

*Welcome
to the
MTEA
2020
Commencement
Ceremony*



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” Deuteronomy 6:5-9

MTHEA COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

*THROUGH THE YEARS	<i>A Video Presentation of the 2020 Graduates</i>
OPENING	<i>James Drury, Bagpiper</i>
INVOCATION & GREETING	<i>Matthew and Meagan Bullington, MTHEA Presidents</i>
OUTSTANDING SENIORS PRESENTATION	<i>Matthew Bullington</i>
MTHEA’S OUTSTANDING SENIORS FOR 2020	<i>Jessie Pendrell Cannon Joshua Benjamin Buford</i>
STUDENT SPEAKERS	<i>Rebecca Noelle Ainsworth Jessie Pendrell Cannon</i>
SANDCASTLES	<i>Skye Peterson and Andrew Peterson Written by Skye Peterson</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	<i>Andrew Peterson</i>
**AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	<i>Parents of Graduates</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	<i>Matthew and Meagan Bullington</i>
BENEDICTION	<i>Matthew Bullington</i>
CLOSING	<i>James Drury, Bagpiper</i>
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**Live Stream Only*

*As a reminder, for the health and consideration of other attendees, please
remain in your vehicles unless a MTHEA staff member releases you.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

Restrooms are available, inside the building, for emergencies only.



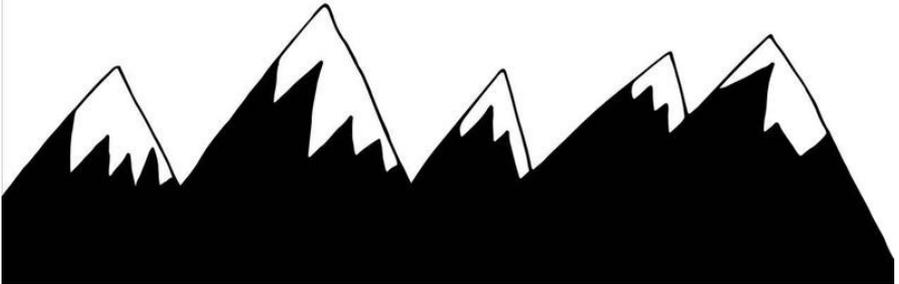
You're off to great places,

TODAY is your day!

Your **MOUNTAIN**
is waiting, so...

get on your **WAY!**

-Dr. Seuss



****Parents and Graduates:** For the Awarding of Diplomas, please remain in your vehicles until an MTHEA staff member releases you. Make sure that the tassel is on the **RIGHT** side of the cap. Parents will move it to the **LEFT** side after presenting the diploma. Don't forget to bring your diploma, in it's diploma cover, and your short bio page with you.



Dear Class of 2020,

It is interesting that the graduation ceremony is called “COMMENCEMENT.” In the English dictionary, the word “COMMENCEMENT” means “a beginning or start.” That’s significant because we seem to always think of “commencement ceremonies” as the end! In fact, it’s the beginning. The beginning of ALL that is available to you!

You have worked hard, overcome obstacles and learned so much. Way to go! There is a reason that in our ceremony, it is your parents who present you with your diplomas. In doing so, we recognize the importance of your parents in what you have accomplished. They have also worked hard, taken a less-traveled path and persevered, often with great sacrifice. We congratulate you all!

As you step forward in this next phase of your life, make sure you always seek God first and follow His lead. Let Him write the story of your life. Then you can be assured that you will meet with success in the truest sense of the word. As it says in Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don’t depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success” (NCV).

Congratulations and God bless you as you step into your next adventure!

YOUR FRIENDS AT MTHEA

2020 MTHEA Commencement Speaker

Andrew Peterson

Andrew Peterson is a singer-songwriter, author, and founder of the Rabbit Room. Andrew has released more than ten records over the past twenty years, earning him a reputation for songs that connect with his listeners in ways equally powerful, poetic, and intimate. As an author, Andrew's books include the four volumes of the award-winning *Wingfeather Saga*, and his creative memoir, *Adorning the Dark*. In 2008, Andrew co-founded the Rabbit Room, a non-profit organization based in Nashville, Tennessee that fosters Christ-centered community and spiritual formation through music, story, and art.



