teen Community Bible Study and member of the Eta Sigma Alpha honor society.



Grace Phillips, daughter of Dr. Mike and Debbie Phillips of Linwood, graduates May 30 after twelve years of homeschooling, including two years in dual enrollment at DCCC. She has

danced and acted since age four with HP Ballet, WS Festival Ballet, Lexington Youth Theatre, Twin City Stage, High Point University and teaches with CrossMovement. Favorite roles: Mary Poppins and Peter Pan. She will study musical theater with a minor in dance in NYC.



Joye Elizabeth Pierce, daughter of Barry and Kris Pierce of Cary, graduates from World Christian Academy on May 16. Known for her sunny personality and wit, Joye has been entertaining family and

friends since toddlerhood. Joye, we love you and admire

your compassionate heart and desire for justice. "He has shown you... what is good and what the Lord requires of you... to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8



Samuel Josiah Pierce of Cary graduates summa cum laude in May after homeschooling thirteen years. While in high school, Josiah played baseball for the Wake County Warriors, swam competitively and became

an avid snowboarder. He is an NCFCA regional competitor in speech and team policy debate. A talented artist, Josiah will major in graphic design at Liberty University where he has been dually enrolled and received academic scholarships.



Jennifer Claire Poling of Lillington graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. An accomplished soccer player, she lettered in and captained the Fayetteville Crusaders soccer team, leading them in goals

several years and named All State more than once. Also a dedicated Warrior cheerleader, her squad has won national cheer competitions in NC. She is talented on the piano too, playing keyboard in her youth praise band and for kids worship. Other interests are photography, worship dance, horses and writing, including drafting a children's book and composing music.



Isaac Thomas Potter, son of Charles and Jane Potter of Dunn, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. He has played various instruments in both a youth praise band and adult church services at his local

church. He has enjoyed theatre and art as well as the Wildlife Educational program. He currently attends Johnston Community College in the College and Career

Promise Program and plans to study wildlife biology at Lees-McRae College.



Hannah Renee Presnell, daughter of Larry and Renee Presnell of Asheboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has been a member of the Central Carolina Homeschool Mock Trial team all her high

school years, winning two state titles, finishing eighth in the nation in 2013 and placing sixth at the Empire Invitational in New York City in 2014. Hannah plans to receive her degree in English or history from High Point University.



Sarah Grace Cilanne Price, daughter of Randy and Carmy Price of Eden, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Sarah has enjoyed dancing and traveling with Arts Evangelica, where she will continue to teach

dance. She currently attends Rockingham CC in the Career and College Promise Program. Her plans are to attend UNCG and pursue speech pathology. Sarah acknowledges faith in Jesus Christ as Lord of her life and author of her future.



David Aaron Pullen, son of Robert and Sharon Pullen of Wake Forest, graduates in May after homeschooling from the beginning. David is an athlete and a musician. He practices martial arts and plays baseball

for the Raleigh Hawks. He is an accomplished pianist and plays the guitar and sings on his church praise team. He is actively pursuing a career as a worship music leader.



Amy Elizabeth Ray, daughter of David and Nancy Ray of Charlotte, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has participated in dance and team policy debate and has been active in volunteering in her community. She plans to attend a community college in the fall before transferring to a four-year institution after returning to Israel this summer for a mission trip.



Chressy Alise Rayfield, daughter of Kipp and Jeana Rayfield of Cherryville, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. She has actively participated in the family's missionary work in Brazil for fourteen years and speaks fluent Portuguese. Chressy enjoys cooking, creative writing and playing the piano. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11. Chressy will be attending Gaston College and is looking forward to God's plan for her future.



Joshua Christian Rice, son of Timothy and Irene Rice of Dunn, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. He is very active in his church youth group and has participated in its fine arts program by presenting short sermons, group puppet skits and group human videos at both the state and national levels. He enjoyed a mission trip to Ecuador during the summer before his senior year. He plans to attend Campbell University.



