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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Crossings Family,

As we conclude our 24th year of Christian education and anticipate our school's upcoming silver anniversary, it is an opportune time to reflect on the Lord's faithfulness. This rhythm of reflecting and acknowledging His faithfulness is a biblical discipline that we are reminded of often in Scripture. When considering how the Lord has blessed us, it certainly invokes a sense of humility, gratitude, and expectancy – all prerequisites for successfully delivering our mission.

The 2023-24 school year is one of the most storied years in our school's history. The pages which follow will boast of numerous milestones and an abundance of accolades. However, in the fanfare and celebratory declarations, please notice that the chief end to our efforts parallels the conclusion of our mission statement: that our students are spiritually prepared for life. It is vital that we maintain the perspective that life is eternal and that our earthly pursuits, while well intended, are not. Without preparing spiritually for life, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment when our accomplishments are for selfish reasons, our successes are simply vanities, and our setbacks are hopelessly crushing because of misplaced purpose. To be prepared academically and spiritually for college and life, and to be Christ-centered servant leaders, we must focus our affections to pursue the Lord.



To that end, isn't it humbling to think that the creator of heaven and earth and all that is set in place is mindful of man (Psalm 8:3-4)? Furthermore, He is so mindful of man and loving of the world that He showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)! It is with a humble heart that we foster a spirit of gratitude and consider our blessings – even in times of sorrow: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:2). With a spirit of gratitude, we are more mindful of God's steadfast deliverance of His promises and can expect Him to uphold us: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Certainly, Crossings Christian School has been blessed. We are humbled and grateful, and with our focus continually to deliver the mission of partnering with parents and church to develop Christ-centered servant leaders who are academically and spiritually prepared for college and life, our confidence is in pursuing the Lord in all that we do. It is remarkable to reflect on this year and the 24 years of God's faithfulness in our school, and it is exciting to think what He holds for us in the future. As you read on, my hope is that you see the incredible work being done in our school by dedicated students supported by like-minded families and faithful faculty and staff members.

What a great time to be a Knight at Crossings Christian School!

Generationally focused,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Nave".

Dr. Jason Nave, Head of School



SHAPING SOULS:

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT CCS

Crossings Christian School is not just a place of academic learning, but a community deeply rooted in spiritual growth and formation. This year, the school's overarching theme, "Imago Dei," served as a guiding light, emphasizing the profound truth that every individual is created in the image of God. But it's not just a motto; it's a lived reality woven into every aspect of campus life.

In response to the evolving needs of students and the call to deepen spiritual engagement, CCS witnessed remarkable developments in its approach to chapel, small groups, service projects, and overall spiritual life. The driving force behind these changes is a commitment to fostering a community where students not only encounter the truth but also internalize it and allow it to transform their lives.

One significant initiative this year has been the introduction of small groups for eighth-grade students. Drawing from the success of similar programs in the Upper School, these small groups provide a nurturing environment for students to share, question, and grow under the guidance of caring mentors. By starting this journey in eighth grade, students are equipped with essential tools for their spiritual walk as they transition into Upper School.

Another monumental initiative includes the addition of a new Middle School Spiritual Formation Coordinator who will provide progressive leadership for the new small group initiative as well as facilitate chapels, provide spiritual counsel to students, and complement the already established Spiritual Formation Department of CCS. Additionally, a new Counselor position has been established that will support Middle School students through academic guidance and counseling and will provide continuity for the already-existing programs in the Upper School while serving as a liaison with a third-party Christian counseling center for

referrals for students needing counseling outside of the scope of CCS.

Moreover, CCS has been intentional about addressing contemporary challenges faced by students. Through partnerships with organizations like The Protectors and Summit Ministries, the school's primary Bible curriculum, students receive guidance on navigating issues such as bullying and discerning truth in a complex world. Guest speakers like Paul Coughlin and Dr. Jeff Myers have enriched the spiritual landscape, empowering students to engage deeply with their faith and the world around them.

The impact of these efforts is palpable. Students are not merely passive recipients of spiritual instruction but active participants in their own growth. "We feel like God is moving in such a big way in our student body and staff. Our students are asking questions as seekers of truth, several have come to know Christ as Savior, and we're even hearing stories of alumni coming to know the Lord or following His calling into ministry/missions," said Jamie Wheat, Director of Spiritual and Student Life.

Beyond structured programs, significant moments like the Senior Retreat and Mission OKC serve as tangible expressions of the school's mission. These events embody Christ-centered servant leadership, uniting students, teachers, and parents in acts of compassion and service.