Congratulations



Class of 2020



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Rebecca Noelle Ainsworth	Bradford
Madeline Patricia-Anne Alexander	Murfreesboro
Breanna Darlene Ambrose-Hindman	Nashville
Jacob Walter Beck	Charlotte
Sharon Rose Bessant	Woodbury
Noël Nicole Bolling	Murfreesboro
Jordan McKyle Bradford	Franklin
Louann Elaine Braunwalder	Lascassas
Courtney Marie Brooks	Murfreesboro
Hannah Renee Brown	Bradyville
Joshua Benjamin Buford	Nashville
Jonathan Paul Butterfield	Smyrna
Abigail Catherine Byrnes	Milton
Jessie Pendrell Cannon	Franklin
Emma Catherine Chandler	Franklin
Navah Alizabeth Chestnut	Bell Buckle
William Harrison Cochran	Franklin
Brooke Elizabeth Cooper	Franklin
Sarah Ruth Dean	Nashville
Houston Seth DeGalliford	Christiana
Rebecca Renee Domergue	Murfreesboro
Zara Wen Dorris	Brentwood
William Alexander Dozier	Brentwood
David Henry Elson	Nashville
Nathaniel Benjamin Evans	Antioch
James William Evans	Shelbyville
Emmanuel Hezekiah Gilkes	Clarksville
Ezekiel Joseph Gilkes	Clarksville



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James Edward Hare	Brentwood
Harriet Rose Hare	Brentwood
Trinity Jade Harwell	Elora
Ryan Clinton Hazen	Lascassas
Elisabeth Frances Johnson	Murfreesboro
Caleb Stephen Gordon Kelly	Murfreesboro
Naomi Renée Kookogey	Franklin
Ahmad Gerald Lyons	Nashville
Patrick Alexander McCoy	Franklin
Emma Grace Morris	Murfreesboro
Reagan Ashton Musick	Waverly
Abigail Grace Neeley	Shelbyville
Autumn Skye Peterson	Antioch
Thomas Isaiah Poore	Franklin
Mary Pierson Purifoy	Nashville
Easton Cole Reed	Bell Buckle
Jessica Lucy Rial	Mt. Juliet
Patrick John Sharn	Franklin
Daniel Hollis Stout	Spring Hill
Olivia Kathleen Summers	Bradford
John-Isaiah Mora Tabelisma	Nashville
Eden Rose Lee Thacker	Spring Hill
Anna Kate Thurman	Brentwood
Naomi Jasmine Upshur	Joelton
Sophia Anne Valletta	Nolensville
Caleb Michael Webb	Springfield
Lane Patterson Williams	Franklin
Ethan Riley Willis	Nashville
Ellie Claire Woodard	Smyrna

REBECCA NOELLE AINSWORTH

Rebecca Ainsworth, daughter of Ronald and Janice Ainsworth, and Terry and Ericka Sumner, enjoys a variety of activities such as being with friends, hunting with her dad, and playing sports. She also enjoys reading mysteries, gardening, and exploring. After having completed her five year homeschool journey, Rebecca plans on pursuing a teaching career in math. She will also join the mission field in the Philippines in spring of 2021. *“And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and the word of our testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.”* - Revelations 12:11

MADELINE PATRICIA-ANNE ALEXANDER

Madeline Alexander is the oldest child of Tyson and Gemini Alexander. She has been homeschooled with Seton Home Study school her entire high school and middle school career, and with Catholic Heritage in early childhood and elementary school. She has enjoyed working different jobs throughout the school years, participating in camping and hiking groups, and loves anything outdoors. Madeline is set to pursue a degree in Nursing at MTSU, in the fall with hopes to be a maternity nurse. *“All that you can take with you is that which you’ve given away.”* - On George Bailey’s wall in *‘It’s a Wonderful Life.’*

BREANNA DARLENE AMBROSE-HINDMAN

Breanna was born in Nashville, TN. She was the first and only child of Felicia Ambrose. Breanna quickly showed love and talent for the game of softball at a very young age, and has played for 13 years. Her passions are spending time with family, eating, dogs, and playing sports. Her future plans are to attend Columbia State Community College then transfer to a 4-year university to pursue a career in Nursing. *“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”* - I Corinthians 13:13

JACOB WALTER BECK

Jacob Beck is an outgoing friend to everyone he meets. He appreciates the time he spends with his friends and the memories they have created together. He loves to travel and has enjoyed visiting over 23 National Parks including his favorites of Yosemite, Zion, Yellowstone, and Badlands. Recently he visited Honduras for scuba diving. Jacob’s hobbies include whip-making, blacksmithing, rock climbing, and Martial Arts. He has a black belt in taekwondo and is working toward his black belt in MMA. He enjoys MMA because of the real world skills he has learned, the confidence it has given him, and the friendships he has found among his classmates. Jacob has already begun working in the family business and looks forward to going full-time upon graduation. He is already a valued and respected member of the team he one day hopes to lead. *“I’m no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God”* - Bethel Music

SHARON ROSE BESSANT

Born in Ohio in 2003, Sharon Bessant has lived in Woodbury, Tennessee since she was 6. Beginning her dance career at just 4 years old, Sharon has lived her life on the stage performing in musicals at local theaters, and traveling around Tennessee performing with various dance studios and companies. Today, she is working as a choreographer and hopes to continue her dance career through college. She has maintained straight A’s her whole life and decided to begin homeschooling so she could attend MTSU as a full time dual enrollment student at just 16. This fall, she will begin there as an undergrad after being awarded the Presidential Scholarship. She then hopes to attend medical school.

