



*Commencement Ceremony
for the
Graduating Class
of 2022*

Saturday, May 21, 2022

2:00 p.m.

Trevecca Nazarene University

Nashville, TN



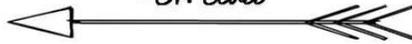
You're off to great places,

TODAY *is your day!*

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

get on your **WAY!**

-Dr. Seuss



*You are cordially invited to a light reception
following the ceremony honoring the
MTHEA Graduates.*

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*

PRELUDE MUSIC	<i>Michael Reed, Piano Taylor Reed, Upright Bass</i>
*PROCESSIONAL	<i>James Drury, Bagpiper</i>
*INVOCATION	<i>Matthew Bullington, MTHEA President</i>
THROUGH THE YEARS	<i>A Video Presentation of the 2022 Graduates</i>
WELCOME & GREETING	<i>Matthew Bullington, MTHEA President Kathleen McIntyre, MTHEA Board Member</i>
OUTSTANDING SENIORS PRESENTATION	<i>Matthew Bullington</i>
MTHEA’S OUTSTANDING SENIORS FOR 2022	<i>Ian Henry Fleet Aidan Alexander Jones</i>
STUDENT SPEAKER	<i>Elijah Blake Crouch</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	<i>Tim Costello</i>
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	<i>Parents of Graduates</i>
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES	<i>Matthew Bullington and Kathleen McIntyre MTHEA Board Members</i>
*BENEDICTION	<i>Matthew Bullington</i>
*RECESSIONAL	<i>James Drury, Bagpiper</i>

**Audience please stand*



Dear Class of 2022,

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

2022 MTHEA Commencement Speaker

Tim Costello

Tim Costello and his wife, Karen, began homeschooling in the early 1980's, before it was legal in Tennessee and were involved with the political process that led to the laws being changed. They have been married 46 years and homeschooled their four children through high school, continuously for thirty-four years. Their children also homeschool their fourteen grandchildren.

They have served as President of MTHEA in the 90s and helped found the Warrior Basketball Program twenty-six years ago.

Tim has been a general contractor for thirty-eight years and served as an elder in his church for thirty-five years. With his God-given gifts of faith and discernment, he loves to encourage families who bravely devote themselves to their children.



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THAT TREVECCA
HAS TO OFFER
AT ONE OF OUR
PREVIEW DAYS.**

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Class of 2022

NICHOLAS TYSON ALEXANDER

Nicholas, the second child of Tyson and Gemini Alexander, is excited to have completed 13 years of homeschooling. Nick has enjoyed participating in a number of activities including music, hiking, skateboarding, hunting, and sports. After graduation, Nick will be working full-time and will be pursuing a career as an electrician. *“It’s life, whatever you do. Don’t let anything be a bigger part of your life than it should be. Learn from it and progress to give yourself opportunities, but don’t let it be the end all.” - Mike Muir*

SAMUEL DALE BECK

Behind Sam’s quiet, laid-back exterior lies a wicked sense of humor! Sam enjoys martial arts. He has a black belt in both Tae-kwon-do and MMA. He takes his MMA training and workouts seriously, and he enjoys the camaraderie and friendships he has made. Sam also enjoys scuba diving, rock climbing, and gaming. After graduation, Sam will be spending a month in the High Sierra of California with Outward Bound where he looks forward to enjoying some great climbing. Sam works part-time for the family business but is considering joining the Marines. He is open to wherever God leads him. *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” – Ephesians 6:12*

NATALIE VICTORIA BORDULIS

Natalie is the third daughter of Jeff and Vicki Bordulis. She has enjoyed her high school time learning to write and play music, dance classes, art classes, and working at Chick-fil-A. She spent her childhood in the Orlando, Florida area and moved to Franklin in her 6th grade year. She loves the beach and everything about the ocean. Her favorite things include traveling, music, theme parks, reading, and writing. Natalie will be attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ. She will be pursuing a degree in Writing for New Media. She is excited to have the opportunity to attend a Christian university, live in the desert, and hike the rocks and the mountains of the southwest states. Her favorite verse is: *“Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light unto my path.” - Psalm 119:105*

MONICA YVONNE BRAUNWALDER

Monica, born June 23, 2004, is the youngest daughter of Sondra and Norbert Braunwalder. She is overjoyed that graduation has finally come. Monica has danced for 14 years and is even a student teacher.