As Crossings Christian School continues to evolve, our commitment to spiritual formation remains unwavering. By equipping students with the tools to navigate life's challenges with faith and integrity, the school remains faithful to developing Christ-centered servant leaders who are not only academically prepared, but also spiritually prepared.

INTRODUCING WEEKLY FAITH TALKS

In a concerted effort to fortify our commitment to partner with families in the development of Christ-centered servant leaders, Crossings Christian School introduced an addition to its weekly newsletter: Faith Talks. This initiative is designed to deepen the spiritual engagement of parents by providing a platform to discuss the rich content shared during chapel sessions.

This year, CCS has implemented Kingdom Education, a “life-long, Bible-based, Christ-centered process of leading a child to Christ, building them up in Christ, and equipping them to serve Christ” (Schultz, 1998). This commitment invites a meaningful and integral partnership with parents as we work together to nurture spiritual development on and off campus. In collaboration with our weekly chapel sessions, Faith Talks are designed to bridge the gap between school and home, fostering a seamless integration of faith into everyday life.

Drawing inspiration from recent Kingdom Education courses, Weekly Faith Talks provide parents with invaluable insights into the specific scriptures and topics discussed during chapel sessions. It offers a glimpse into what their children are hearing, learning, and practicing within the school environment. By equipping parents with this knowledge, we empower them to

engage in informed and purposeful conversations with their children, thereby strengthening the spiritual foundation laid at school and capitalizing on the partnering relationship between parents and school.

Each week, parents receive a dedicated section in our Weekly News email, where they can delve into the scripture passages and themes covered during chapel as well as read through provided resources such as guided prayers and questions and ways to dive deeper into each topic with their student, creating meaningful dialogue within the family unit.

At CCS, we firmly believe that education is not confined to the classroom but extends into every facet of a child’s life. Through initiatives like Weekly Faith Talks, we strive to foster an environment where faith flourishes, character is molded, and servant leadership is cultivated. As we embark on this journey together, we invite parents to join us in embracing the transformative power of faith, one conversation at a time. Together, let us sow the seeds of spiritual wisdom and watch as they blossom into a generation of Christ-centered leaders, equipped to make a difference in the world.



A young woman with long, wavy brown hair is shown from the side, playing a violin. She is wearing a dark, short-sleeved dress. The violin is a reddish-brown color. In the background, other musicians and sheet music are visible, though out of focus. The lighting is soft and warm.

FINE ARTS | A YEAR IN REVIEW

ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic Team boasted an impressive array of accomplishments in the 3A circuit. They were crowned as District Champions, followed by a commendable Runner-Up position at the Regional Tournament, and Area Champions, before ultimately securing a remarkable third place at the 3A State Tournament. Individual talent was evident as Allison H. '24 and Robel S. '24 were distinguished as All-State Academic Bowl Players, ranking among the top 36 in the state. Brandon D. '24 also played a pivotal role in navigating a lightning round securing their well-deserved third place finish at the state level. Assistant Coach, Mrs. Klossner, highlighted the team's unwavering determination, citing their relentless commitment to improvement through extra studying, practice, and memorization.



BAND

During the 2023-24 year, both Band and Jazz Band demonstrated remarkable achievements and growth. In Band, the tradition of excellence continued with straight Superior ratings in Sight Reading at 3A District and State contests, alongside an Excellent overall rating at District Contest. Additionally, students Carsten S. '26, Colin M. '27, Dennis D. '24, Brandon D. '24, Meacham R. '27, and Robel S. '24 excelled with Superior ratings at State Solo and Ensemble. Band instructor, Garrett Johnson, highlighted a standout moment when they delivered a memorable rendition of the Star Spangled Banner at an opposing team's stadium, showcasing leadership and adaptability.

In parallel, the Jazz Band also had a successful year, securing the State Runner-Up title, and performing in the OSU Jazz Festival the OK Jazz Educator's Fall Conference. Their consistently high performance was evident through multiple Superior ratings as a collective. Notable individual achievements included Dennis D. '24 receiving an Outstanding Soloist Citation at the OSU Jazz Festival, Brandon D. '24, Dennis D. '24, and Robel S. '24 earning their third-year All-State recognition, and Nolan A. '24 earning All-State Alternate - All of these were featured soloists along with Jake D. '26. A particularly meaningful event was the Jazz Band's first Legacy Breakfast, where seniors imparted wisdom and mentorship to younger members. Overall, both bands showcased excellence, leadership, and a strong sense of camaraderie throughout the year.



