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Notes from the Board...

This month our board felt it was appropriate to set aside our scheduled publication plans in order to share the celebration of graduation with our readers and to invite all of you to the Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation.

The featured seniors have accomplished much and their parents have encouraged them along the way. We know that the seniors listed in this publication are but a part of a larger homeschool graduating class. Therefore, we extend our congratulations to all graduating homeschool seniors in our state and the surrounding areas.

We hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you move on to other pursuits. We encourage you to be life-long learners and to build upon the foundation your parents helped you establish.

God bless you all!



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Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation

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Verse

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21 NIV

Motto

You are never too old to set another goal
or to dream a new dream. – C.S. Lewis

Colors

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*We, the Homeschool Class of 2017
invite you to share in the celebration
of our Graduation
Saturday, the twenty-ninth of April
Two thousand and seventeen
at one o'clock in the afternoon*

*Westside Church
15050 West Dodge Road
Omaha, Nebraska*



*Please join us for the Senior Prelude
at eleven-thirty in the morning*

Reception to follow afternoon ceremony



Savannah Baker

Homeschooled since the beginning, Savannah has wholeheartedly embraced the freedom to explore passions. From bouncing on a ball in kindergarten to becoming senior class president, Savannah has been on the move and never slowed down. She loves to read, bake, study

math and languages. Whatever Savannah has been involved in, whether it be soccer, Taekwondo, Homeschool Teen Serve, Girl's State, Classical Conversations, or TeenPact, she's brought her enthusiasm and talent along. Savannah plans to play soccer and study Emergency and Disaster Management at Northwest Missouri State.

"But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high."

Psalm 3:3



Elisabeth Grace Barton

Elisabeth has been home educated since the 1st grade. She loves her family, wonderful friends, traveling, and most importantly her Savior, Jesus Christ. Through her high school years, Elisabeth has enjoyed traveling with friends, art class, time spent with her horse, and teaching riding lessons at a summer camp. After graduation she would love to pursue a career as a veterinary technician, or travel to serve the Lord overseas.

"When You said, 'Seek My face.' My heart said to You, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek.'" Psalm 27:8



Katie Bartsch

Beginning in kindergarten, Katie was educated at home. In third grade, she went to an elementary school in Blair, Nebraska. However, after that, she returned to homeschooling, and continued to be schooled at home the rest of her schooling days. Throughout that time, she has found herself enjoying children's ministry and musical theater. She has incorporated these interests into her middle school and high school years. In the fall, she plans on attending Grace University and majoring in Elementary Education with an emphasis in theater.



"When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future." Ecclesiastes 7:14



Kaitlin Baumeister

Kaitlin is the youngest of four children and has been homeschooled her whole life. She's been blessed with the countless opportunities it has presented. She enjoys traveling and new life adventures. She's been active with volunteering and church activities. Kaitlin held leadership roles at church and in sports. She's been very competitive with sports, including Taekwondo, swimming, gymnastics, cheerleading, basketball, and dance but loves volleyball and soccer. She hopes to someday pursue that in college but is planning to see where the Lord takes her.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6



Bradley Bourland

Bradley started homeschooling in preschool. He has participated in the Boy's PE Class, Taekwondo, and playing competitive tennis. Throughout high school, Bradley played Wildcats Football, Roadrunner Basketball, and American Legion Baseball. Bradley has volunteered in Homeschool Teen Serve, helped coach his brother's flag football team, taught a Boy's PE Class, and enjoyed acting in the Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association conference drama. Bradley is currently taking college courses, and will be continuing college where he is offered an athletic scholarship.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



Rebekah Brennan

Rebekah, the fourth of six children, was born in England and lived there and in Japan for six years before moving to Omaha. Homeschooled her entire life, Rebekah participated in both the Omaha and Bellevue Homeschool Teen Serve programs and was enrolled in classes at the Bellevue Learning Center. She enjoys hobbies such as photography and spends most of her summers traveling. Rebekah is currently taking classes at Metropolitan Community College and plans to pursue a degree in communications.



