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Notes from the Board...

“Encore, encore!” The voices are raised in unison in response to an outstanding performance. The *Class of 2017* has given a smashing performance and is a source of pride for all!

Our Special Edition newsletter in April showcased the seniors who participated in the Metropolitan Area Homeschool Graduation and served as an invitation to all to attend the event. It was truly a great time! But we would be remiss if we failed to acknowledge the graduating seniors who chose to celebrate their homeschool completion in a different way.

We thank these seniors and their parents for giving us the privilege of publishing these announcements. God’s blessings to all of you as you embark on your next adventure.

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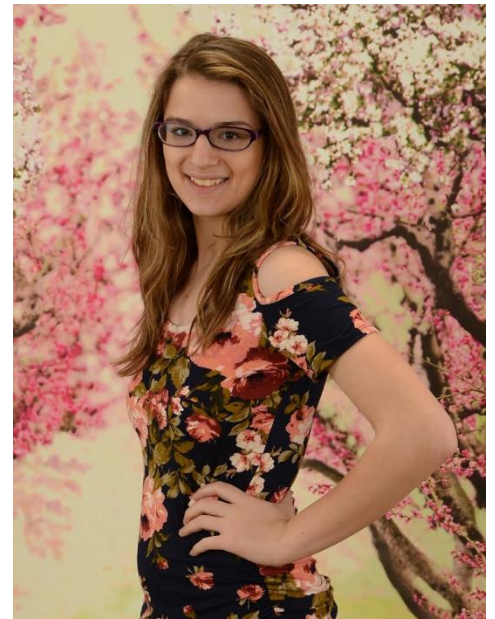
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Mariah Angel Donna Batchelder

Mariah was homeschooled since kindergarten and is thankful for the numerous opportunities that afforded her. She participated in volleyball for 7 years and speech & debate for 3 years. She has volunteered for multiple political campaigns and taken several classes at Metropolitan Community College. Mariah enjoys reading, sports, politics, and especially running. Mariah has earned a substantial scholarship package to Concordia University, where she plans to be on their forensics team while majoring in communications and criminal justice. She is considering pursuing a law degree.



"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



Brandon Batchelor

As an Eagle Scout, Brandon has had his share of adventures. He participated in martial arts, rock climbing, speech, and debate competitions, making it to the national level in three of them. He's spent the past year travelling with TeenPact Leadership Schools across the

country, teaching students about state government and what it means to be a modern-day Christian. He plans to continue his education through community college and later on pursue a degree in psychology from a four-year university.

"I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:8b-11



Hannah Beighley

Hannah is the youngest of three, and has been homeschooled for the past twelve years. She has appreciated the freedom it brings. When not doing school, she loves spending time at the barn with her horse or at home with her dog. In addition to this, she has enjoyed teaching, as well as

taking Taekwondo classes, with Kicking Tigers, where she earned her black belt. Hannah doesn't know where she is going after graduation but is trusting that God has the best plan for her life.

"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



Bethany Grace Cave

Bethany has had the privilege to have been homeschooled her entire life. During those years, she has thrived in learning the piano and singing at her local church and youth group. Bethany has attended Metropolitan Community College for two years and plans to continue her education at the University of Nebraska Omaha and eventually the University of Nebraska Medical Center where she plans to study nursing. Bethany is excited to be used by God as she enters into a new stage of life.



"for the LORD knows the way of the righteous" Psalm 1:6a



Claire Forget

Claire Forget has enjoyed her homeschooling journey immensely. She's been able to pursue many educational opportunities. She enjoyed participating in classes at the Omaha Homeschool Learning Center and many other activities in the homeschool community. She will be continuing her education at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas this fall. Claire knows that God has her future in his hands and is looking forward to what he has in store for her.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2



Karen Fountain

Karen has been homeschooled her entire life, completing her last two years in Longview, Texas. In Omaha, Karen participated in Lightning and Eclipse volleyball, Christian Youth in Action, and Veritas Choir. She volunteered at Heartland Hope, Open Door Mission, and several mission trips. In Texas, Karen was actively involved in year-round volleyball, and currently serves on the youth worship and leadership teams at her church. She will continue as the photographer at a local wedding venue, while taking classes in graphic design at Kilgore College.



“I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.” Isaiah 60:22



Aaron Fox

Aaron has enjoyed being homeschooled for his entire life. Over the years, he has participated in FIRST Lego League, Lightning Flag Football and Old Dominion Dance. He has graduated from Metropolitan Community College with an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. When not busy in the kitchen, he enjoys playing football, spending time with his brothers, and hanging out with friends. He looks forward to the next few years cooking and serving in many different local restaurants.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33



Taylor Mark Mersch

Taylor has been homeschooled since kindergarten. He has always enjoyed worshiping the Lord through music. Because of the flexibility of homeschooling, he was able to do this through Westside Church choir and pageants, Teen Serve Worship Band, ROCK Acappella group, Steadfast Bible Fellowship worship team, and LifeSpring Church worship band. He believes the Lord is leading him to become a Worship Pastor and plans to attend Liberty University to pursue a degree in Music and Worship with a minor in Sound Engineering.