DEBATE

In the 2023-24 school year, the Debate team soared to victory, claiming the prestigious 6A Debate Championship where Matthew L. '24 and Garrett M. '24 secured 1st Place and Alex Y. '26 and Matthew S. '25 secured an impressive 4th place in 6A Policy Debate. Their triumph marked the 8th state title within a remarkable three-year span. Notably, their journey extended beyond state boundaries, with participation in numerous local and national tournaments, including the esteemed Tournament of Champions. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, upperclassmen took the initiative to mentor underclassmen, guiding them through the intricacies of debate tournaments and fostering a supportive team environment. These victories exemplify the team's dedication, skill, and spirit of collaboration, setting a standard of excellence for future debaters at Crossings Christian School.





DRAMA

This year, Crossings Christian School's drama department delighted audiences with productions of *Elf the Musical*, *The Alibis*, and *Finding Nemo, Jr.* Students Payden M. '24 and Shelby K. '25 received nominations for Kelli O'Hara awards, highlighting their hard work and dedication. The department, from fifth through twelfth grade, displayed excellence through their fantastic performances, captivating stories, and mesmerizing melodies. Theatre Director, Angela Lux, said watching students "develop their God-given talents is an honor and taking the journey with them as they put those skills into use is an incredible experience." We look forward to future productions from CCS Drama.



ORCHESTRA

The CCS Orchestra achieved a successful year with victories at both the district and state levels and earning the prestigious Sweepstakes award. Beyond competitions, the orchestra played a vital role in the school community, providing the music as the pit orchestra for the CCS production of *Elf the Musical* and delivering captivating performances at various events including Grandparents Day, Veterans Day, Christmas Chapel, and the Fine Arts Friends and Family Concert. Individually, their members also shone brightly, with Collin Anderson earning a Superior rating on Solo at the State Solo and Ensemble competition. Collectively, their commitment extended beyond the realm of music, as they engaged in meaningful service projects such as working at the Pumpkin Patch at Wings, a community for adults with developmental disabilities.



VOCAL

The Vocal Music program earned remarkable achievements at both the district and state levels, including Superior ratings in Stage Performance and Sight Reading. At State contest, their exceptional performances earned them a total of 7 Superior ratings and 6 Excellent ratings, qualifying them for the Outstanding Achievement Award. They also earned an impressive 13 Superior ratings at District Solo and Ensemble. Show Choir members showcased their talents at invitational contests, earning Superior ratings at Duncan in February and delivering an incredible performance at Edmond Memorial in April. Addison B. '25, Ella H. '27, Shelby K. '25, Jackson M. '27, Tyler M. '27, and Addison S. '27 were named Oklahoma All-State Chorus members and along with Laila M. '27 were also members of the Central Oklahoma (COCDA) Honor Choir. This year, Crossings had the honor of hosting the OSSAA State Vocal Solo & Ensemble contest, where our students had the opportunity to serve as monitors, runners, and crew, supporting over 2,000 students from across Oklahoma.

**"YET YOU, LORD, ARE OUR FATHER.
WE ARE THE CLAY, YOU ARE THE POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HAND."**

ISAIAH 64:8

Fine Arts Council

Partnering with Families to Elevate Fine Arts

At Crossings Christian School, the ethos of partnership with families is not simply a part of our mission statement; it's a commitment woven into the fabric of every program and initiative. Parent involvement is not only crucial to the daily success of students and faculty, but also a component that allows parents a way to serve and partner with the community as a whole. The Fine Arts Council, FAC, plays a significant role in fulfilling this aspect of the school's mission, particularly in partnering with families to enhance the Fine Arts experience.

Before the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fine Arts Council was a vibrant and strong group within the Crossings Christian School community. However, the pandemic led to a temporary hiatus in its activities. Recognizing the need to reinvigorate this essential component of the school community, efforts have been underway to bring the FAC back to its former strength.

As articulated by the Fine Arts Council president, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, the goal of the FAC is to "support Fine Arts staff and ensure Fine Arts students feel appreciated and celebrated." This support is manifested in various ways, whether it's through organizing events, providing logistical support, or simply being present to lend a helping hand. Recent events organized by the FAC, such as the Friends & Family Concert and the Crossings Music Festival, serve as shining examples of its commitment to supporting the Fine Arts community. During these events, FAC parents stepped up to the plate, organizing refreshments, setting up, cleaning up, and providing incredible hospitality, thereby contributing to the overall success and smooth operation of the events. Michael Brown, the Director of Fine Arts, described the FAC as "a huge blessing," as they have provided much-needed support while making students and teachers "feel valued in their giftings."