She has also loved shooting with the homeschool trap team (Smash) for the last 3 years. Monica enjoys cooking, anything outdoorsy, dancing, and spending time with family and friends. She will be attending Middle Tennessee State University in the fall and plans on majoring in Animal Science and Plant and Soil Science with minors in Poultry science and Agribusiness. *“If you want the rainbow, you have to deal with the rain” – Dolly Parton*

WYATT BURT

Wyatt is a hardworking, determined young man with a fun-loving heart. Throughout his 8-year homeschool career he challenged himself academically by taking dual enrollment courses and maintaining a 3.66 college GPA while playing travel and high school ice hockey, roller hockey, working at Chili’s and Door Dash. He enjoys spending time with friends, video editing, gaming, and watching and playing sports. Wyatt has served as an assistant captain and captain of his high school hockey team. Wyatt is looking forward to taking the next steps in his educational career by pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral and Health Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University. He is the son of Paul and Jackie Burt and the brother to his sister Haley. *“The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.” – Kobe Bryant*

MATTHEW REID BUTTERFIELD

Matthew, the youngest son of Keith and Gina Butterfield, is excited to be completing his homeschool career. Matthew has enjoyed church youth group trips and service missions, creating music, producing videos, performing in theatrical productions and surviving childhood cancer. His favorite things include estate sales, garage sales, thrift stores, flea markets, Chick-fil-A, and hanging out with family and friends. Matthew plans to pursue a degree in computer science at MTSU. *Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” - Matthew 22:37-40*

EMILY GIBBONS CLARK

Emily Clark was born and raised in Maryland (DMV area) until her family moved to Franklin, TN in 2018, when she was 14 yrs old. She is the oldest of four kids, and the daughter of Will and Moira Clark. Emily’s schooling has been a mix over the years of homeschool, and attending private and public schools. During her senior year Emily

was homeschooled with a dual enrollment at Columbia Community College, where she did very well. Since she was young, Emily has always been a very funny and creative child who has written many plays, created stories, and painted beautiful watercolors. Emily hopes to continue on her creative path as she pursues a future as a creative writer. She is looking forward to college and will be attending Belmont University in the fall. *“It matters not what you’ve done, but what you do with what you’ve done for others.” - Noah Centineo*

KALEIGH TAYLOR COCHRAN

Kaleigh, beloved daughter and sister to four siblings. Kaleigh has excelled in her schooling years, developing a love for writing and many different genres of literature. Kaleigh desires to continue in creative writing and has a desire to become an author herself. Kaleigh is excited to move forward in life with her God fearing and creative mind, looking toward the adventures ahead. *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid?” - Psalm 27:1*

LARISSA LYNN COLLET

Larissa Collet thrives on family, friends, and God’s grace. She is the second child of Jeff and Jennifer Collet. Larissa enjoys traveling, horseback riding, and trying new things. She is involved in leading a youth group at the Fairfield Church of Christ where her father preaches and hopes to be able to go on mission trips in the future. Larissa loves helping and raising money for those in need and in 2020 she raised over one thousand dollars for a children's home in Haiti. In high school, Larissa played the saxophone and was in 8 theater productions. She will be attending Motlow State Community College in the fall to pursue becoming a registered nurse.

ELIJAH BLAKE CROUCH

Elijah Crouch, son of Les and Wendy Crouch, has been home educated for 11 years. His greatest passion is living fully submitted to the Lord, and leading others to live for Jesus. He is involved in various ministries in the greater Nashville area, teaches the Bible, has played piano for over a decade, and now enjoys playing other instruments also. Upon graduating he plans to continue roasting coffee at Narrow Gate Coffee Co. and will likely attend Southeastern University for Ministerial Leadership. *“Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that*