NOEL NICOLE BOLLING

Noel is the youngest child of Jeff and Ronda Bolling and has a big brother, Jake. Born on December 28, 2001, she is what you would call "homegrown" to Murfreesboro, TN. She has pursued many activities throughout her 18 years of life, such as tennis, modeling, writing and dance. She is currently working at an assisted living facility where the residents help her blossom. She enjoys attending The Experience Church, in Murfreesboro. Noel is planning to attend Motlow State Community College in Smyrna to obtain an RN degree. *"Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."* -Proverbs 16:24

JORDAN MEKYLE BRADFORD

Jordan Bradford is the third of eight siblings born to Papa Joe and Denise Bradford. Jordan is a beloved member of a nonprofit missions team, serving thousands of poverty stricken kids each month. As an aspiring musician, Jordan is gaining his position in Unity Productions, the Elijah's Heart creative arts program. His passions are music, martial arts, the Holy Bible and growing a lifestyle of service. He looks forward to further training in professional worship, being a fitness instructor, a music artist, and internship with the Elijah's Heart nonprofit corporation. *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* - John 13:35

LOUANN ELAINE BRAUNWALDER

Louann Elaine Braunwalder has been homeschooled for her whole life. She has been active in her dance studio, where she has taken classes for ten years and taught classes the last three years. Louann started horseback riding lessons four years ago and has competed in the State Saddle Club competition for the past two years. Louann is also an active member of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office Explorer post. She has competed at Winterfest with her post for the past two years and has earned the rank of Corporal. Louann plans on attending MTSU in the fall, where she will study Fermentation Science and minor in Computer Science and Equine Science. She looks forward to joining the MTSU Stock Horse Team. *"Sometimes you don't know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."*- Dr. Seuss

COURTNEY MARIE BROOKS

Courtney, the youngest child of Jeremy and Jennifer Brooks, was born for greatness. The freedom of homeschooling allowed her to pursue many interests and hobbies throughout the years. Her favorite being, staying up late eating Hot Cheetos, with sleeping in, being a close second. She has participated in Girl Scouts, guest appeared in The Hunger Games, modeled for American Girl, played fastpitch softball, and stars in and edits multiple vlogs--just to name a few. Her love of children has led her to consider a career as a pediatrician, while her skills with hair and makeup has her also considering hairdressing and makeup artist. Whatever Courtney chooses, her future is sure to be bright. There is nothing she cannot accomplish with her fearless attitude. *"Whoever said money can't solve your problems must not have had enough money to solve them."* - Ariana Grande

HANNAH RENEE BROWN

Hannah is the youngest daughter of Gary and Betty Brown. She and her older sister, Britney, were both homeschooled from kindergarten through high school. She is greatly involved with the church and the youth programs there. She loves to explore her creativity in many styles and forms; Hannah enjoys drawing, painting, and candle making, as well as camping, fishing and hiking. She has a love for ma-

rine life and other animal studies. She will be starting college at Motlow in the fall, and then will transfer to MTSU to pursue a degree in Biology or Animal Science. *“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.”* – Proverbs 3:5-7

JOSHUA BENJAMIN BUFORD

Joshua is the youngest son of Christopher and Shawn Buford, and has been home-schooled for most of his life. He attended BFA, TLC and the Academy Tutorial throughout his homeschool journey before dual-enrolling at Nashville State Community College. He played basketball with the NCC Warriors, enjoys learning new things, spending time with his family and friends, cooking, and traveling. He is a member of the Nashville State Community College Honors College, the National Society of Leadership and Success honor society, he is a Tennessee State University Presidential Scholar, and has earned 22 college credits. In the fall Joshua will attend Tennessee State University on a full 4-year academic scholarship, to pursue a degree in civil engineering. *“But for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* - Joshua 24:15

JONATHAN PAUL BUTTERFIELD

Jonathan, the third son of Keith and Gina Butterfield, is excited to be completing his high school career. Jonathan has enjoyed church youth group trips, creating music, producing videos, and performing in school musicals and dramas. His favorite things are rocks, football, watching movies, hanging out with friends and eating food. Jonathan plans to pursue his love of rocks by studying geology, at Harding University in the fall. *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* - Matthew 6:34