The Fine Arts Council continues to grow, proving to be a vehicle through which families can actively participate in the life of the school, particularly in the realm of Fine Arts. We look forward to the future of the FAC and the continued partnership with each of the CCS parent groups which also include Parent Teacher Fellowship and the Booster Club, as they provide additional fellowship opportunities throughout our school community.





BASEBALL

The Crossings Christian School Baseball team concluded their season with a commendable record of 18-14, securing a hard earned third place in District 3A-4. Their journey included a memorable game against Lone Grove at the iconic Bricktown Ballpark in downtown OKC. Coach Klierer praised the team's performance, highlighting the leadership of the seniors who epitomized Christ-centered servant leadership throughout the season, saying "The highlight of the season was watching our seniors lead this team by example. It is my prayer that our younger players learn from these seniors and moving forward we desire to be a team that honors Christ in all we do." The 23-24 season, the CCS Baseball team leaves behind a legacy of sportsmanship and faith, embodying the values of Christ both on and off the field.

BOYS BASKETBALL

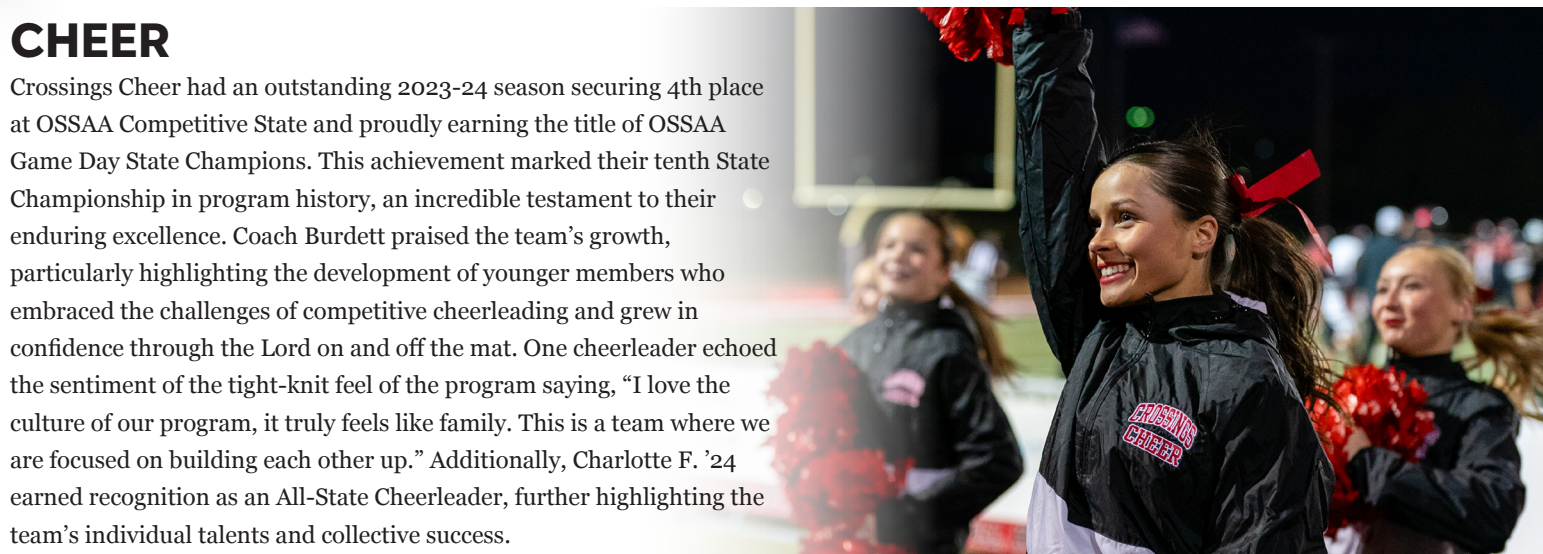
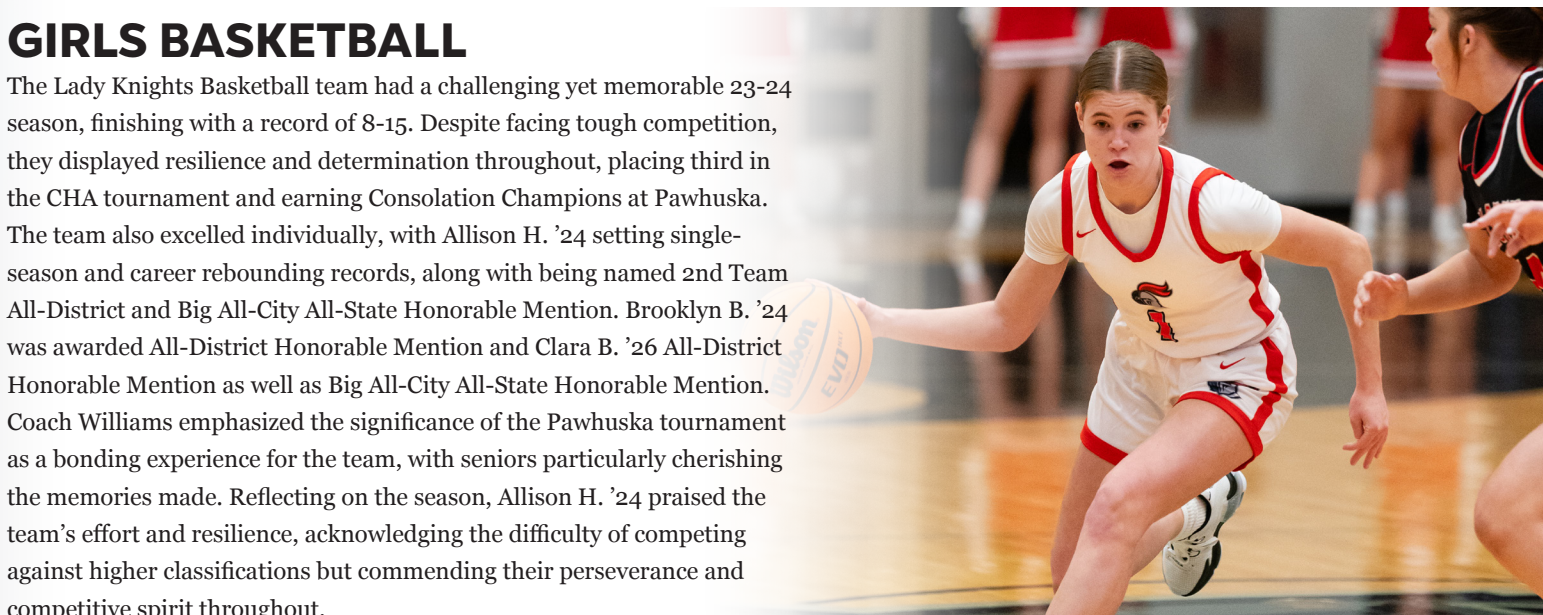
The Crossings Christian School Boys Basketball team had a remarkable season with a fifth consecutive appearance in the State Tournament, securing a commendable semifinal finish. This was a season marked by a series of impressive victories, including a memorable triumph over OCS in front of a record-breaking crowd of approximately 2000 spectators, a fifth consecutive 20-win season, and a top-three ranking throughout the year. They also had the opportunity to compete in the prestigious Tournament of Champions for the third consecutive season and showcase their skills on a national level at the Midwest Elite Showcase in Kansas City. Individually, Cal F. '25 earned the title of 5A District 1 MVP and a slew of other accolades, including inclusion in multiple All-Tournament teams and prestigious All-State selections. Phoenix W. '26 and Cam P. '25 secured their places on the 5A District 1 First and Second Teams respectively, while Evan C. '24 earned a spot on the All-Defensive Team. Coach Schenk commended the team for living out the season "with the purpose to care about each other and honor Christ no matter the outcome."