

2024

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MAY 24, 2024



COMMENCEMENT

Senior Class Acknowledgment

Today, as we graduate high school, our minds and hearts are full of memories from our time at Cypress Christian School. We will forever be thankful for the individuals who have sacrificed to provide a wonderful experience for us at CCS. We are indeed blessed to recall these teachers, friends, fun experiences, times of challenge and growth and carry these remembrances with us into our future as we step into a new season of life. We are honored to gather here with our families, friends and loved ones to celebrate this exciting milestone for the Class of 2024.

Our freshman year is one to remember as it gave us the COVID block schedule that provided infinite mask breaks, where we may have been overzealous in our four-square games. Sophomore year was no less memorable as we kicked it off with Dr. Morales' treacherous WHAP class, which provided us with the skills we needed for our future academic accomplishments. Following that, we celebrated the school's hard-earned football state championship. Junior year was full of momentous accomplishments and dominant athletic performances: baseball, girls' golf, softball and girls' track state championships. Adding to this, we also witnessed the homecoming dance floor almost collapsing during our junior year. Lastly, in our senior year, our class resiliently planned and executed the CCS High School Retreat, consisting of 2 a.m. meetings full of mosh pits, compliment circles and the first famous talent show.

We could not be more thankful for the teachers and coaches who have played pivotal roles in shaping us into the individuals we are today. The unwavering guidance and dedication of each coach and teacher, both in the classroom and on the playing field, has helped nurture the character we have now. These people spent countless hours investing their time and knowledge into us, meticulously developing hard-working and God-fearing men and women. We are profoundly thankful for the lessons you have taught us, which we will one day share with others. Across all sports and subjects, we could not be more grateful for each of you. For every prayer, every good morning and every blessing, we could not be more thankful.

Most importantly, thank you to our parents for prioritizing a Christian environment that instilled unwavering Christian values and for demonstrating them at home. We have immense gratitude for the steps you have taken to ensure we would leave high school with academics grounded in biblical values. You helped guide us in the Lord's ways through thick and thin and stood by us as we stressed about the future.

Senior Class of 2024

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<i>Prelude</i>	Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80
<i>Processional of Seniors</i>	
<i>Welcome & Invocation</i>	Michael Slabic Chairman of the Board of Directors
<i>Pledges</i>	Nolan Bay Director of College & Academic Advising

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas flag:
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
One state under God, one and indivisible.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
And to the Savior
For Whose kingdom it stands,
One Savior, crucified, buried, risen and coming again
With life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word.
I will make it a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
I will hide its words in my heart
That I might not sin against God.

Salutatorian & Valedictorian

Dr. Antonio Morales
High School Principal

Worship High School Choir

Memory Speakers

Dr. Antonio Morales
High School Principal

Commencement Address

Dr. Jeffrey D. Potts
President

Dr. Jarrett Stephens
Senior Pastor, Champion Forest Baptist Church

Kris Hogan
Director of Culture

Presentation of Diplomas

Dr. Christopher Witschonke
Dean of Instructional Development

Parent Recognition

Graduates

Benediction & Closing Remarks

Dr. Antonio Morales
High School Principal

Recessional of Graduates

Honor Cords and Stole

Gold Cord – All A's Each Semester Grades 9-12

Green Cord – Volunteer Service Award

Rainbow Cord – National Art Honor Society Member

Blue & Gold Cord – Thespian Society Member

NHS Stole – National Honor Society Member

Alma Mater

(To the tune "Abide with Me")

Cypress, dear Cypress, hail the blue and white.

Warriors forever standing for what's right.

Knowledge and wisdom we have learned from you.

Faithful CCS, forever true.

Trained hearts and minds preparing us to be

Servants of Christ in our society.

Lifting high your banner, loyal through and through.

Faithful CCS, forever true.