ABIGAIL CATHERINE BYRNES

Abby Byrnes, daughter of Mark and Julie Byrnes, was born and raised in Middle Tennessee. She has been home-schooled since her freshman year of high school, and has attended classes at Discipleship Tutorial in Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee State University. She enjoys reading, writing, listening to music, movies, attending concerts, playing the guitar, photography, and spending time with her family and her cat, Holly. Abby plans to take a gap year following graduation to write, work, and consider her career and higher education options. She is interested in psychology and literary studies. *“Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain.”* - Vivian Greene

JESSIE PENDRELL CANNON

Jessie, the oldest child of Steven and Pendrell Cannon, was born on June 11, 2002 in Franklin, TN. Her passion has always been God, people and animals. She loves wholeheartedly and sprinkles kindness generously wherever she goes. She loves participating in community service opportunities, teaching in children's church, playing either guitar or piano and singing on worship team, and sharing Jesus with the world. During her senior year she has taken 9 divinity courses and will be certified for ministry this year. She is a blend of encouragement and competitiveness, and loves playing sports, ranging from baseball to figure skating and horseback riding. Jessie has excelled in her 13 years of homeschooling, as well as dual enrollment at college, and is graduating summa cum laude with a 4.3GPA. Jessie will be attending Asbury University, KY in the fall and plans on majoring in Equine Science. 1 Thessalonians 5:24, *“The one who calls you by name is trustworthy and will thoroughly complete his work in you.”*

EMMA CATHERINE CHANDLER

Emma Chandler has always loved creating beautiful things. Born in September of 2001, she's been homeschooled by her parents, Jeff and Michele Chandler, her entire life. You can typically find her working on some type of art project, taking someone she loves out to coffee, playing electric bass, or petting her many snuggly cats. She plans to pursue dual degrees in Psychology and English with the hopes of becoming a college professor. She's thrilled to see what adventure God takes her on in this next phase of her life. *"Lord, You are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago."* - Isaiah 25:1

NAVAH ALIZABETH CHESTNUT

Navah Chestnut, long time homeschooler and native Tennessean, is thrilled to finish her high school career in the homeschool community. She lives to create and surrounds herself with art wherever she goes. She volunteers through the non-profit Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities, in their Southern Girls' Rock and Roll camps. She will be attending the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, in the Brock Scholars honors program, to study Marketing. She plans to pursue a career in television writing and comedy. *"Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful."* - Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley

WILLIAM HARRISON COCHRAN

William is the oldest of five children, of Nathan and Amanda Cochran, and is excited to be moving forward in life, having completed his homeschooling career. William has been a diligent worker and responsible sibling, having provided much help to his parents as life has constantly kept them on their toes. William is looking forward to beginning an internship with a professional film company this summer, as well as continuing to develop his own photo and video skills. He is a skilled drummer and is looking forward to how music will play a role in his life as well.

BROOKE ELIZABETH COOPER

Brooke is the middle child of Ed and Debbie Cooper, and has been homeschooled her entire life. She attended Bethel Family Academy, and the Academy Tutorial, both of which have enriched her homeschool experience. Brooke has been dancing since she was 2, and has taught dance to younger students since she was 13, and can't wait to continue teaching while in college. In the fall, Brooke plans to attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and double major in Political Science and Criminology. Hoping to attend law school after completing her undergraduate degree. *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."* - 1 Peter 4:8

SARAH RUTH DEAN

Sarah is the youngest daughter of James and Sheryl Dean. She has been homeschooled her whole life. Sarah is very creative and is a lover of music, art, and books. Sarah has a high work ethic and enjoys all of her jobs; a recreation facilitator at Deer Run Camps and Retreats, a childcare provider at Christ Presbyterian Church for a women's Bible study group, and a team member at Chick-Fil-A. Sarah loves photography and hopes to pursue it as a career after college. She will be attending Ouachita Baptist University in the Fall where she will be a communications and media major. She looks forward to what God has in store for her in the future. *"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.” - Joshua 1:9

HOUSTON SETH DeGALLIFORD

Houston, the second oldest son of Kenneth and Lori DeGalliford, is excited to have successfully completed his 12-year homeschool career. Houston has played the piano on the worship team at Impact Church in Murfreesboro for the last 4 years and is currently active in the prayer ministry there. Houston has a passion for music, art, and photography. *“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.” - Colossians 3:14*

REBECCA RENEE DOMERGUE

Rebecca Domergue has been homeschooled for her whole life, and has matured into an intelligent, compassionate, kindhearted young lady. Rebecca enjoys church, cooking, sewing, and singing. Dogs have a special place in her heart. Rebecca has plans to pursue her interest in the medical field, and her love of caring for others, by furthering her education to become a physical therapist. A favorite Bible scripture of Rebecca’s is Proverbs 19:8, *“He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.”*