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Knights Basketball team had a challenging yet memorable 23-24 season, finishing with a record of 8-15. Despite facing tough competition, they displayed resilience and determination throughout, placing third in the CHA tournament and earning Consolation Champions at Pawhuska. The team also excelled individually, with Allison H. '24 setting single-season and career rebounding records, along with being named 2nd Team All-District and Big All-City All-State Honorable Mention. Brooklyn B. '24 was awarded All-District Honorable Mention and Clara B. '26 All-District Honorable Mention as well as Big All-City All-State Honorable Mention. Coach Williams emphasized the significance of the Pawhuska tournament as a bonding experience for the team, with seniors particularly cherishing the memories made. Reflecting on the season, Allison H. '24 praised the team's effort and resilience, acknowledging the difficulty of competing against higher classifications but commending their perseverance and competitive spirit throughout.

CHEER

Crossings Cheer had an outstanding 2023-24 season securing 4th place at OSSAA Competitive State and proudly earning the title of OSSAA Game Day State Champions. This achievement marked their tenth State Championship in program history, an incredible testament to their enduring excellence. Coach Burdett praised the team's growth, particularly highlighting the development of younger members who embraced the challenges of competitive cheerleading and grew in confidence through the Lord on and off the mat. One cheerleader echoed the sentiment of the tight-knit feel of the program saying, "I love the culture of our program, it truly feels like family. This is a team where we are focused on building each other up." Additionally, Charlotte F. '24 earned recognition as an All-State Cheerleader, further highlighting the team's individual talents and collective success.