*you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God”
- Romans 12:1-2*

ASHLEY GRACE CURRIER

Ashley is a unique balance of strength with gentleness, wisdom with kindness, and is guided by a strong moral compass. She is fearless, having spent the past 10 years in competitive horseback riding and is currently pursuing her pilot license. She is an expert with technology, riding ATVs in challenging environments, and an accomplished pianist. Academically, she opted for dual enrollment while turning in amazing grades and graduating a year early. She was accepted to her first school of choice, Samford University, and earned a merit scholarship. She is the oldest of four siblings who benefit from her example, and who love her deeply. She is a daughter whose presence is an absolute delight. She is authentic in her faith, actively seeking and pursuing the path that God has laid out for her and thriving in who He created her to be. *“Never stop praying.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

JENICA GRACE DAVIDSON

Self-disciplined, musical, and conscientious, Jenica Davidson is the daughter of Dan & Karen Davidson, and along with her twin brother, are the tail end of the family homeschooling adventures. Participating in select homeschool choirs, Jenica was selected for Freshman Honors Choir and has been selected for TN All-State Choir for the past 3 years. Jenica is a worship leader in the high school ministry at her church. Faithfully, she has served on mission trips in Sonora, Mexico. Jenica has completed 19 hours of dual enrollment and has been employed at Chick-Fil-A part-time throughout high school. Her favorite things are Harry Potter, cats, traveling, and music. Jenica plans to pursue music professionally and study Commercial Music at Liberty University. *“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.” - Isaiah 41:10*

BLAKE MICHAEL DeGALLIFORD

Blake, the third son of Mike and Lori DeGalliford, is excited to have successfully completed his 13-year homeschool career. Blake enjoys drawing, running, and playing sports. Blake quickly showed love and talent for the game of football, playing it through all his elementary and middle school years, and through his high school years for Riverdale high school warriors. Blake’s passion is football, and plans to pursue a career that involves coaching football. *“I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11*

OCELYNN REESE DUONG

Gymnastics has taught me a lot of things, such as working hard for what you want, discipline, patience, and mental toughness. Gymnastics has taught me things and given me memories that I will carry with me throughout my life. It will always be a part of the things I do. I will forever love and cherish the sport that helped me become who I am. I would never have gotten as far as I have without my family. They have kept me going throughout the entirety of my gymnastics career. My parents constantly supported me with love and encouragement through every up and down. My sisters did whatever they could to help, whether that be giving me a ride to practice, dropping things off, or just being there for me when I needed it. Harry Styles says *"A dream is only a dream, until you decide to make it real."*

JOSIE IRENE EVANS

Josie, daughter of Tom and Joy Evans, is ready for God to lead her on the next great adventure in her life. She has volunteered with the non-profit organization, Child Evangelism Fellowship, since she was thirteen. Josie plans to continue to work with this organization at their international headquarters in Missouri. Josie enjoys math, science, working on her family farm (most days), and sharing the Gospel with children. Her favorite pastime is reading. *"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." - II Timothy 1:7*

KATELYN OLIVIA FALGOUT

Katelyn Olivia Falgout is the pride and joy of her parents, Ryan and Kelley Falgout of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She has been home-schooled since the sixth grade and has enjoyed the freedom home-schooling has given her to discover her talents and passions. Katelyn is a very gifted artist and has had her artwork selected and featured at the Frist Art Museum in Nashville. She plans to pursue a graphic design degree at Motlow State Community College this fall. Katelyn's favorite quote is *"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."* by Walt Disney. Her future goals include securing a position with the Park Enhancement Team at Walt Disney World in Florida.

MARGARET ALYSE FEW

Margaret "Maggie" Few is the oldest daughter of Robyn and Jamye Few and is excited to be graduating from her life-long homeschooling career. She loves hiking, drawing, playing with her dog, volunteering at church, and spending time with family and friends. Maggie also enjoys entrepreneurship and runs her own businesses including an

online clothing store and a photography business. As a result, she is frequently taking pictures of her willing friends and family members, as she pursues her growing photography passion. She is hoping to travel around the United States after she finishes her associate's degree at Motlow, where she will begin studying entrepreneurship this fall. Her favorite quote is, *"A faithful God does not expect you to do what you cannot; He supplies the needed strength."* – Erwin W. Lutzer.