David Riddell, son of Lt. Col. Mark Riddell USAF (Ret.) and Lori Riddell of Charlotte, graduates May 23 after being homeschooled for thirteen years. David's interests include Cross

Fit, Krav Maga and swimming. He works at Chick-fil-A, manages his own lawn care business, has volunteered with Misty Meadows Mitey Riders and is a member of the Matthews Police Explorers. David plans to pursue a career in the military after graduation.



Samuel Aaron Rinehardt, son of Brian and Cindy Rinehardt of Mount Pleasant, graduates after homeschooling twelve years. Samuel enjoys helping with the monster truck ministry, "Jumping for Jesus." He plans to continue an apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic.



Charity Rose Robinett, daughter of Leonard and Pam Robinett of Lewisville, graduates with honors after homeschooling ten years. She danced for fifteen years, (competitive Troupe-eight), and excelled in horseback riding, theatre, cheerleading, chorus, and track and field. She worked two years at Longview Ranch and was active in her church youth group. Charity looks forward to studying animal science and theatre at NC State, Auburn or Liberty.



Luke Robert Rowan, son of Jeff and Beth Rowan of Winston-Salem, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Luke served as captain on the varsity boys soccer team. He also played homeschool football.

Luke spends his free time playing with his siblings, practicing soccer, playing his guitar and working at Chick-fil-A. He plans to attend Liberty University. However, it's Luke's pursuit of a servant's heart that is most evident in his life. It truly is an honor being Luke's parents and has been an absolute pleasure homeschooling him. Congratulations Luke, we love you!



Adam Joshua Seawell, son of Tim and Tammy Seawell of Carthage, graduates May 15 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Adam enjoys raising goats, working on vehicles and hunting. He currently helps his brother on the farm.



Christian Rhea Seawell, daughter of Joshua and Alicia Seawell of Fuquay-Varina, graduates after homeschooling for twelve years. After participating in Classical Conversations of Garner for four years, she is finishing up her studies at home. A gifted artist and writer, Christian plans to turn her art and writing passion into a career. We pray God's blessings and favor on her as she steps out into pursuing her goals.



Harrison Jordan Seitz, son of Paul and Joy Seitz of Huntersville, graduates with honors on May 23 after homeschooling for thirteen years. Harrison is a bright, talented, compassionate young man. His interests include music, drawing, writing, 5K races, sports and his part-time job. He volunteers with the Habitat for Humanity and special needs programs. Harrison published a novel, is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. He plans to study biology or marine biology in college. Congratulations Harrison! We are so proud of you!



Rose E. Sewing, daughter of David and Beth Sewing of Wingate, graduated August 1, 2014 at Grace Fellowship Church in Indian Trail after being home educated since birth. She is

walking with the Lord Jesus as she works on an associate of science degree at SPCC where she has been accepted into the nursing program and is enjoying chemistry. She is grateful to the family, friends and authors who have encouraged her throughout the years.



Jenna Darnelle Shearin, daughter of Gary and Missy Shearin, graduates this year after homeschooling all of her life. Jenna loves the Lord, volunteers at Ambassador Presbyterian and leads worship at Cary Teen CBS.

She staffed with North Carolina Teenpact in 2015. She played basketball with the South Wake Sabres and swam with the Seahawks. Jenna plans on pursuing degrees in cosmetology and business. "I can do all things through Christ." Phil 4:13



Kary Elizabeth Shelton, daughter of Dave and Mary 'beth Shelton, of Winston Salem, has been homeschooled from kindergarten through graduation. Kary has served the Lord by singing in music ministries, coaching in the Upward program and leading Bible studies. Kary has cheered for the FHE Hawks for the past two years, serving as captain of the squad. She plans to attend Forsyth Tech, working toward a degree in nursing. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9.



Logan Smathers, son of Nick and Lisa Smathers of Waynesville, graduates in May after seven years of homeschooling with accreditation through Bridgeway Academy. He has been a 4-H Shooting Sports member for

the past nine years with forty-two regional and state awards and was Bullseye 4-H Shooting Sports member of the year for 2014. He is a passionate and talented

guitar player. Logan plans to attend Haywood CC and is undecided about his major.