CROSS COUNTRY

The Crossings Cross Country team had a wonderful season, highlighted by impressive achievements and strong team spirit. Their successes include a first-place finish at the North Rock Creek Cross Country Meet, the boys' team qualified for State, and Keira A. '24 and Annie R. '27 qualified for Individual State. At State competition, the boys achieved their highest team finish, claiming sixth place. Individually, Trey B. '25 earned All-State recognition and Keira A. '25 was awarded Senior All-Star. Trey B. '25 made history by breaking the Crossings 5K record time, showcasing his exceptional skill and determination. The teams also engaged beyond competitive events, participating in the Down Syndrome 5K in support of DSACO. Their team verse, 1 Timothy 4:8, served as a source of inspiration and motivation throughout the season, encapsulating their dedication to both physical and spiritual growth.



FOOTBALL

The 2023-24 season for Crossings Football marked a new era with a fresh head football coach at the helm. Under the new leadership of Coach Jacob Stephenson, the team delivered an impressive performance, finishing with a season record of 7-4. Coach Stephenson praised the team's outstanding commitment and passion, describing the season as "a journey filled with growth, resilience, and triumphs." Notably, several players received All-District recognition for their stellar contributions, including Evan C. '24 and Luke O. '24, who were named Co-Defensive Player of the Year and Special Teams Player of the Year, respectively. Nate R. '24 secured a spot on the 1st team as quarterback, while Cole T. '24 and Mack G. '24 excelled on the Offensive Line and as a Defensive Back, respectively. Additionally, Will M. '24, Shawn B. '24, and Will S. '24 received All-District Honorable Mentions. In the Little All-City Awards, Evan C. '24, Luke O. '24, Cole T. '24, and Bennett B. '25 were all recognized with Honorable Mentions. Senior Cole T. '24 reflected on the season with pride, emphasizing the team's determination and unity in surpassing expectations.



BOYS GOLF

The Crossings Christian School Boys Golf Team had a historic season, clinching their first-ever Regional Championship and securing a remarkable 3rd place finish at the 4A State Championship, missing 2nd place by just one stroke. This achievement marked their highest finish in 4A competition to date. Throughout the season, they achieved numerous milestones, including four first-place finishes while setting records with their lowest team score in a tournament at Lake Hefner South (292) and their lowest team score at the State Championship (916), surpassing the previous low by an impressive 42 strokes. Individually, Jackson M. '26 claimed 2nd place, and Patrick C. '24 secured 6th place at the State Championship, earning him a spot in the Senior All-State Golf Tournament. Coach Estrada expressed immense pride in the team's dedication, emphasizing their commitment to playing with "pride, integrity, and character." Patrick C. '24 reflected on the season, recalling "how important it is to practice with purpose," and with that mindset, the team is sure to return even stronger next year.

GIRLS GOLF

The Crossings Girls Golf team had a commendable season, achieving a seventh-place finish at the regional level, only missing qualification for the State Tournament by one place. On the individual level, Eloise C. '25 made history by finishing 9th at the 3A State Tournament, the highest placement ever for the program. Guided by the verse Galatians 6:9 and their motto of swiftly moving on to the next swing, regardless of the previous one, the team exemplified resilience and a forward-focused attitude throughout the season.



POM

Crossings Pom celebrated a decade at CCS with an extraordinary season in 2023-2024. Their impressive achievements in the 2023-2024 season, including clinching the titles of OSSAA Small Pom Game Day State Champions, 3A/4A OSDTDA Mix State Champions, and 3A/4A OSDTDA Game Day State Champions, underscored their dominance in the competitive arena. Guided by their season motto, “We are here to steal the show!” the team aimed not only to showcase their talent but also to radiate the light of God and serve others. With their dazzling performances and servant hearts, Crossings Pom truly lived up to their motto, shining brightly and leaving an enduring mark on the competition.



BOYS SOCCER

The Crossings Christian School Boys Soccer Team has had an incredible season, finishing with a remarkable record of 12-3. Making program history, they were Regional Champions and reached the semifinals of the Class 3A State Playoffs for the first time ever, marking their fourth consecutive playoff appearance. Their resilience was on full display, winning all four overtime games they faced this season. Individually, Kaden L. '25 broke multiple records including the single-season scoring record with 29 goals and 9 assists, as well as setting records for most career goals (58) and assists (27). Kaden also broke the season record with seven hat tricks. The team's excellence was further recognized with players receiving honors such as 3A-West All-State selections for Luke O. '24 and Shane F. '24, 3A-West Honorable Mention All-State for Michael S. '24, and All-District recognitions for Charlie C. '25, Bennett B. '25, Kaden L. '25, Holden M. '26, and Harry S. '25. Coach Crocker praised the team's growth and perseverance, highlighting their strong character and maturity. Reflecting on their success, junior Kaden L. said, “This was the most successful season in our program's history, and we will be looking forward to building off the standard we set this year for the coming years!”