Cypress Christian School Class of 2024

Joshua Amos-Nwankwo

Keaton Barbisch

Kayna Betz

Lindsey Brashier

Jackson Broussard

Bri Buswell

Caden Clinton

David Conomos

Harlan Dall

Macie Dammeyer

Aidan Dougherty

Lauren Douglas

Max Duphorne

William Ellisor

Garrett Fairbanks

Ayden Farrell

Brandon Fivecoat

Madison Fowler

Reyli Garza

Sam Girard

Nya Graves

Cooper Griess

Lydia Gwyn

Kiran Harper

Rayne Harris

Ben Hensley

Regina Hernandez-Rodriguez

Parker Hirth

Zeke Hogan

Lauryn Jackson

Brody Johnson

Claire Johnson

Judah Kelly

Matthew Kirchhoff

Alex Kissamis

Matthew Lee

Bria Lloyd

Reagan Lubs

Jacob Lukaszewski

Miles Martin

Camden Maxey

Drew Mestayer

Marko Micic

Macy Murray

Robby Mynes

Isabella Navarro

Sarah Olenick

Andrew Owen

Brittany Patterson

Claire Petru

Makena Pham

J.D. Potts

Daniel Pua

Kynsie Ramirez

Oliver Ranson

Jacob Rauch

Bo Rittiman

Bethany Romero

Brelyn Runge

Xavier Sanchez

Annika Sandhu

William Shappley

Verena Shatby

Am Sheikh

Will Simcik

Alex Slabic

Anna Smith

Emersyn Smith

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Brayden Stovall

Sophia Swanton

Elliott Tallerine

Reagan Taylor

Ashleigh Townsend

Mariana van Dyk

Thomas Walsh

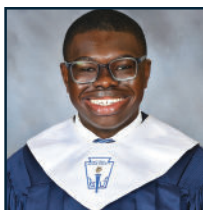
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Luke Wisenbaker

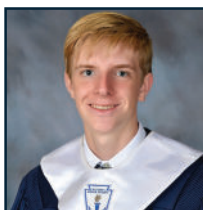
Owen Witschonke

Dillon Wolff

Camille Zemke



Joshua Chukwuemeka Amos-Nwankwo, son of Onyinyechukwu "Gift" Amos-Nwankwo, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Joshua 1: 9 - *This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua plans to attend LeTourneau University.



Keaton Andrew Barbisch, son of Tammy and Brett Barbisch, has attended CCS kindergarten -12th grade. His life verse is James 1:2-4 - *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.* Keaton plans to attend Baylor University.



Kayna Elizabeth Betz, daughter of Jill and Josh Betz, has attended CCS 11 years. Her life verse is Matthew 5:16 - *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.* Kayna plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Lindsey Shea Brashier, daughter of Cari and Adam Brashier, has attended CCS 12 years. Her life verse is Isaiah 7:9 - *If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.* Lindsey plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.



Jackson Lee Broussard, son of Marit and Dane Broussard, has attended CCS nine years. His life verse is Matthew 7:7-8 - *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.* Jackson plans to attend Biola University.



Brianna Elizabeth Buswell, daughter of Kimberly and Danny Buswell, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9 - *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Bri plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler.



Caden McAllister Clinton, son of Lindsey and Grant Clinton, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Galatians 5:1 - *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.* Caden plans to attend the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.



David James Conomos, son of Carol and Greg Conomos, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Job 22:28 - *Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.* David plans to attend Baylor University.



Harlan Walker Dall, son of Nikki and Justin Dall, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is John 1:1-3 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.* Harlan plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



Macie Grace Dammeyer, daughter of Tina and Brian Dammeyer, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is Psalm 18:28 - *You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.* Macie plans to attend the University of Dallas.



Aidan Craig Dougherty, son of Andrea and Dennis Mitchell and Craig Dougherty, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Psalm 23:4 - *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* Aidan plans to attend Mississippi State University.



Lauren Riley Douglas, daughter of Kay and Charles Douglas, has attended CCS two years. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9 - *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Lauren plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



Maxwell Garrett Duphorne, son of Cherie and Darin Duphorne, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Max plans to attend Belmont University.



William Kyle Ellisor, son of Gretchen and John Ellisor, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Galatians 6:9 - *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.* William plans to attend Texas A&M University.