ZARA WEN DORRIS

Zara Dorris exudes a gentle spirit and friendly nature to people of all ages. The daughter of Charles and Rebecca Dorris, and older sister to Zena and Zola, she lives in the Nashville area. She enjoys cooking, especially baking cakes and specialty desserts, and spending time with friends and family. She is involved in her family’s Suitcases of Love packing supplies for five medical orphanages in China, and sending suitcases with travelers to Beijing. The highlight of her teen years is spending several weeks as a volunteer at two of these medical orphanages in 2014, 2016, and 2018. After homeschooling for 13 years, Zara is pursuing a degree in nursing at Freed-Hardeman University starting this fall. She passionately lives this scripture as her life verse: *“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” - Proverbs 3:3*

WILLIAM ALEXANDER DOZIER

Alex is the son of Brad and Jennifer Dozier. He graduated from Franklin Christian Academy, and will follow the family legacy of his great grandparent, grandparents, parents and sister by attending Tennessee Tech in the fall. He has an infectious sense of humor, a love for animals and enjoys anything computer related. His senior quote is *“You’re only given one little spark of madness. You mustn’t lose it.” - Robin Williams.* Alex is excited for the adventure of his next chapter in life. *“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.” - Isaiah 41:10*

DAVID HENRY ELSON

David, the youngest son of Mark and Dawn Elson, has been homeschooled all his life. He enjoys programming, as well as playing games on his computer, and has studied Wado Ryu karate since he was six years old. He has been accepted and will attend Tennessee Tech University to pursue a degree in Computer Science with a concentration in data science. *“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.” - Abraham Lincoln*

NATHANIEL BENJAMIN EVANS

Nathan is the son of Kevin and Vicki Evans. He has been homeschooled since kindergarten. Even though Nathan has grown up in the city, he is a farm boy at heart, spending many hours on his grandparents' farm in Illinois. Nathan enjoys working outdoors, spending time with family and friends, playing guitar and making people laugh. He is active in his church youth group and has attended Community Bible study for 16 years. His summer plans include working as a volunteer at his third Windshape camp and attending his fourth World Changers mission trip. Nathan will continue his education at TCAT this fall. *"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom."* - Isaiah 40:28

JAMES WILLIAM EVANS

James "JW" Evans was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is the middle child of Tom and Joy Evans. His dad's new job brought them to live in Shelbyville, TN, and he has lived in Middle, TN since 2012. He enjoys eating, hanging out with friends, the outdoors, and playing video games. JW plans to attend Motlow Community College in fall, then transfer over to a 4-year university. *"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."* - Albert Einstein

EMMANUEL HEZEKIAH GILKES

Emmanuel Gilkes son of Lionel and Jessica Gilkes is the youngest of five. Emmanuel (or EMAIL as his friends call him) is the 1st in his family to graduate high school at age 16. Emmanuel hopes to continue to build his YouTube channel @EmailsEndlessIdeas using his talents of singing, comedy and gaming. His favorite verse that helps guide him is. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you"*. - Matthew 6:33

EZEKIEL JOSEPH GILKES

Ezekiel is the fourth child of 5. His parents are Lionel & Jessica Gilkes. He was born in Clarksville TN. Ezekiel enjoys spending his time making music, playing football, the drums and bass guitar. His future plans are to attend S.A.E Institute in the fall to get his bachelor's degree in music production, and open up his own music studio. *"I can do all things through Christ who's strengthens me"* - Philippians 4:13

HARRIET ROSE HARE

Hattie is the sixth child of a family of seven, born in Nashville, TN. She enjoys spending her time volunteering at Tusculum Elementary and her church, working as a Chick-fil-A employee, and performing in musicals. Her favorite things are journaling, hanging out with friends and family, singing, drawing, traveling, and cooking. Hattie plans to pursue a degree in Art at Union University in the fall. *"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."* - Galatians 1:10

JAMES EDWARD HARE

Jake was born and raised in Nashville, TN, is the youngest of seven children and the twin brother of Hattie Hare. He enjoys reading history and literature, playing ultimate frisbee and spikeball, and travelling with friends and family. He also loves assisting in literacy tutoring for children every week at Tusculum Elementary

School, participating in the Nashville Youth choir, and taking part in his church's youth events. Jake plans to enroll at Union University in the fall and acquire a degree in history, with an emphasis on teaching at either the high school or collegiate level. *"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!"* - Psalms 119: 9-10

TRINITY JADE HARWELL

Trinity is the oldest child of Brandon and Natalie Harwell. She has one younger brother. She was born in Fayetteville, Tennessee and has been home schooled for twelve years. Her passions are art, history, reading and Japanese Anime. She has a very tender heart, and loves to laugh. Trinity, while praying and seeking God's direction for her life, plans to start working. Because she has developed a close relationship with her family, she hopes to one day be a stay-at-home Mom. *"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall arise for the Jews elsewhere, but you and your father's house will perish. And, who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion?"* - Esther 4:14