“NOT TO US BUT TO YOUR NAME BE THE GLORY.”

ISAIAH 64:8



GIRLS SOCCER

This season witnessed the Girls Soccer team ascend to unprecedented levels of achievement, etching their legacy in the program's history. With an outstanding 10-3 record, they carved a path of triumphs, remaining undefeated in 3A and achieving the District Champion title for the first time in Crossings history. Beyond setting records for the highest goal tally, they reached a significant milestone by clinching their first-ever appearance in the State Quarterfinals. Recognition followed suit, with six players - Olivia D. '27, Camryn G. '27, Grace M. '27, Layni K. '27, Kennedy C. '25, and Ruby R. '25 - earning All-District and Erin S. '24 and Madison J. '24 securing esteemed All-State titles as well as being named to the 3A West Girls team. This season stands as a pivotal moment for the Crossings Christian School Girls Soccer team, an incredible benchmark of success and determination.



SOFTBALL

The Crossings Softball team had a memorable season, finishing with a commendable record of 15-19. The team earned the title of Regional Champions, marking a historic milestone for the program. This victory was coupled with setting a new high for wins in a single season, showcasing the team's dedication and progress. Single-season records were shattered by Emmy R. '26, Evan R. '24, and Addison M., while Evan R. '24 and Lily S. '24 hit all-time career records. Evan R. '24 achieved All-District, All-Regional, and NFCA All-Region 2nd Base, and Emmy R. '26 and Holland R. '26 were also awarded All-District. Coach Staton praised the team's unity, coachability, and hard work, underscoring the significance of their regional championship victory and the season's overall success. Overall, it was a season of triumph and success for both the team and the program.



BOYS TENNIS

The Crossings Christian School Boys Tennis Team showcased dominance once again, securing the 4A Team State Champions title for the third time in four years. Adding to their glory, they boasted two more individual State Champions: Zander N. '24 and Sumner S. '26 clinched 1st Place Doubles, while John Paul D. '26 triumphed in 1st Place 2 Singles. This marked the program's seventh individual state champion in seven years. Coach Wheat commended the team not only for their athletic achievements but also for their unwavering faith. He highlighted a poignant moment at their Pre-State Dinner where Ben V. '25 encouraged the team, saying "We were already victorious before heading into state because of our relationships with Christ and the brotherhood we've formed over the year." Their faith and remarkable team chemistry set them apart and contributed to their outstanding success on and off the court.

GIRLS TENNIS

The Girls Tennis Team had a successful season, with Kate L. '26 and Chloe M. '25 finishing in sixth place in 1 Doubles at the 4A State Championship. This marked the seventh consecutive top-six finish, highlighting consistent dedication. Beyond competition, the team embraced a culture of legacy, dedicating a week to reflect on the importance of leaving a lasting impact and maintaining a Kingdom-focused mindset throughout the season. Kate L. '26 called attention to their chosen theme of “fearless” which served as a guiding principle, empowering them to be “fearless and focused on the opportunity we had to make Christ known and glorify Him in every point, match, and position we were in during the season.”



TRACK

Track at Crossings Christian School had an outstanding season filled with notable achievements and remarkable growth. They achieved an impressive 19 regional medals and 8 State Qualifiers, including Clara B. '26, Savanna M. '24, Grace S. '27, Gavin M. '25, Grayson S. '25, Zac R. '26, Fischer R. '25, and Nate R. '24. Senior Savanna M. earned two State Gold medals in the 100H and 300H, making her a four-time State medalist. Her outstanding performance earned her All-State honors in both events. Despite facing challenges and setbacks, including injuries, the team remained resilient and adaptable. Coach Thompson commended the team's growth, progress, and commitment to personal and athletic development, emphasizing the valuable lessons learned on and off the track, praying “God uses their time in track to equip them to better love God and serve others for the rest of their lives.”