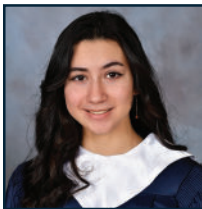
Garrett Gregory Fairbanks, son of Tracy and Gregory Fairbanks, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Psalm 118: 6-7 - *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.* Garrett plans to attend Sam Houston State University.



Ayden Wayne Farrell, son of Lori Farrell, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Psalm 46:10 - *Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!* Ayden plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Brandon Ross Fivecoat, son of Kameron and Phillip Fivecoat, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Colossians 3:23 - *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.* Brandon plans to attend Baylor University.



Madison Grace Fowler, daughter of Elizabeth and Robert Fowler, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 - *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* Madison plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles.



Reyli Garza, son of Martha and Hector Garza, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Reyli plans to attend Louisiana State University.



Samuel Scott Girard, son of Stephanie Gaithe and Scott Girard, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Romans 12:2 - *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Sam plans to attend Houston Christian University.



Nya Jai Graves, daughter of LaTanya and Jeremy Graves, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9 - *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Nya plans to attend Lone Star College.



Cooper Robert Griess, son of Tami and Robert Griess, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Cooper plans to attend Texas A&M University.



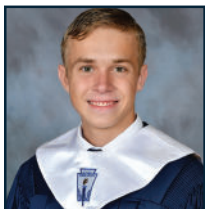
Lydia Renae Gwyn, daughter of Lisa and David Gwyn, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Proverbs 16:9 - *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.* Lydia plans to attend Texas A&M University.



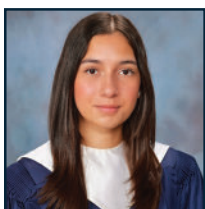
Kiran Grace Harper, daughter of Kaylee and Jason Harper, has attended CCS 12 years. Her life verse is Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Kiran plans to attend Samford University.



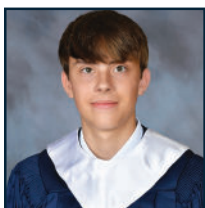
Rayne Lorelei Harris, daughter of Ryan and Matthew Jasso and Kiley and Joshua Harris, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Romans 14:8 - *For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.* Rayne plans to attend Abilene Christian University.



Benjamin Scott Hensley, son of Amanda and Scott Hensley, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Romans 1:16 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.* Ben plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Regina Hernandez-Rodriguez, daughter of Perla Rodriguez and Omar Hernandez, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Regina plans to attend Universidad Anahuac.



Stephen Parker Hirth, son of Stephanie and Aaron Hirth, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Proverbs 16:3 - *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.* Parker plans to attend Texas A&M University - Kingsville.



Ezekiel Christian Hogan, son of Amy and Kris Hogan, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Matthew 6:33 - *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.* Zeke plans to attend Texas A&M University.



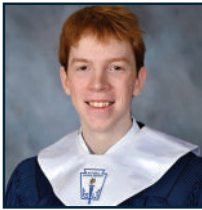
Lauryn Colette Jackson, daughter of Hazel Jones and Jeffery Murrah and Chemene and Joseph Jackson, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Romans 12:2 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Lauryn plans to attend Pepperdine University.



Brody Creek Johnson, son of Erin and Christian Dolan and David Johnson, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Matthew 7:12 - *So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.* Brody plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University.



Claire Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Terri and Tommy Johnson, has attended CCS 11 years. Her life verse is Isaiah 41:10 - *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Claire plans to attend Baylor University.



Judah Michael Kelly, son of Joani and Kevin Kelly, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Romans 12:12 - *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* Judah plans to attend Baylor University.



Matthew David Kirchhoff, son of Aimee and Thomas Kirchhoff, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Psalm 23:1-2 - *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.* Matthew plans to attend Sam Houston State University.



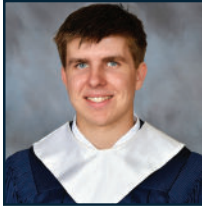
Alex Dimitri Kissamis, son of Laurie and George Kissamis, has attended CCS one year. His life verse is John 13:7 - *Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."* Alex plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



Matthew Ryan Lee, son of Stacy Mendez-Lee and Gilbert Lee, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Matthew plans to attend The University of Texas at San Antonio.