"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15



Justin Myers

Justin is the oldest of four children and has been homeschooled since kindergarten. Homeschooling has provided him with many opportunities to pursue his passions, including government, history, filmmaking and photography, speech and debate, and community service. Justin participated in TeenPact Leadership Schools, which developed him as a leader, and provided the opportunity to travel the country, mentoring others and sharing his love for the Lord and civic involvement. Justin plans on pursuing a bachelor's degree in business in the fall.



"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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-19



Kaylee Nordstrom

Kaylee Nordstrom is the youngest of four to graduate from homeschool in her family. She has participated in many different activities during her schooling, her favorite being Teen Serve and volleyball. She also loves spending time with friends and family. Her plans after high school involve continuing her work in floral design and her family business, Nordstrom's Tree Farm.

"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:15-16

Abigail Olson

Abigail was educated at home since the very beginning. Her favorite parts of school have always been history and literature. She has been involved in piano lessons, American Heritage Girls, Toastmasters, and volunteering at various places. Abigail is currently taking classes at Metropolitan Community College and is working towards an associates transfer degree.



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20



Betsy Reiss

Elisabeth is grateful to have been homeschooled since the beginning. She enjoyed dancing at Morningstar Ballet and Motion 41 Dance through her junior year. Being an AWANA leader, participating in 4-H, attending Christian Youth in Action Camp and teaching 5-Day Clubs, and six years of Teen Serve gave Elisabeth many opportunities to serve and grow. She attended Metropolitan Community College for two years, and plans to study Business/Marketing at Grace University and possibly attend University of Nebraska Medical Center for a Medical Technician certification.

"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Samuel Simmons

Samuel Simmons, son of Brad and Jessica Simmons, graduated in 2016. He earned Eagle Scout with Troop 26. He was in four Shakespeare productions and two fall plays. He played French horn with the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra for five years, was a lifeguard for the Salvation Army Kroc Center, and played Roadrunners Basketball. Samuel has chosen to make his career with the United States Navy.



"To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12



Abbey Stuttle

Abbey joined the homeschool community the second semester of her freshmen year. After graduation, she will continue nannying. Abbey also plans on going to school for photography.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Hannah Vogltanz

Hannah has been homeschooled her whole life. Some of her activities include orchestra, piano, Hope Totes, Bible studies, and a leadership training program at her church. Performing in the pit orchestra of Grace University's production of *The Pirates of Penzance* was a highlight of her year. She delights in teaching her small piano studio and also teaching others to knit and crochet. Future plans are to pursue a degree in English, editing, or music by studying at home or at a local college.

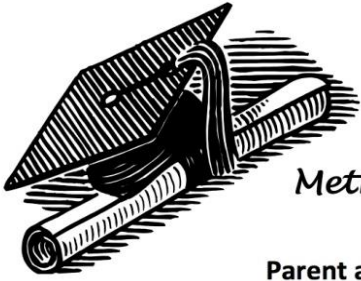
"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7



Aaron Woodard

Aaron is the eleventh child out of twelve. He has been homeschooled since sixth grade. He enjoys outdoor sports such as, archery and airsoft in his free time. He has an interest in computers, and has volunteered in a media position at Westside Church. He works with the Light's and Camera's group. He plans to go to college and major in computer science and cyber-security. After college, he plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.

"Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13



Metropolitan Area Home School Graduation

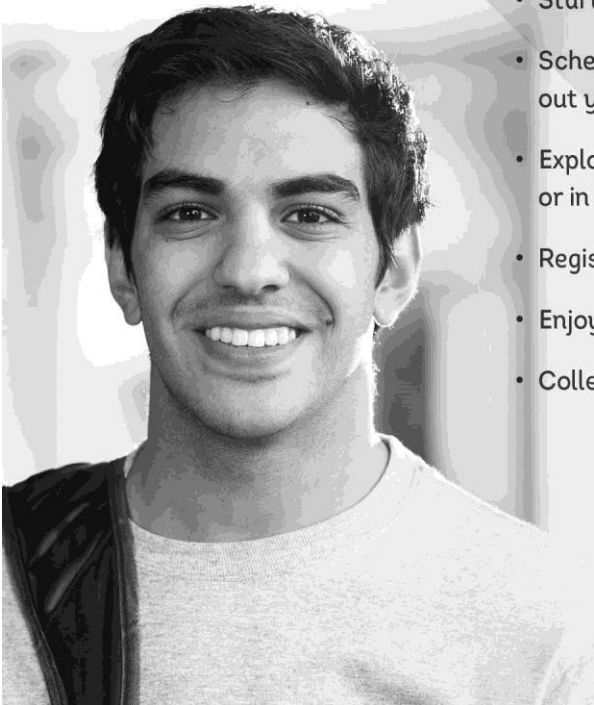
Parent and Senior meeting and information for the Class of 2018

Graduation is a wonderful opportunity for families to invite extended family and friends to share the success and closure of their student's homeschool career. Join us on April 21, 2018 for the Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony.

Our class informational meeting to explain the process and answer your questions will be **Monday, September 11th, 6:30pm** for both parents and seniors.

For additional details on the meeting, location and to be added to the informational email loop, please send parent and student name and preferred contact information to: homeschoolgraduationomaha@gmail.com.

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