IAN HENRY FLEET

Ian Fleet's desire to never quit is seen in multiple areas of his life including Civil Air Patrol, JROTC, working at Publix, and even on the golf course. In CAP, he has been selected as an International Air Cadet Exchange Ambassador to the United Kingdom this summer. As the first homeschool student in his district to participate in JROTC at the local public school, he has been promoted to the third highest position and the rank of Cadet Major. Ian Fleet has been offered \$160,000 in scholarships from Norwich University and looks forward to pursuing a career in Accounting. Mr. Fleet's passion for serving has motivated him to help others locally, nationally, and even around the world. He is the fourth child of Eric and Grayce Fleet. *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you."* - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

CAELEN CHRISTEIN AVIEL GIBBS

Caelen Gibbs plans to be a professional dancer with a career that will take him worldwide. Caelen Gibbs was born on February 4, 2004, as the youngest of five children. Caelen has participated in dance class from a young age, growing fonder of it over time. In the 9th grade, he started learning Japanese, quickly becoming enamored by the food and culture of Japan. Caelen started homeschooling in 6th grade and plans to attend Western Kentucky University with a double major in Dance and Asian Religions and Cultures.

WILLIAM CALEB HARWELL

William, the youngest child of Brandon and Natalie Harwell, has completed 13 years of homeschooling. In William's free time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and gaming. Through the week you'll find him with his youth group studying God's word and playing sports. His favorite things are basketball and chemistry. He plans on pursuing his love of chemistry in college by majoring in biochemistry, in order to become a pharmacist. *"Even the finest sword plunged into salt water will eventually rust."* - Sun Tzu

ALLYSON CLAIRE HAZEN

Allyson has been homeschooled from the very beginning. She is the middle of 5 siblings and the third to graduate. She enjoys taking pictures, interior design, and spending time with her friends. She has an amazing heart for God and serving others. After graduation, Allyson plans to take time off from school and work full time. She would like to thank her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends for supporting her by being here today. The main verse that has inspired Allyson through high school has been *Jeremiah 29:11*, "*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."*

MACY GRACE HELM

Macy, the eldest daughter of Shane and Ashley Helm, is thankful to have received a homeschool education since kindergarten. Macy enjoys painting, collecting and reading old books, writing poetry and prayers, and spending quality time with family and friends. Also Grace Chapel youth group, has allowed Macy to invest in her spiritual gifts by praying and mentoring with other teens and investing in deeper meaningful friendships. For the past nine years, Macy has creatively worked as a face painter at festivals, birthday parties, theater, and small local films. She currently is employed as a teacher assistant for Quiller House tutorial and a certified doula for Harbor Birth Institute. Macy will attend The College of Traditional Midwifery in the fall and continue as a teacher assistant. "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*" *The second is this : "Love your neighbor as yourself: There is no commandment greater than these."* - *Mark 12:30-31*

CRISTINA GRACE-JIARONG HENRY

Born in Hubei, China, Gracey grew up in Murfreesboro. The youngest of Travis and Carrie Henry's three daughters, Gracey loves her sisters, Leah and Ruthie, her brothers (in-law) and two precious nieces. Gracey is an avid reader, enjoys drawing and the challenge of Krav Maga and Taekwondo. Nearest to Gracey's heart is to know Jesus and make Him known in her life. She enjoys her work as a coach and her service in children's ministry. She will study Digital Graphic Design this fall and looks forward to finding her calling for her next season as God's girl. Her confidence is in God's purpose and guidance along the way. "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*" - *Joshua 1:9*

ELIZABETH LOUISE JIADAN HENRY

Ellie Henry was born in Hubei, China and raised in Middle Tennessee. The third child to Todd and Emilee, Ellie has an older brother, Finn, and an older sister, Gates. Ellie loves cooking, baking, spending time with family, and everything about bears! She loves to learn ways to create delicious food and is always trying new recipes on her family! Ellie plans to attend a two year institution and get her associates degree. As she enters this challenging season, she will focus on God's words in *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.*" *She hopes to remember these words in all of life's struggles and joys.*