Brianna Reh Lloyd, daughter of Justina and Aaron Lloyd, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Psalm 46:2 - *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.* Bria plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Reagan Ryan Lubs, son of Kim and Ryan Lubs, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Psalm 94:19 - *When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.* Reagan plans to attend the University of Arkansas.



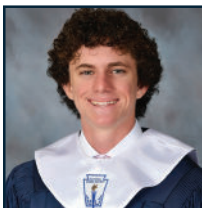
Jacob Lance Lukaszewski, son of Christina and Wayne Lukaszewski, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Matthew 22:14 - *For many are called, but few are chosen.* Jacob plans to attend Centenary College of Louisiana.



Miles Hughes Martin, son of Erica and Philip Martin, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is James 1:2-3 - *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* Miles plans to attend Oklahoma State University.



Camden Marie Maxey, daughter of Natalie and Jeff Maxey, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* Camden plans to attend the University of Tennessee.



Andrew Michael Mestayer, son of Jennifer and Scott Mestayer, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Romans 12:1 - *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* Drew plans to attend East Texas Baptist University.



Marko Micic, son of Milka and Dejan Micic, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Psalm 23:6 - *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.* Marko plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Macy Madison Murray, daughter of Tina and Gregory Murray, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is John 6:35 - *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty."* Macy plans to attend The Culinary Institute of America.



Robert Henry Mynes, son of Jessica and Brian Mynes, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 - *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Robby plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University.



Isabella Navarro, daughter of Michele and Carlos Navarro, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Psalm 16:11 - *You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* Isabella plans to attend Baylor University.



Sarah Jane Olenick, daughter of Stephanie and Cory Olenick, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Proverbs 19:21 - *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.* Sarah plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Andrew Fletcher Owen, son of Lindsay and Brent Owen, has attended CCS nine years. His life verse is John 16:22 - *So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.* Andrew plans to attend the University of Florida.



Brittany Anne Patterson, daughter of Tiffany and Michael Patterson, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 - *See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* Brittany plans to attend Tarleton State University.



Claire Elizabeth Petru, daughter of Stephanie and Greg Petru, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Matthew 5:16 - *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* Claire plans to attend Louisiana State University.



Makena Marie Pham, daughter of Stacy and Chuong Pham, has attended CCS 10 years. Her life verse is Romans 12:12 - *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.* Makena plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Jeffrey Dale Potts II, son of Kristin and Jeff Potts, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Isaiah 41:10 - *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* J.D. plans to attend Baylor University.



Daniel Cedric Pua, son of Maria and Cornelio Pua, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Ephesians 6:13 - *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.* Daniel plans to attend the University of Houston.



Kynsie Rae Ramirez, daughter of Angie Thomas and Roland Ramirez, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.* Kynsie plans to attend the University of North Florida.



Oliver Stanley Ranson, son of Tara Ranson and Dan Lench and the late Mark Denicola, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Matthew 7:16 - *You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?* Oliver plans to attend Texas State University.



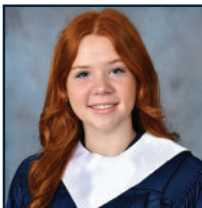
Jacob Thomas Rauch, son of Brandi and Thomas Rauch, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Isaiah 41:13 - *For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you."* Jacob plans to attend Colorado School of Mines



Bo Porter Rittiman, son of Mamie and Darrell Rittiman, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is 1 Corinthians 15:10 - *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect.* Bo plans to attend Mississippi State University.



Anna Bethany Romero, daughter of Ana and Fredy Romero, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Colossians 3:23-24 - *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.* Bethany plans to attend Houston Christian University.



Brelyn Elyse Runge, daughter of Sara and Daryl Runge, has attended CCS nine years. Her life verse is Proverbs 21:21 - *Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.* Brelyn plans to attend Tarleton State University.



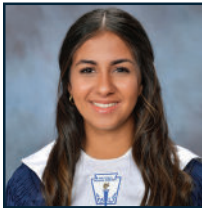
Xavier Calderon Sanchez, son of Darlyne and Richard Sanchez, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is James 4:10 - *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.* Xavier plans to attend Howard Payne University.