Brandon Michael Smith of Oxford graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Brandon has enjoyed playing basketball all four years of high school and is a two-time recipient of the All Regional

Team award. He has participated in several mission trips and is active in media ministry at his home church in Henderson. His future goal, upon graduation, is to pursue a degree in the information technology field.



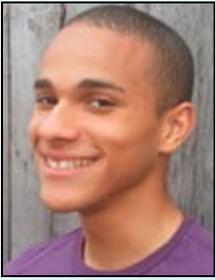
Sterling Loyd Sorrell, son of Loyd and Denise Sorrell of Apex, graduates from Graystone Academy in May after homeschooling for ten years. Sterling is an avid sports fan and has appreciated playing

basketball with the South Wake Sabres for the past six years. He is an active member of his church and has enjoyed Bible Study Fellowship, bowling league and participating in National Honor Society throughout high school. His plans are to attend college and pursue a career in business. Sterling loves to spend time with family and friends, but most of all, he seeks to live in obedience to Christ.



Amanda Michele Steskal, daughter of Randy and Barbara Steskal of Taylorsville, graduates after eight years of homeschooling! She has been active in youth group, 4-H and hunt seat riding as well as USEF.

She volunteers weekly at Cooperative Christian Ministries Thrift Store. Amanda will attend St. Andrews University where she will major in a pre-vet study and minor in equine business.



Cory Taylor Stroud, son of Scott and Alison Stroud of Troutman, graduates in May after homeschooling for eleven years. Cory has distinguished himself by being accepted into the Nuclear Field Program of

the United States Navy. He is enjoying being a part of the delayed entry program in his senior year and has a ship date in August. "Come what may, I want to run." 2 Samuel 18:23 is the verse that Cory uses to commit his steps to the Lord's path.



Grace Elizabeth Swain, daughter of Buddy and Susan Swain of Columbia, will graduate on May 9. She is active in her church and has participated in several mission trips. Grace has also been active in 4-H and is

the current district president and attended National 4-H Congress. Her passions include music, dance and drama. After a summer mission trip to Africa, Grace will study theater arts at COA while pursuing a degree in missions at MACU.



Melissa Yvonne Swedlund, daughter of Jim and Yvonne Swedlund of Statesville, graduates after homeschooling for six years. She has played flute for seven years and has enjoyed horseback riding for six years.

She loves participating in her Bible fellowship. She has participated in the Career and College Promise Program at Mitchell CC. She will attend Mitchell CC after graduation.



Brittany Dawn Talladira, beloved daughter of Rick and Rose Talladira of Lenoir, graduates in May after always being home educated. Love of flowers led her to the horticulture program at

CCC&TI where she is enrolled in the College and Career Promise Program and plans to pursue her degree. Brittany, an avid reader, is an Awana Citation Award Recipient and has successfully competed in Awana Regional, Pinnacle and Summit Bible Quiz and Games Team.



Maximillian Xavier Shell Thomas, son of Keith Roy and Pamela Thomas of Raleigh, graduates after homeschooling since birth. Max has enjoyed soccer, acting and stage combat. He received four ribbons at

Science Olympiad. He is a teen producer for the Teen TV program at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. He is currently enrolled in the College Promise Program at Wake Tech CC. He plans to study chemistry and media studies at High Point University.



Allie Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Garrett and Barbara Thompson of Lewisville, graduates after homeschooling for eleven years. She is a member of the Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society and

serves her community as a member of her town's student leadership committee. In her free time, she enjoys art and dance. Allie currently participates in the Career and College Promise Program at FTCC. She plans to attend Bob Jones University.



Andrew Mykal Thompson, son of Glenn and Drenda Thompson of Brown Summit, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is very active in his church youth group and participates in fine arts/human

video. Through his schooling and Fluid Student Ministries, he has developed into a leader among his peers. He will now begin his pursuit and his vision of becoming an architectural engineer.