KIERSTEN ANN HUMPHREY

Kiersten Ann, daughter of Tim and Heather Humphrey, has been homeschooled since the 2nd grade. She was born in Montgomery, Alabama in May 2004, but has spent most of her life in Tennessee. Kiersten enjoys using her creative abilities while serving others. She enjoys the outdoors with her two favorite activities, camping and competitive archery. She has participated in both 4-H and US Archery for competition archery for five years. In addition to her studies, she has enjoyed furthering her skills by working at Chick-fil-A and currently working for Busy B's Cleaning Company. Kiersten has decided to take her passion for makeup and skincare and attend esthetics school this fall. We are excited for her continued successes in the journey ahead. "*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*" - *1 Timothy 4:12*

LUKE KELLY JOHNS

Luke Johns was born and raised in Riverside, California. Luke began his career at a young age, in a band with his brother and two sisters called, The Young Escape. At 13 years old Luke and the band signed their first record deal with Capitol Records and together wrote multiple billboard radio hits, as well as opening for bands like, For King and Country, Mercy Me, Skillet, and more. In addition to maintaining his schoolwork while on four national tours, Luke has become an accomplished producer and plans on continuing his work touring and producing music for various artists and labels. Luke is excited for his future as a songwriter, drummer, and producer. "*Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.*" - *1 Timothy 4:12*

AIDAN ALEXANDER JONES

Aidan is the oldest child of Paul and Jennifer Jones, and big brother to Sybilla. Aidan lived in both Germany and Colorado until settling in Tennessee, where he has been homeschooled for 9 years. Aidan is an avid reader, enjoys horseback riding, and is a connoisseur of all things Star Wars. He is an active member of Pulaski First United Methodist Church and enjoys volunteering throughout his community. Aidan plans to study Pre-Law at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee this fall. *“But those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.” - Isaiah 40:31*

LYDIA ROSE KNOBLOCH

Lydia was born in Washington state and quickly learned to love hiking, swimming, and camping. She is the youngest of four to parents Michael and Elisa. Since birth she took it upon herself to get to the top and always be a fierce competitor. Lydia has many hobbies including crocheting, sewing, crafting, violin, piano, guitar, and singing. She swam competitively and achieved state times in the Butterfly and 500 Free, and was voted team captain at Brentwood High-school. Lydia loves being a good friend and making people laugh. She has gone on mission trips to Memphis, TN and Ecuador. After college, Lydia wants to carve her place in history as President of the United States. Since Lydia has never set a goal she didn't meet we think she might actually be successful. Her favorite bible verse is, *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” - James 4:8*

WILLS STODDARD KOOKOGEY

Wills Kookogey has been homeschooled all of his life. He is the fifth child of Kevin and Bonnie Kookogey, and has five sisters. For high school, Wills attended The Academy Tutorial, Compass Classroom, and West Harpeth Christian Tutorial. He has danced since age four, and enjoys playing guitar and producing music in his free time. From dismantling toy tractors in grade school, to building an automatic basketball rebounder in high school, Wills has always loved to understand how things work. Following this path, Wills will pursue a degree in mechanical engineering at Letourneau Polytechnic University in the fall. *“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.” - Psalm 145:18*

AVA JUNE LANE

Ava Lane, second daughter of five children, to Derek and Lindsay

Lane, spent her first 14 years in North Texas. Here she was known in her church and homeschool community as the baby whisper. Both children, and mamas alike, love Ava's sweet spirit and heart for little ones. During her freshmen year of high school her family set out on a 2 year, cross country road-schooling experience in their RV. During that journey she grew in maturity, relationship with her family and in her appreciation for God's creation. In 2020 Ava's family decided to plant new roots in the Nashville area. After taking a gap year Ava plans to pursue a career geared towards her love of children. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* - Romans 15:13

ANIYA LASTE' LEFTWICH

Aniya is the third of four children and has been homeschooled for 6 years. In the fall, Aniya intends to pursue a degree in interior design at Middle Tennessee State University. Aniya has a passion for animals. In her free time, she likes to bake and listen to music. Aniya's favorite quote is: *"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."* - Philippians 4:13