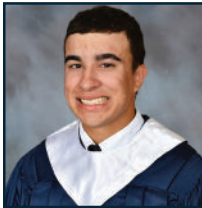
Annika Anna Sandhu, daughter of Hina and Ansar Sandhu, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Psalm 37:23-24 - *The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.* Annika plans to attend Baylor University.



William Louis Shappley IV, son of Rebecca and William Shappley III, has attended CCS 11 years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* William plans to attend Colorado School of Mines.



Verena Kaitlyn Shatby, daughter of Mary and Meena Shatby, has attended CCS nine years. Her life verse is Proverbs 16:9 - *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.* Verena plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Ameron Sheikh Jr., son of Rebecca and Ameron Sheikh, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Exodus 14:14 - *The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.* Am plans to attend the University of Dallas.



William Austin Simcik, son of Amy and Brad Simcik, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is 1 Chronicles 16:23-24 - *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!* Will plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Alexandra Blyss Slabic, daughter of Cristina and Mike Slabic, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Alex plans to attend Texas A&M University.



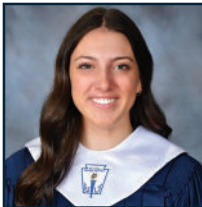
Anna Leigh Smith, daughter of Sherry and Andy Smith, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Romans 12:12 - *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.* Anna plans to attend Baylor University.



Emersyn Grace Smith, daughter of Kara and Thomas Smith, has attended CCS 12 years. Her life verse is Philippians 4:8-9 - *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.* Emersyn plans to attend Baylor University.



Riley James Smith, son of Karen and Brian Smith, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is 1 Corinthians 10:31 - *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* Riley plans to attend Texas State University.



Riley Catherine Stephens, daughter of Debbie and Jarrett Stephens, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* Riley plans to attend Baylor University.



Brayden Wayne Stovall, son of Janet and Jeremy Stovall, has attended CCS 12 years. His life verse is Psalm 40:2-3 - *He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.* Brayden plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Sophia Marie Swanton, daughter of Elisa and Alan Swanton, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. Her life verse is Galatians 1:10 - *For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.* Sophia plans to attend Baylor University.



Elliott Jonathon Tallerine, son of Veronica and Anthony Tallerine Sr., has attended CCS two years. His life verse is 1 Chronicles 16:11 - *Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face continually.* Elliott plans to attend Lone Star College.



Reagan Gentry Taylor, son of Jennifer and Josiah "Preston" Taylor V, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Isaiah 40:31 - *But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* Reagan plans to enroll in the UT Cybersecurity Program.



Mary Ashleigh Townsend, daughter of April and Scott Townsend, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Matthew 5:16 - *Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.* Ashleigh plans to attend Texas A&M University.



Mariana Elizabeth van Dyk, daughter of Clare and Frans van Dyk, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:13 - *You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.* Mariana plans to attend Abilene Christian University.



Thomas James Walsh, son of Kathryn and Corey Walsh, has attended CCS kindergarten-12th grade. His life verse is Psalm 119:9-11 - *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word. With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments! I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.* Thomas plans to attend Dallas Baptist University.



Brandon Matthew Williams, son of Stephanie and Glen Williams, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Proverbs 14:23 - *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.* Brandon plans to attend East Texas Baptist University.



Luke Blaikie Wisenbaker, son of Ashlee and Matt Wisenbaker, has attended CCS 11 years. His life verse is Colossians 2:14-15 - *By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.* Luke plans to attend the University of Mississippi.



Owen Paul Witschonke, son of Shawna and Christopher Witschonke, has attended CCS 11 years. His life verse is Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Owen plans to attend Baylor University.



Dillon William Wolff, son of Tammie and Jeff Powell, has attended CCS 11 years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.* Dillon plans to attend Texas State University.



Camille Lois Zemke, daughter of Cassie and Wayne Zemke, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Camille plans to attend Baylor University.