"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



Micah Cornell

Micah began his homeschool education in kindergarten. He was active in Classical Conversations, Homeschool Teen Serve and Lightning Basketball. Micah has enjoyed studying art, violin, piano and guitar and has a passion for music! He also attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. Micah loves making friends, and no matter the group, he always comes away with numerous friends. He has taken classes at Metropolitan Community College and plans to complete his nursing degree there and then attend the University of Nebraska to become a Nurse Practitioner.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8



Kimberly Duckworth

Kimberly has been homeschooled for the last nine years. She also has attended Metropolitan Community College for the last two years. Throughout her homeschool career, she pursued her hobbies of soccer and volleyball. Kimberly played volleyball for Omaha Lightning Volleyball for six years, spending her last year on the team as a team captain. She has volunteered with Homeschool Teen Serve and currently volunteers at Christ Community Church in children's ministry. In the fall she plans on attending Creighton University to study the Sciences.



"Have I not commanded you? 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



Emma Gauthier

Emma has been homeschooled for seven years. During high school she has attended Metropolitan Community College and competed in American Kennel Club dog shows across the United States where she won multiple awards including Best Junior Handler, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed awards. Emma served as a Student Leader in Homeschool Teen Serve, where she participated for six years. Emma acted in Lofte Community Theater and Mahoney State Park productions. After graduation, she will seek a degree in psychology before pursuing a Masters in counseling.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."

Proverbs 31:25



Abby Giambattista

Abby Giambattista has been homeschooled for ten years. Growing up she participated in Omaha Homeschool Learning Center, Homeschool Teen Serve, Emanate Student Ministries, theater, and her part time jobs. Aside from attending Metropolitan Community College for her last two years of high school, she also plans on attending Augustana University to pursue American Sign Language Interpreting and English. In addition to pursuing her majors, she also fully intends to chase after the Lord's path and adventure.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Sarah Lynn Goodrich

Sarah's home education experience has allowed a variety of activities, such as Veritas Choir and hand bells, Awana, Homeschool Teen Serve, piano, Arrows to Ammo archery, and Omaha Eclipse Volleyball. Regular involvement in worship team and children's ministry through church has been essential in the development of Sarah's leadership skills. Classes with Metropolitan Community College and The Omaha Learning Center have also been a valuable opportunity. Sarah hopes her future will incorporate her love of music as she continues to follow God's lead.



"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33



Tylore Gross

Tylore has been homeschooled most of her academic career. She participated in Bellevue and Omaha Homeschool Teen Serve where she also served as a student leader, played volleyball for Eclipse, participated in youth group at Journey Church and volunteered with their Middle School youth group. Tylore has attended Metropolitan Community College for 2 years, been on the Dean's List, and been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. She will attend the University of Nebraska Omaha to study psychology with aspirations of becoming a clinical psychologist.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

Abigail Rose Marie Karbowski

Abi has been home educated since the beginning; focusing the last four years at Metropolitan Community College. She has been involved in many extracurricular activities along with being a nanny. Abi has always held family as a high priority in her life, as she has four siblings and a baby niece that means the world to her. Following graduation, Abi plans to continue her studies at an undecided, out of state college while studying abroad to pursue a degree with an emphasis in business.

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4



Matthew McElhaney



Matthew has been home educated with his twin brother since birth. He has had the opportunity to participate in Lightning Basketball and Bellevue Homeschool Teen Serve during his high school years. Volunteering at his church's children's and lawn mowing ministries are other activities Matthew enjoys. He is planning on pursuing a bachelor's degree and then looking forward to seeing what God has in store for his career. Hopefully, a master's degree will be in the plan as well.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Zachary McElhaney

Zachary has been home educated with his twin brother his entire life. A staunch conservative, he enjoys politics and political debates. He volunteers at Bellevue Homeschool Teen Serve and his church's children's and lawn mowing ministries. Zachary also enjoys Precepts Bible Studies. He is planning on pursuing bachelor's degrees in political science and communications and will continue to be alert to what God places in his path.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3



Hannah Melechson



Hannah was schooled at home from preschool throughout her final high school years. Hannah enjoys bonding with friends and family, embracing her inner foodie, reading her favorite blogs, and taking on home renovation projects. She's one who has a deep passion for traveling, spontaneous escapades, and trying anything new. Hannah plans to attain her associate's degree in business management at Metropolitan Community College, launch a personal lifestyle, travel & design blog, and pursue her vision of renovating and flipping homes.