MARSHALL BENSEN WILLIAMS LEWIS

Marshall, the eldest son of Matt and Elizabeth Lewis of Lewisburg, TN, has been homeschooled for the past twelve years. He enjoys gaming, camping, and other outdoor adventures. Marshall is a talented woodworker and has used these talents to volunteer for the New Life Church Youth Group and the LifeSong Church Youth Center. He is working towards his Eagle Scout Rank with Scouts BSA Troop 273 of Cornersville Tennessee and is currently training for a week-long backpacking trek at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in Spring 2023. Marshall plans to attend Columbia State Community College in the fall, to study Civil Engineering. *"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."* - James 5:16

KARA ANN FRANCES LOFTUS

Kara is blessed to have four parents, Robert and Mandy Loftus and Steven and Christie Grogan. She has lived in Hillsboro, TN the majority of her life, where she was homeschooled for a few years until her senior year. She plans to pursue a career as an RN and specialize in pediatrics. *"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper*

you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11

MATTHEW SAMUEL McGUIRE

Matthew has lived all nineteen years of his life on a farm in Franklin, Tennessee. Born in 2003, he required years of speech therapy to learn to talk. Although quiet in middle school, Matthew joined Stoa Speech and Debate in the 9th grade where his love for public speaking began to grow. He now enjoys competitive debate with Ambassadors for Christ. Matthew has spent eight years as a competitive runner for Sovereign Grace Storm and Franklin Classical School. He will run cross country and track at Hillsdale College. His passion is working with younger runners and teaching K-3rd graders at Grace Chapel's Children's Ministry. *“Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, 'Wow ... what a ride.'” - Fearless, Eric Blehm*

GENEVIEVE LaRUE McKAIG

Genevieve LaRue McKaig is the second of four children born to Michael and Kimberly McKaig. Genevieve has been homeschooled from the beginning and has attended the Teen Learning Center (TLC) Co-op for the past 9 years. She has also enjoyed performing alongside her friends in several TLC musicals and dramas. Genevieve delights in drawing, cooking, hiking, playing music, discovering new music, working with children, volunteering in the community, spending time with family and friends, and laughing and having fun! Genevieve plans to attend MTSU in the fall where she hopes to major in Graphic Design or Elementary Education. *“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 righteousness right hand.” - Isaiah 41:10*

HANNAH GRACE MEADOR

Hannah Meador is the second oldest child of Chris and Julie Meador. Originally from Grapevine, Texas, she has lived in Tennessee since 2012 and has been homeschooled from the start. She is passionate about farming, sewing, and history. She loves the Lord and has a desire to please Him in all that she does. Throughout her homeschooling years, she has also pursued photography, wildlife studies, violin, creative writing and crocheting. She is active in church ministry, loves children and hopes to secure a position working with them. She currently enjoys serving her community at the Joelton Hope Center.

"The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him." - Lamentations 3:24-25

SEAN ALEJANDRO MECHLING

Sean Mechling is the second son of Scot and Lissette Mechling. He has an older brother and younger sister. He was born and raised in Tennessee. His passion during his school years was golf and he played with the golf team of the Rockvale Ravens Middle School, as well as the Rockvale Rockets High School. He, along with the rest of the golf team, made it to the State tournament in his senior year. In addition to golf, Sean likes to travel and hang out with family and friends. He works with the City of Murfreesboro and is currently training to become a firefighter. *"A pack of donkeys led by a lion is superior to a pack of lions led by a donkey." - George Washington*

KAYLEE MARIE MORGAN

Kaylee was born in Nashville where she lived for 12 years before moving to Cookeville. Growing up as a child she was always influenced to follow God. Her grandparents, whom she lived with as a child, always guided her to be a leader and not a follower. They taught her to be her own person, even when it took great courage to show her true self. The Lord has proven to her over and over again that being a leader and living with Him will show you a clear path through life. Her motto is to always be a leader through God, never doubt the Lord and the path He has made for you. Her future plans are to enter veterinary school and pursue a career in animal rescue. *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world." - Romans 12:2*

SARA VIRGINIA NAKAMOTO

Sara is the youngest of 5 siblings and has been homeschooled since kindergarten. She participated in cross country and track for 6 years with West Academy and was awarded several medals. She also engaged in ballet, tap, jazz, and tumbling. Sara enjoys the outdoors, working out, reading and visiting new places. Her favorite subjects have been ASL, Chemistry, and Literature. She plans to attend Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville in the fall and major in Chemistry. *"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle at the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast." - Psalm 139:9-10*