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B.A., Baylor University
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Ed.D., University of Georgia
M.Ed., Kennesaw State University
B.A., Rhodes College
Cleveland, Craig (2003) - Dean of Students
M.A.C.E., Northwestern Christian University
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Griffiths, Alicia (2011) - *Learning Center Director*
M.Ed., ESE, Southeastern University
M.B.A., Keller School of Management
B.B.A., DeVry University
Hogan, Kris (2020) - *Director of Culture/Head Football Coach*
B.S., Texas A&M University - Commerce
Morales, Antonio (2023) - *High School Principal*
Ed. D., Liberty University
M.A., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
B.B.A., University of Houston
Potts, Jeffrey D. (2019) - *President*
Ed.D., Liberty University
M.Ed., Columbia International University
M.A., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
B.A., Baylor University
Rhea, Iva Nell (2003) - *Middle School Principal*
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
M.S., Prairie View A&M University
B.S., Carson-Newman College

Sells, Drew (2021) - *Athletic Director*
B.S., University of Phoenix

Williams, Danielle (2014) - *Director of Curriculum*
M.Ed., Texas A&M University
B.S., University of Houston

Witschonke, Christopher (2013) - *Dean of Instructional Development*
Ed.D., University of Houston
M.Ed., University of Houston
B.A., University of Michigan

Faculty

Albers, Will (2013) - Bible
M.A.B.S., Reformed Theological Seminary - Houston
B.A., Texas A&M University

Begnoche, Justin (2020) - Math
M.S.Ed., Baylor University
B.A., Oral Roberts University

Dixon, Ben (2023) - History
M.S., Southeastern Louisiana University
B.A., Leavell College

Dixon, Taylor (2023) - Science
M.Ed., Northwestern State University of Louisiana
B.S., Mississippi College

Doan, Kimberly (2022) - Math
M.A.C.E., Dallas Theological Seminary
B.S., University of Texas at Tyler

Eichelberger, Marilyn (2023) - Art
M.A.T., University of Arkansas at Monticello
B.F.A., Metropolitan State University of Denver

Escamilla, Tanya (2014) - Math
M.Ed., Prairie View A&M University
B.S., University of Central Oklahoma

Galbreath, Kelly (2005) - Spanish/Journalism
B.A., University of Texas

Harris, Kiley (2018)- Drama
B.A., Baylor University

Janz, Jody (2019) - English
B.A., Ouachita Baptist University

Lambert, Donna (2012) - English
M.L.A., Houston Christian University
B.S., Texas A&M University

Lechman, Rachael (2010) - Bible/Photography
B.S., College of Biblical Studies

Leonard, Patrick (2012) - English
M.F.A., The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
B.A., Augustana College

Longridge, Lisa (2007) - Science
Ph.D., Texas A&M University
B.A., Texas A&M University

McGrath, Karen (1999) - Math
M. Ed., Southwestern Assemblies of God University
B.A., University of Texas at San Antonio

Marble, Danica (2021) - Spanish
M.E.T., Boise State University
B.A., University of Nebraska at Kearney

Mellor, Amanda (2022) - Math
M.A., University of Houston
B.S., University of Houston

Nugent, Tom (2011) - Bible
M.Ed., Houston Christian University
B.S., University of Houston

Papaioannou, Nick (2023) - History
B.S., Texas A&M University

Teague, Lori (2011) - Science
B.S., Lamar University

Ward, Amber (2022) - Choir
B.M.E., Baylor University

Yaw, Jessica (2019) - Engineering
B.S., Texas A&M University

Paranthesis denotes the year joining CCS secondary staff.



SCHOLARSHIPS

**Previously awarded on May 16, 2024,
at the Academic & Athletic Awards Night**

Andrew Gladney Heart of Gold Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Ashleigh Townsend

Elizabeth Buck Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Regina Hernandez-Rodriguez

Fine Arts Scholarship
Awarded to Rayne Harris & Robby Mynes

Linwood Brown Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Kynsie Ramirez

Spirit of Paul Scholarship
Awarded to Will Simcik

Tammy Otts Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Brody Johnson

Travis Chaffin Memorial Scholarship
Awarded to Drew Mestayer

Will Rhodes Athletic Scholarship
Awarded to Claire Johnson & Luke Wisenbaker

Valiant Warrior
Awarded to Sarah Olenick & Owen Witschonke

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