RYAN CLINTON HAZEN

Ryan, the oldest of 5 children, of Parry and Niki Hazen, was born June 27, 2001. He has been homeschooled for the past 11 years, when the military started moving his family around. His favorite subjects included anything dealing with Math. He has been dedicated to the local performing arts community for the past 8 years, performing in shows, working backstage in set building, a member of the crew, and stage managing. Outside of the arts he spends his free time on his dirt bike and small engine repair. Ryan is looking forward to starting his own business after graduation. *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and love, and of a sound mind."* - 2 Timothy 1:7

ELISABETH FRANCES JOHNSON

Elisabeth Johnson, born January 28, 2002, has been homeschooled since the 5th grade. Elisabeth enjoys painting, theater, playing the piano, and is an active member of Christian Life Church. Her plans are to study at Motlow Community College this fall, and then transfer to Middle Tennessee State University to study physics. *"For I know the plans I have for you' declares the LORD 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'"* - Jeremiah 29:11

CALEB STEPHEN GORDON KELLY

Caleb Kelly is the son of Art and Rebecca Kelly of Murfreesboro, and brother to Cole, Ella, and Lucy Kelly. He is the first in the family to graduate high school, and has family from West Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, and Louisiana. He is a skilled guitarist and hopes to become a music therapist in the future. He spent all of his high school years as a homeschooled student and at Rutherford Tutorial Academy. This year he was dually enrolled at MTSU and next year he plans to attend Motlow Community College. *"Though the fig tree does not bud, and there is no fruit on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will triumph in Yahweh; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation."* - Habakkuk 3:17-18.

NAOMI RENÉE KOOKOGEY

Naomi is the fourth of six Kookogey children to be homeschooled. From eighth grade on, Naomi attended The Academy Tutorial. Naomi spends most of her time at Histown Dance Studio, where she has danced for the past ten years and teaches dance to the younger students. Some of her favorite activities include dancing, watching hockey, baking, styling hair, and doing art. Naomi plans to attend the Aveda Institute in the fall, where she will study Cosmetology. *"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."* - Ephesians 4:1-2

AHMAD GERALD LYONS

Ahmad G. Lyons, friendly and fashionable, was born in Chicago, IL. He is the oldest son of four siblings that moved to Nashville, TN when he was just 4 years old. He has been homeschooled for 12 years and has been a part of Circle of Friends learning Co-op where he has gained many memorable experiences and life long friendships. He is a creative person that finds enjoyment in welding, photography and music. He's been a tennis and soccer player. In the fall he will attend Nashville State Community College where he is excited to pursue a study of music. *"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."* - 1Corinthians 13:11

PATRICK ALEXANDER MCCOY

Patrick is the youngest of three. He has lived in Franklin since the age of six and calls it home. Patrick enjoys drawing, sketching, spending time with his family, hiking, kayaking and biking. He plans to enroll at Columbia State Community College in the fall to pursue his associate degree and will then move on to complete his bachelor's degree. *"Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in your way."* - Psalm 119:37

EMMA GRACE MORRIS

Emma, the youngest of two children, born to Kate and Jason Morris, is excited to be finally finishing up her 9 years of homeschooling and is ready to get started on changing the world. Emma is passionate about God, people, art, music, nature, travel, and photography, in that order. She has attended 'The March for Life' in Washington D.C. for the past three years, and plans to keep attending, as D.C. is one of her favorite cities, and it is a cause she really believes in. For the future, she plans on attending Motlow State, for a degree in business and marketing. Then she plans on going everywhere and seeing everything, hopefully working at a non-profit and making an impact along the way. *"Be as you wish to seem."* - Socrates

REAGAN ASHTON MUSICK

Reagan is the daughter of Charlie and Dana Musick, and the sister of Allie Musick. Reagan has been homeschooled her entire school life. She loves to volunteer at the Waverly Animal Shelter and donates blood regularly. She has multiple pets, including cats, ferrets, fish and an axolotl. She is passionate about many things including sewing, programming, arts & crafts, rocks & minerals, and musicals. She is a budding entrepreneur having a business on Etsy and in local shops. She plans to attend Nashville State in the Fall with a goal of becoming a dietitian. *"Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends."* - John 15:13