CHASE OWEN NEWTON

Chase Newton is the oldest child of Carl and Misty Newton. He has been homeschooled since kindergarten. Originally from Florida, he

has lived in Tennessee since 2005. He loves sports, reading, computers, and serving at his church. He plans to major in Sports Medicine at Middle Tennessee State University in the fall. He has always loved sports and has played recreational soccer since he was old enough to kick a ball. He serves on the media team and helps teach the youth at his church in Murfreesboro. See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. *"The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory."* - Isaiah 12:2

ANNIE JOY PEPPER

Annie, daughter of Mike and Paige Pepper, has been homeschooled for twelve years and lives in Murfreesboro. She is the youngest of five, with a brother and three sisters. For the past eight years she has been part of Teen Learning Center (TLC) Co-op where her gratitude for friendship and teachers has deepened. She has enjoyed being part of several musicals. She has loved offering her family's home and outdoor venue as the setting for TLC's formal banquets. Annie's favorite things are being with family and friends, thrifting vintage clothing and furniture, playing guitar, listening to music, watching movies, and traveling. Those who know her best describe her as kind, thoughtful, sensitive, a good listener, hard worker, and fun to be around. Annie plans to study interior design at MTSU in the fall. Annie's favorite verse is Psalm 46:10: *"Be still and know that I am God"*.

TY HOUSTON REDMON

Ty is the son of Ashley (David) Pittman and Garold (Cassie) Redmon, born and raised in Southern Middle Tennessee. He is so excited to have successfully completed his homeschool journey. He enjoys spending time with friends, hunting, fishing, being at the river, and riding backroads. He plans to continue working in the food prep and catering industry following graduation. *"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."* - Dr. Seuss

ANNABELLE ROSE RICHARDSON

Annabelle Rose Richardson is an aspiring author. She and her best friend have co-authored one book together and are working on the second in a trilogy. She was born in Kansas, but has lived in 7 different states over the years. Homeschooled almost all her life, her favorite days are when she's in the middle of a really good book. She loves Jesus and hopes to do missions whenever God opens that door. Currently she has finished her first year of ministry school at her church and is considering doing the second year. Her three siblings are her best friends along with her fish, three snails, bearded

dragon, and two family pet dogs. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.” - Proverbs 3:5-6*

BEN MICHAEL SCHEUCHZER

Ben Scheuchzer is the oldest son of Mike and Abby Scheuchzer. Over his many years of homeschooling, he has been able to travel extensively, volunteer locally, and serve on mission trips. Ben has had multiple jobs and even started his own successful business. He is incredibly creative, a natural leader, and is quick to draw in those who have been left out. Ben has been taking things apart and putting them back together from the beginning, which has led him to discover a love of all things automotive. He has spent the last year rebuilding his BMW E30. Though the garage caught on fire multiple times, it was worth it, knowing Ben emerged with welding as a new skill. Ben will attend an Automotive Engineering school in fall 2024. *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up...” - Ephesians 4:29*

EMMA GRACE SHARPE

Emma was born in Brunswick, Maine to Mike and Amy Sharpe. She has 2 siblings, Sophia and Owen. Emma has been homeschooled since 7th grade, which has allowed her to dance with Nashville Ballet, travel on missions to the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and obtain 24 hours of dual enrollment credit through MTSU. She loves Star Wars, concerts, and documentaries. She just returned from her graduation trip to Disney World. In the fall, she will return to MTSU to pursue a double major in biology and psychology in preparation for med school. She hopes to be a neurosurgeon. *“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 29:1*

LINDSEY CLAIRE SMITH

Lindsey Claire Smith, the sassy youngest daughter of Matt and Rixceny Smith, is beyond relieved to complete her 12 year homeschooling journey. She has participated in co-ops, tutorials, and taught herself to play the ukulele. She loves working with animals and children. Some of her favorite things are beaches, butterflies, thrill rides, and Chick-fil-A. She plans to attend Austin Peay State University and pursue a degree in Special Education. *Romans 8: 38-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life,*

neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

REBEKAH DENE SMITH

Rebekah has committed herself to serving the Lord, her family and friends. She is committed to continue growing with God, surrendering to Him in all that she does. She has completed all her subjects with diligence and attention to detail. Rebekah faithfully serves her family and is the self-declared director, manager and overall governor of her three younger siblings. ;-)
“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His Faithfulness continues through all generations.” – Psalm 100:4-5