Daniel Hood Thraillkill, son of Bill and Angela Thraillkill of Mount Ulla, graduates from Covenant Academy in May. He is a member of Back Creek PCA, youth group, youth choir, and served on three mission trips.

He is a member of the Blackstone Mock Trial Team and LEAD group. Daniel sings, plays guitar, mandolin and piano. He is a vocalist and guitarist for the Back Creek Bluegrass Boys. Daniel has been accepted to ETSU to pursue a bluegrass degree.



Paul Trimble of Lexington graduates in May after diligently completing all of his schooling at Saint Ann's Home School. He excels in math and science and plans to continue his education toward becoming a physician's

assistant, Lord willing. Long active in film making, he is currently producing a promotional video for his church's summer missions project. Paul also enjoys acting and hopes God will weave that into the fabric of his future.



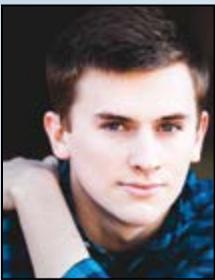
Susane Diane Toebes is the daughter of James and Mary Toebes, little sister to James and big sister to Gladys. She is the second to graduate from Toebes Academy. During her high school years, she has been involved with

Civil Air Patrol, Bible quizzing, Servants with a Tool, figure skating and dance. Her church life has included revitalizing the children's program. She has developed in leadership and confidence with these activities.



Sarah Louise Walter, daughter of Dale and Kim Walter of Troy, has been homeschooled for thirteen years. She will graduate May, 2015. She has enjoyed being a part of Montgomery County 4-H for

seven years. She loves going to church and being with her family. Her plans for the future are to follow God's Word in everything she does and wait for His guidance. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13. Congratulations, Sarah. We love you!



Sam Trebing, son of Tom and Julie Trebing of Apex, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. He thoroughly enjoys music whether playing guitar, writing songs or performing for others. Sam knows that who he

is can't be found in anything that this world can provide, but rather, his identity is found in who Jesus Christ is. The only important future plans he has are to do his best to seek and love Jesus with his life.



Kayli Madison Webb, daughter of Robert and Valarie Webb of Greensboro, graduates with honors after homeschooling for ten years. After graduation, Kayli plans on attending a community college,

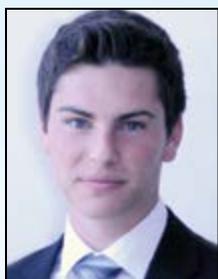
then transferring to Liberty University to pursue a degree in business. Kayli is a member of Beacon Baptist Church and enjoys assisting in the toddler's class. Her hobbies include: scuba diving, horseback riding, piano and reading.

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



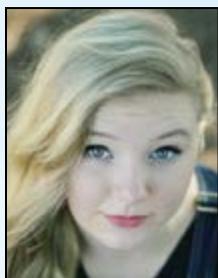
Sharon Grace Weeks, daughter of Jimmy and Paige Weeks of Rocky Mount, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. Sharon works with children at church and serves at Life Action Camp in

the summer. Sharon has sung in the Tar River Children's Chorus and played with Dash JV girls basketball. Sharon truly has a servant's heart and is a peacemaker and a great blessing to her family and friends. Sharon plans to attend Liberty University.



Alexander Patrick Welby, son of John and Dee Welby of Raleigh, graduates in May from Themelios Christian Academy, completing the college preparatory course with honors. Alec has a love and God-given

talent for the game of soccer that began at the age of four. Alec graduates as a part of the 96 Capital Area Soccer League and player for the USYS NC 97 Olympic Developmental Team. He plans to study international business in college this fall.



Mikayla Rae Wesselink, daughter of Jesse and Shayna Wesselink of Greensboro, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. She has been a member of the Gate City Young Singers for the past two years.

She has a passion for photography and has enjoyed shooting senior photos and weddings during her high school years. She has been dually enrolled at Guilford Technical CC the past two years and plans to study nursing at Gardner-Webb University.