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Karsten Miller

Karsten has been educated from home throughout his whole academic life. Because of this, he had the scheduling freedom to participate in many activities such as; Boy Scouts, Awana, piano lessons, Homeschool Teen Serve, Christian Youth In Action, and classes at Metropolitan Community College. He has also loved working at Chick-fil-A as a team leader. After graduation, Karsten plans to continue at Metropolitan Community College and then transfer to University of Nebraska-Omaha, to complete a four year degree.

"But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness." 1 Timothy 6:11



Breanne Moench

Breanne, the youngest of seven children, has been homeschooled her entire life. She has greatly enjoyed playing basketball for seven years for the Omaha Warriors, serving on mission trips, playing her ukulele, singing in Veritas Choir, and serving in youth ministry at her church. Her future plans include completing her associate's degree at Metropolitan Community College and traveling out of the country to work in the mission field. She would like to thank her family, friends, and especially coffee for helping her survive high school.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7



Abby Moran

Abby Moran began home schooling during first grade. She enjoyed dance classes as well as classes at the Omaha Homeschool Learning Center, and singing with Bellevue Homeschool Teen Serve. She loves Taekwondo, travelling, rainy days with pots of tea, but, above all, spending time with her family and friends. She is currently a Certified Nursing Assistant and is super pumped about her future - working towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Pediatric Nursing.

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:5



Emma Mott



Emma Mott has been classically educated her whole life. She joined Classical Conversations for Challenge classes and rounded out her high school career on Metropolitan's Dean's list two years in a row; joining Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. She has been involved with TeenPact Leadership Schools, CBC Youth Group, AWANA, vacation bible school, Homeschool Teen Serve, Bright Lights, Birding Club, and Hidden Acres Art School. Her hobbies include sketching, painting, reading, photography, writing, and being outside. She is thankful for her church family, her friendships, and her family.

"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."

Romans 1:16



Katelynn Norton

Katelynn has been homeschooled her whole life, which allowed her to do the things she loved with her flexible schedule. She was blessed with having eleven siblings to learn from and grow with. She has been involved with many activities such as volleyball for nine years, Homeschool Teen

Serve, Toastmasters, church with her family, and hanging out with friends. Her future includes pursuing a career as a physical fitness trainer and all the great things God has planned for her.

"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."

Isaiah 40:31



Lizzy Ones

Lizzy is the youngest child in her family, and has five older sisters who are homeschool graduates. Being educated from home has allowed her to develop a fondness for reading and writing (several novels are in process). Some of her other activities have included playing volleyball for the Omaha Warriors, leading AWANA and Sunday school classes at her church, frolicking with her friends, and playing the piano. In the future she hopes to attend a Torchbearers school overseas and continue pursuing her love of writing.

"Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart."

Psalms 119:34





Rebecca Organ

Rebecca has lived on two continents, in three countries, three states, and six cities and has been homeschooled for 9 years. She plays flute, piccolo, and oboe, and is always eager to add instruments to her repertoire. She has played with her church orchestra, an international band ensemble in Zimbabwe, as well as in the BOCH Honor Festival. She reads whenever possible, with particular interest in medieval fantasy. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha to pursue a career in forensic psychology.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



Conner Pribble

Conner is celebrating the conclusion of his homeschool education of thirteen years, most of which were successful. During this time he has been traditionally homeschooled and spent 6 years in the Classical Conversations program. For the last two years, he has attended Omaha Central High School part-time and took a class at Omaha's Metropolitan Community College. He enjoys spending time on his skateboard and with his friends at Glad Tidings church, where he is a student leader. He plans on attending college in the fall.



"From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:2



Mercy Roberts

Mercy Roberts is a bright young lass and has received education from her doting mother in a lovely abode, her home. She has been schooled this way all of her days, and has at last reached the exalted age of 17. She deeply adores playing the ukulele, reading, and driving her little SUV. She is in the process of attaining an associate's degree from Metropolitan Community College and plans to continue schooling thereafter. She eagerly anticipates the mysteries of the future with confidence and gusto.