ZYLER DUNON SORRELLS

Zyler is the son of Jimmi and Kevin Payton is excited to have completed his senior year with HLA. Zyler has enjoyed his adventure with HLA while helping others in his community, making short films and volunteering. He wants others to know that HLA has gave him the chance to be involved in many activities. Zyler has many hobbies and interest. He is a vivid outdoors man that loves hunting and fishing. He also enjoys traveling, sports and spending time with family and friends. Zyler favorite quote is *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Zyler plans to continue to work at his position as head butcher for the time being. He feels that he has made it to where is his today by the support of his family.

SARAH GRACE STOUT

Sarah was born in Tennessee and has been homeschooled for 13 years. She spent 3 years living abroad in Japan and got her language certificate in Japanese. Sarah has a passion for reading and learning, and plans to attend college in the fall with hopes of majoring in English. She enjoys skiing, hiking, traveling, trying new coffee shops, and spending time with her family. *“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.” - Ephesians 3:16-18*

RYMAN NOELLE TAYLOR

Ryman was raised in Franklin, TN, and has always been encouraged by her loving family to dream big! Homeschooling for the last two years has allowed her the freedom to flourish and overcome adversities and has fostered her independence. Ryman is an active member of her church's high school ministry program, where she thrives in leadership roles and enjoys volunteering. She is excited to attend Trevecca Nazarene University in the fall and embark on the next big step of her life! Ryman hopes to use her Business Administration and Ministry degrees to eventually work closely with teens and young adults to encourage them to find faith-based solutions to everyday struggles they face. *"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity."* - 1 Timothy 4:12

BRIDGE EDWIN THOMAS THOUIN

Bridge Edwin Thomas Thouin loves to build computers, work on his car and stream his video content on Twitch. In his spare time he loves to cuddle with his dogs. He will continue his education at Columbia State University where he will receive his Computer Networking certificate. After community college he wants to join the military and serve his country. He would like to thank his mom, his pop and his dad for getting him this far in life. His favorite quote comes from Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, *"Not only do I think being nice and kind is easy, but being kind, in my opinion is important."*

TYLER STONE WEBB

Tyler Stone Webb has lived his entire life in Middle Tennessee and has been homeschooled since the fourth grade. He is the son of Mike and Lisa Webb and older brother to Parker and Max. He earned his black belt in Bushido Wada Ryu Karate and has also enjoyed participating in soccer and basketball throughout his school years. He loves volunteering in the children's ministry at New Vision Baptist Church where he currently leads a group of fourth grade boys. He also enjoys playing guitar, hanging out with his friends and brothers, and spending time with family. He plans to attend Belmont University in the fall where he will study Biology and pursue a career in the medical field. *"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."* - Proverbs 16:3

CAMRYN GRACE WELBORN

Camryn Welborn was born in Fort Worth, Texas. She lived there until she was two years old, then her family moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee for her father's job. Camryn grew up playing many sports and continued to play soccer and swim throughout her high school career. She has a passion for music that includes playing the drums and guitar. Some of Camryn's interests include exercising, hiking, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Camryn plans to pursue a degree in Physics at Middle Tennessee State University in the fall. *"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."* -Master Oogway

KYLE S. YEAGER

Kyle Yeager thrives on creativity and close friendships. Born June 8, 2003, in Richland, Washington, he's lived in Tennessee since he was 6 months old and was home educated from the beginning. He's a passionate advocate for the work that Jane Goodall has accomplished along with Jim Henson's work of puppetry and animation since age 5. He's an artist and presently enjoys creating avatars for the online artist community. This year he's accomplished some of his greatest milestones, graduating high school, getting his first job, and enjoying the freedom of driving! He is the son of Rowan & Sherell Kendall and David & Krista Yeager and big brother to Sam, Daniel, and Gabriel. *"Visions are worth fighting for"* – Tim Burton

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