Bryant West, son of Dan and Chris West, graduates May 2 after homeschooling for eleven years. He has taken piano lessons for eleven years and three years of voice lessons. He will release his first CD March 27, 2015. He is very

active in the church youth group praise band and played in the church band for five years. He plans to attend Randolph CC and transfer to Liberty University for music worship leadership. His life verse is Philippians 4:13.



Aerin Shea White, daughter of Gary and Shannon White of Cliffside, graduates after homeschooling her whole life. She enjoys reading, writing, singing, acting, filmmaking and spending time with family

and friends. She is passionate about sharing God's truth through writing, theater and film. She is seeking God's will for her life and hopes to pursue her love for God and story in a college degree.



Kayla Briauna Wiggins, daughter of Antonio and Kennetha Mayo of Rocky Mount, graduates after homeschooling for eight years. She has participated in summer camps, singing in the youth and adult

choir and feeding the homeless. She is active in playing the keyboard, art and dance. Her favorite scripture that she lives by is Philippians 4:13. She plans to attend a school of arts and to help the community who are in need.



Turner Gray Wilkinson, son of Kent and Angela Wilkinson of Monroe, graduates in May after homeschooling for thirteen years. He is active in the technical department of his church running cameras and plays guitar and

piano in the youth worship band. His life verse is Jeremiah 1:6-7. He enjoys missions, basketball, soccer and being with friends. He attends SPCC in the College and Career Promise Program and plans to continue studying graphic arts.



Walt Williams has enjoyed all the benefits of homeschooling from studying Native Americans, to deer hide tanning, making buckskins, becoming an apprentice to the master carpenter at Old Salem at age thirteen, earning his Eagle

Scout and becoming a volunteer firefighter at LFD. Walt is a gifted musician and has begun performing professionally. I thank God for His gifts and many blessings. Walt will be attending college in the fall.



Carrie Michelle Williford, daughter of Charlie and Cindy Williford of Fuquay-Varina, graduates after homeschooling for thirteen years. Her interests include music, art, and cooking. Carrie's sweet spirit is reflected in her life

as she seeks to follow the Lord's leading. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. She served a two-week internship at the Chef and the Farmer restaurant. She has also enjoyed working with Old North State Catering. She plans to follow her dream of becoming a chef after graduation from culinary arts school.



Katrina Anne Winemiller of Kernersville graduates after homeschooling her entire life. She has participated in 4-H Trailblazers and Trailblazer Teens, WHE Ace clubs, FHE volleyball and basketball, as well being very active in her church. She participated in the Career and College Promise program at Forsyth Technical Community College. She is a lifeguard at the Family Life Fitness Center. Her plans are to attend Liberty University.



Leslie Ann 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 cross country, 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.



Lauren Elizabeth Worley of Fuquay-Varina graduates after homeschooling for three years. As a very active member of her church and church youth group, Lauren participates regularly in theatre, dance and choir. She also

competes in yearly theatre, dance, choir and photography competitions, going to Talent Quest Nationals in 2012. She plans to attend Wake Technical Community College as she pursues a career in neonatal nursing. 



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Alumni Updates

Rebecca Fleming '03 graduated with degrees in English and history from HPU, and then she earned a master of library science from ECU. She is assistant branch manager of a public library. She is currently part of a collaborative writing project, *Holidays with Jane*, a series of short stories retelling Jane Austen's novels with modern holiday themes.

Carla Jones Howell '06 attended Montreat College and Western Carolina University and graduated from Haywood Community College in 2010 with an associate's degree in early childhood development. She married in 2010 and is now living in Florida with her husband, Josh, and their two sons.

Katelyn Fletcher Spurlock '09 and her husband, USAF 2nd Lieutenant **Jeremiah Spurlock** '07 will celebrate their second anniversary on May 5. The couple, both originally from the Charlotte area, recently moved to Ft. Rucker Army Base near Dothan, Alabama, where Jeremiah is continuing his aviation training. He will fly helicopters for the US Air Force.