ABIGAIL GRACE NEELEY

Abby was born in Memphis, TN and spent the first two years of her life in North Mississippi. She is the daughter of John and Rusty Neeley. Her dad was transferred to middle Tennessee, with the Tennessee Army National Guard, where they have lived ever since. After his retirement in 2013, they moved to a small farm where she has enjoyed gardening, raising livestock and spending time with her dogs and cats. She enjoys living life to the fullest through camping, traveling, choir, volunteering in the nursery at Gateway Church, artistry, and costume building and design. She enjoys spending time with her family and her 9 month old niece. She plans to pursue a career in Graphic Design at Tennessee College of Applied Technology. *"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."* - Proverbs 3:5-6

AUTUMN SKYE PETERSON

Skye Peterson learned to ride a bike with no training wheels when she was four years old. A few years later she begged for a unicycle and mastered that too. That same fearless curiosity and passion led her to years of track, cross country, rock climbing, and also to music; singing in the Nashville Children's Choir, several TLC musicals, and helping with worship at three different churches on a given Sunday. Her passion to use her gifts, to share the love of Christ has led her to Guatemala, Peru, and a two-month mission in Africa—not to mention, volunteering at a local assisted living home, mentoring young people, touring, songwriting, and recording two albums in the hope that her gifts would lead people to Jesus. She plans to spend next year at an international Bible school in England. *"Fear not, for I am with you always."* - Isaiah 41:10

THOMAS ISAIAH POORE

T. Isaiah Poore, is the son of T. Anthony and Terry Poore. He grew up serving alongside his parents with Elijah's Heart, Inc., which afforded him the opportunity to serve as a body double and extra on the set of the feature film, Unconditional. As a boy, he became interested in soccer and drums, and excelled at both. Though expected by his coaches to have a long successful career in soccer, he switched gears and pursued basketball in 7th grade. From his rookie season, he was a stand-out starter and set high goals for himself to exceed his own and the expectations of others. He earned recognition from the state of Tennessee for his basketball accomplishments and went on to have a prosperous high school career during which he earned several all-tournament recognitions. The Pete Froedden Ultimate Warrior Award, top-ten among high school athletes, Hudl's top player and #1 in Tennessee Insane Dunks of the Week recognitions. Isaiah enjoys reading the book of Proverbs.

MARY PIERSON PURIFOY

Mary Pierson Purifoy has lived in Nashville her whole life, and is the oldest of three sisters. Some of her favorite things to do are taking care of kids, cooking, reading, and photography. She plans to attend Samford University in Birmingham this fall and study history. She is incredibly grateful to her parents for choosing to homeschool her and her sisters from the beginning. *"And we pray... asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."* - Colossians 1:9-10

EASTON COLE REED

Easton Cole Reed was born on March 19, 2002. He is the middle child of Randy and Rebecca Reed. Easton has three brothers and two sisters. Easton has had many changes through his 18 years, and he has come a long way from the troubled little boy he once was. He has thought of doing many things after graduation, but ultimately Easton decided he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and is currently working for the same company on the road crew learning to become a welder. School has not been the easiest for Easton but he has shown that he can put forth the dedication to get through even the toughest tasks. Easton enjoys being outside hunting and fishing, as well as playing with his dog.

JESSICA LUCY RIAL

Jessica is the youngest child of Wayne and Andrea Rial, and little sister to Joshua. She was born in Roanoke, VA and has been homeschooled from day one, attending Liberty Christian Academy for six years. Jess' interests are as varied as her tastes in music – from classical, to hip hop, to heavy metal, she loves it all. She's been a competitive gymnast, a MidCumberland Young Marine, and played basketball for the NCC Warriors. But she found her passion as a cheerleader/dancer for the TN Heat. She was even honored to have been chosen as their 2019 Homecoming Queen. Jess has always followed her own path – she knows and trusts the Lord with everything by following, 1 Timothy 4:12. After graduation Jessica is excited to be attending her dad's alma mater, Western Carolina University, where she'll be a Psychology major, and hopes to be part of the Catamount cheer squad.

PATRICK JOHN SHARN

Patrick, is the second child of Thomas and Carrie. He has lived in Nashville all his life, and has been homeschooled since kindergarten, attending Teen Learning Center since 2016. Patrick enjoys exercise, football, guitar playing, and especially learning all he can about filmmaking. He will attend Columbia State Community College in the fall, studying film crew technology, with the goal of directing and working in the film industry. He is grateful to the members of Judson Baptist and Grace Community for disciplining him and speaking into his life all these years. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." - Psalm 23:4

DANIEL HOLLIS STOUT

Daniel Stout, the youngest son of Misty and Mark Stout, is excited to finally be finished with his 13 years of homeschooling. Daniel loves creating music, the outdoors, and traveling (having visited Japan, China, Thailand, and Australia). Daniel wishes to travel and experience all that he can. Daniel is also in a youth band and wishes to write and produce music for his future. Daniel plans on going to MTSU to pursue music theory, while also spending time with friends and family and jamming out to Coldplay. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 51:10, "*create in me a pure heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* "