"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



Jacob A. Seitz

Jacob Andrew George Seitz is the oldest of five children in a military family. His father serves in the United States Navy and due to the nature of the military life; he has moved nine times and has traveled to a majority of the fifty states. Jacob has spent his life mastering the art of self-tutelage.



Jacob gains enjoyment from hiking, sailing the open seas, airsoft/paintball, and spending time with friends and family. Upon graduation, he will study Aeronautics at Liberty University.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10



Abigail Simmons

Abigail Virginia Simmons' homeschool journey is measured not with the number of days, but by what was packed into those days. She filled it with: music, books, friends, dancing, travel, competition and prayer. Highlights include: five Shakespeare productions, four injuries requiring crutches, three horses to win with, three fall-play productions, three brothers who partnered in adventures, two smitten grandparents who drove, and one faith filled set of parents who have clung to Jesus for the entirety. She plans to pursue occupational therapy.

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world."

James 1:27



Sarah Svehla

Sarah, the youngest of four, has been homeschooled her entire life. She played basketball with the Omaha Metro Warriors the past three years, and Omaha Lightning Volleyball for the last five. She has been involved with Homeschool Teen Serve, the student leadership team at Lifegate Church, and participated in two local mission trips.

Throughout high school, Sarah has taken numerous classes at Metropolitan Community College, where she's working to complete her general studies. Sarah is currently seeking God's direction for the next chapter of her life.



"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalms 73:26



Emma Swanson

Emma has loved homeschooling. She has enjoyed participating as a leader in Homeschool Teen Serve, working on the yearbook, and teaching through Christian Youth in Action. She has also cherished being able to play six fun-filled years of volleyball, taking art classes, and partaking in various youth activities. She plans to spend two years at Metropolitan Community College then transfer to the University of Nebraska Omaha for graphic design. She also hopes to travel to France next summer for apologetics training through Fixed Point Institute.

"Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict." Luke 21:14-15



Luke Swenson

Luke has been homeschooled his whole life and has enjoyed many activities and competitions. He competed in speech and debate, in football for the Wildcats, and in lacrosse for Sarpy Lacrosse. He participated in Teen Court, Homeschool Teen Serve, Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, and enjoys the hobby of airsoft. Luke currently works part time at Pinnacle Bank. Upon graduation, Luke plans to attend Bellevue University to earn a master's degree in business.

"..the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." | John 1: 2, 8-9

Mallory Elaine Uhing

Mallory Elaine Uhing was home-schooled for eleven and a half years. Throughout this time, she participated in homeschool debate and speech, Homeschool Teen Serve, Veritas choir, as well as a few other activities. For out of school activities, she enjoyed taking piano lessons, singing in the church choir, and even rehabbing wild animals, such as squirrels and raccoons. After high school she is hoping to attend Metropolitan Community College and finish at the University of Nebraska Omaha with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

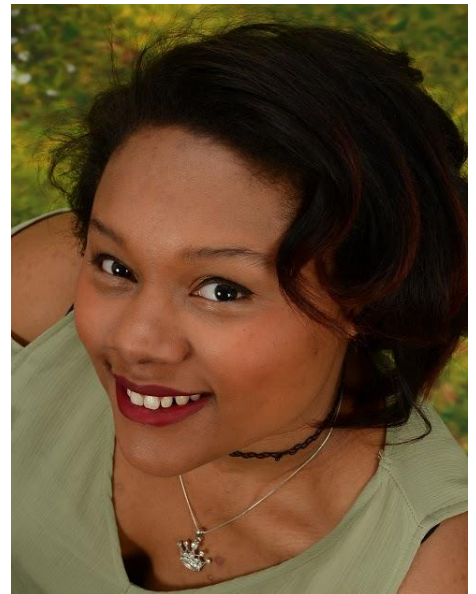


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Princess-Asia Amaya Walker

Princess-Asia has been homeschooled for five years. Princess played with Eclipse Volleyball for one year. She took classes with Classical Conversations for three years. Princess is also in the ROCK a Capella Homeschool Choir and a member of Westside Church. This year she started to take classes at Metropolitan Community College. She will continue to take classes at Metropolitan Community College for Culinary for one year then transfer to the University of Nebraska, Omaha.



"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

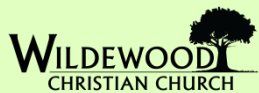
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