Ian Helfrich '10 graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 2014 and is now finishing a master's of science degree in economics at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics in Barcelona, Spain. He plans to begin a Ph.D. program in the US, fall 2015, in microeconomic theory and regional economics with a long term goal of returning to academia as a professor.

Hannah Brooke Jones '10 attended Western Carolina University for one year and transferred to NC State University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from NC State in 2014 with bachelor of biological sciences and was accepted into and is presently studying in the 2018 class of NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. She is living in Raleigh.

Bethany Wescott '11 obtained a marketing degree from UNC Charlotte with minors in music and communications. Desiring to pursue ministry, she joined with the Galkin Evangelistic Team to serve alongside churches around the states for the spread of the Gospel. She sings, plays the cello, manages the website/online resources and assists with the youth ministries.

Brendan Fletcher '12 is a senior in computer science at Clemson University. The computer science department has named him "Outstanding Senior." He participated in the Mercer University Spring Programming Competition winning first place with his

team of two other students from Clemson. Brendan will graduate in December 2015 after only seven semesters.

Sarah Hudson '12 is a rising senior at UNCC majoring in English and communications. She has traveled to Italy and London for study abroad programs. Sarah is also on the management team for Loft, serves with the leadership team for RUF and mentors a group of high school girls for her church youth group.

Nia Kearney '12 graduated from the University of Mount Olive in Mount Olive, NC, 2014, with an associate's degree in general studies. She transferred to Hawai'i Pacific in Honolulu this year where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work. Her goal after completing formal education is to begin a career working with homeless and disabled veterans.

Christian Seitz '12 enrolled at Elon University, majoring in chemistry. Since then he has won \$18,000 in funding for an organic chemistry research project at Elon and spent a summer doing cancer research in Germany. He will spend this summer doing research at Cal Tech to deduce the chemical basis for how humans smell.

Elizabeth Yamashita '13 is pursuing her long-time passion for world missions. Currently she attends Gateways Training School-Cyprus. In May, her team will share the Good News in Ethiopia for three to four weeks. In June, she plans to return to Israel to reconnect with Messianic and Christian friends and to help her Israeli "family" at Jerusalem Hills Inn.

Anna Helfrich '14 is a freshman in the honors college at George Mason University majoring in conflict analysis and resolution and philosophy. She is currently on an internship in Budapest, Hungary, working with the human rights initiative, particularly with regard to human trafficking of the Roma women, through Central European University.

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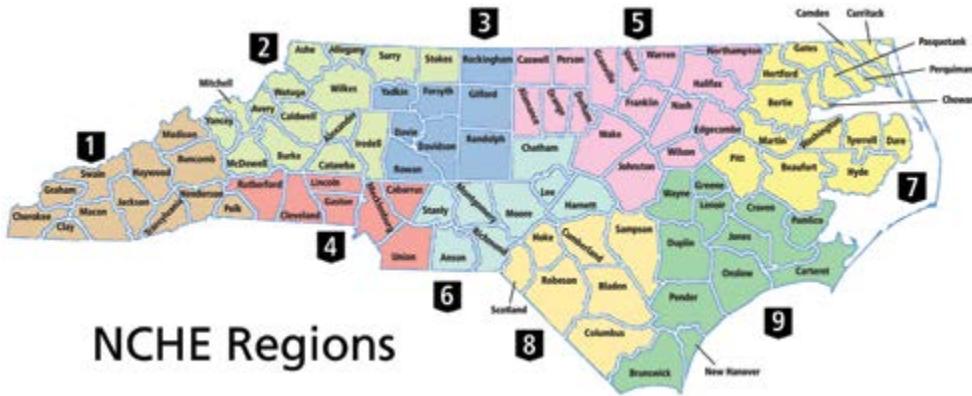


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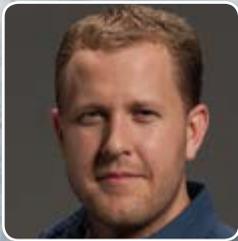
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