OLIVIA KATHLEEN SUMMERS

Olivia Summers, the daughter of Ronald and Janice Ainsworth and Michael and Tara Summers, was born October 13, 2001. She is relieved that she is finally free from the burden of school. Not only has she defeated school, but in 2018 she defeated cancer by the grace of God. She enjoys making people laugh, making memories with her youth group, singing, playing piano, writing stories, and traveling. She

plans to pursue a career path in Optometry. *"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."* - Revelation 2:29

JOHN-ISAIAH MORA TABELISMA

John Tabelisma was born in Los Angeles, CA. He is the middle child among three children. At the age of four, his father's job brought them to Nashville, TN. He is thankful to The Academy for the experience it has given him during his high school career, and for the friends he's made along the way. His interests are singing, drawing, and performing. He plans to study Computer Science in the fall. *"What is chivalry? A strong spirit. We associate it with men, but it ain't about gender! It ain't about confidence or being fearless. None of that!...It's about living without regret. That's what chivalry is to me!"* - Crimson Riot

EDEN ROSE LEE THACKER

Eden has been homeschooled from the beginning. She is the 2nd oldest daughter, of the eight children, of Brian and Tara Thacker. She has lived in Tennessee all her life, and loves photography, organizing, reading, traveling, and playing the piano. She is a volunteer in the children's ministry at church. She will attend Columbia State Community College in the fall and major in Exercise Science. Her life verse is, "For with God, nothing will be impossible." - Luke 1:37

ANNA KATE THURMAN

The youngest of four sisters, Anna was born shortly after the family moved to Nashville from San Diego. Anna has been a competitive swimmer for 9 years with private and public school teams. She has lifeguarded at the ISC, Hillwood Country Club and Ensworth, where she's also a coach, instructor and director's assistant. In the summer of 2019 she launched Anna's Aquatics to share her love of swimming. Anna plans to attend Lipscomb University to pursue a Nursing degree and continue to graduate school to become a CRNA. *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit."* - Jeremiah 17:7-8

SOPHIA ANNE VALLETTA

Sophia Valletta is the youngest of three girls, has grown up in Nashville, Tennessee, and has been homeschooled her whole life. Sophia enjoys many creative and artistic hobbies such as dancing, cooking, and recently, playing the bass guitar. She has been a dancer for over 7 years and it has been a huge part of her life. Her future plans include attending Columbia State Community College for two years and possibly transferring to complete a four year degree. She would like to pursue a career in the culinary arts industry. Sophia has a big dream of owning her own business someday.

CALEB MICHAEL WEBB

Poet, philosopher, and man. Daydreaming of the days in the future, where he might be known to many as Great Uncle Davy. Hoping to pastor and lead many young ones with compassion, he is curiously seeking more curiosity. Aspiring to acquire ancient skills to be learned by many and passed through generations. Never before have we witnessed such a man! Perhaps later down the road he might stomp on grapes, or make wine; therefore making him a winemaker. Oh, how he loves whining! Or, he might religiously follow the religions of religion, with religious beliefs. For years the monks of Mongolia have shown the paths; perhaps he might travel

one someday. Who is this Caleb?! Harriet Tubman paints the picture well: *“Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”*

LANE PATTERSON WILLIAMS

Laney, second oldest of four to Ned and Laurie Williams, was born and raised in Middle Tennessee. Homeschooled her whole life, she is grateful for all the opportunities this freedom presented her. Laney began Irish dancing at age 3 and has continued through high school competing nationally and internationally—reaching as high as eleventh in the world. She now enjoys sharing her passion for dance with her own students. Another of Laney’s passions is serving with the discipleship ministry TeenPact. Some of Laney’s favorite things are traveling, deep friendships, and playing guitar. *“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.”* -Jeremiah 29:11. Though she does not know exactly what her future holds, she is confident in the One who holds the future.

ETHAN RILEY WILLIS

Ethan was born in Nashville, TN, and is the fourth child of BJ & Julie Willis. He has been homeschooled for 11 years. Ethan has always loved baseball and began playing at age 4. He has enjoyed playing with the Middle Tennessee Monarchs for the past 5 years. He plans to attend Columbia State Community College and then transfer to a 4-year university. *-Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.”* - I Peter 2:17

ELLIE CLAIRE WOODARD

Ellie has been homeschooled for 12 years. She enjoys gardening, interior and architectural design, and reading historical fiction. Currently, she volunteers at the Sam Davis Home and Springhouse Theater, and is working on starting her own event rental business. She plans to attend Columbia State and earn a Hospitality and Tourism certificate. *“Chop your own wood, and it will warm you twice.”* - Henry Ford

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