VOLLEYBALL

The Knights Volleyball Team had an impressive 2023-24 season, culminating in a remarkable 22-11 record. Their exceptional performance ensured the titles of Putnam City Varsity Tournament Champions, Regional Champions, and State Semi-Finalists. Individual players showcased their talents with Delaney S. '24 earning top honors as an All-State player and securing a spot on the 1st Team All-Conference and All-Tournament Team. Sarah C. '24 performed well, earning a place on the Second Team All-Conference and the All-Tournament Team, alongside Aubree J. '26 and Anna W. '27, who also shined brightly, clinching spots on the All-Tournament Team. Their collective achievements and individual accolades reflect the team's determination, skill, and relentless pursuit of excellence throughout the season.



WRESTLING

Despite challenges throughout the 23-24 season, the Crossings Christian School Wrestling Team displayed resilience and determination. The team was young with no seniors, but with the prospect of uprisng Middle School wrestlers, there is a large potential for growth and development, promising a bright future for Knights wrestling. Rooted in their team verse, Micah 6:8, the CCS Wrestling Team continues to uphold values of integrity, perseverance, and commitment both on and off the mat.



HONORING OUR FOUNDER

Debbie Symes



"I learned so much from her about patiently praying and waiting on the Lord in all situations, about intentionality, grace, and loving like Jesus. Her heart for the Lord and others was indescribably beautiful! Watching her treat every single child, as if they were the most special person in the school was a precious picture of the very heart of Jesus. All of our students, families, and staff were greatly impacted by her gentleness, her goodness, her Godly wisdom, her joy and her love! It was contagious, just like her wonderful laugh! Debbie humbly allowed the Lord to work through her to create a Christian foundation at CCS that will not easily be shaken."

In 1999, Debbie Symes served as an active member and elder of Crossings Community Church (CCC). A seasoned educator, Mrs. Symes was a beloved and longtime teacher at a local private school and was known for her love for Jesus and her love for children. After the church relocated to its current campus on Portland and Memorial Road, anticipation for a school at the former Belle Isle location grew. CCC Senior Pastor Grubbs and the other elders knew that in order for a school to develop Christ-centered servant leaders, it must be founded and led by someone exemplifying those same traits. They soon discovered God had already prepared Debbie Symes to be a part of this pivotal role.

Debbie was often described using Proverbs 31, as someone who encourages others "to embody wisdom, kindness, hard work, and godliness..." symbolizing an ideal everyone can strive for, demonstrating that our actions can profoundly impact those around us. These characteristics were evident in her personal and professional life and have helped lay the foundation of CCS. As a loving wife, mother of four, grandmother of eight, and dear friend and colleague to so many others, she was quick to listen and slow to speak. Hundreds of current and past CCS teachers, staff, families, and alumni have fond memories of the early years of Crossings Christian School when its classrooms were housed in the basement at Belle Isle and the walls and floor of the gymnasium were covered in shag carpet. Debbie recalled the Belle Isle season of 2001-2007 as "fun, yet challenging" and remembered God's faithfulness when the class numbers were small and the budget was tight. Yet, in spite of the challenges, Debbie's belief in Christian education and faith in her Lord and Savior was stronger than the current circumstances and ultimately helped lead the school to where it is today.

Over the years Debbie served in various roles at Crossing Christian School including Head of School, principal, and her favorite positions, Director of Admissions and Early Childhood Director. Debbie will always be known for her infectious smile and warm welcome, traits which served her well as the Director of Admissions. During her tenure, Debbie met with thousands of students and

families to introduce them to CCS, always beginning and ending each meeting with a smile, hug, and most importantly a prayer for God's direction and guidance.

She relished her time with every child at CCS, especially the youngest Knights in preschool and pre-kindergarten, leading their weekly chapel for more than 23 years. Children were mesmerized by her soft-spoken words and kindness, intently following her every word and action. Debbie knew every student by name, greeting them individually at the school's front doors each and every morning for more than 24 years with a hug and encouragement for the day ahead.

As the first and longest-tenured member of the CCS Staff, Debbie was also integral in the hiring and training of the faculty and staff. Debbie poured time and energy into every teacher, serving as a supervisor, friend, and mentor. As a seasoned teacher and administrator, she always had the right words and advice for every situation. Debbie led others by example and as instructed in her chosen life verse, Philippians 4:8, "Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, noble, right, pure, loving, and admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy- think about such things."

Debbie has often been referred to as the DNA of CCS. While we will miss her daily, her impact and example of Christ-centered servant leadership will continue to influence our world and His Kingdom for generations to come. Proverbs 13:22 reminds us that we are all called to leave an inheritance for our children's children. Debbie Symes was a beautiful example of a willing and loving heart whose steadfastness and actionable faith have created a legacy for every student, family, faculty, and staff member who has and will continue to call themselves a Knight.

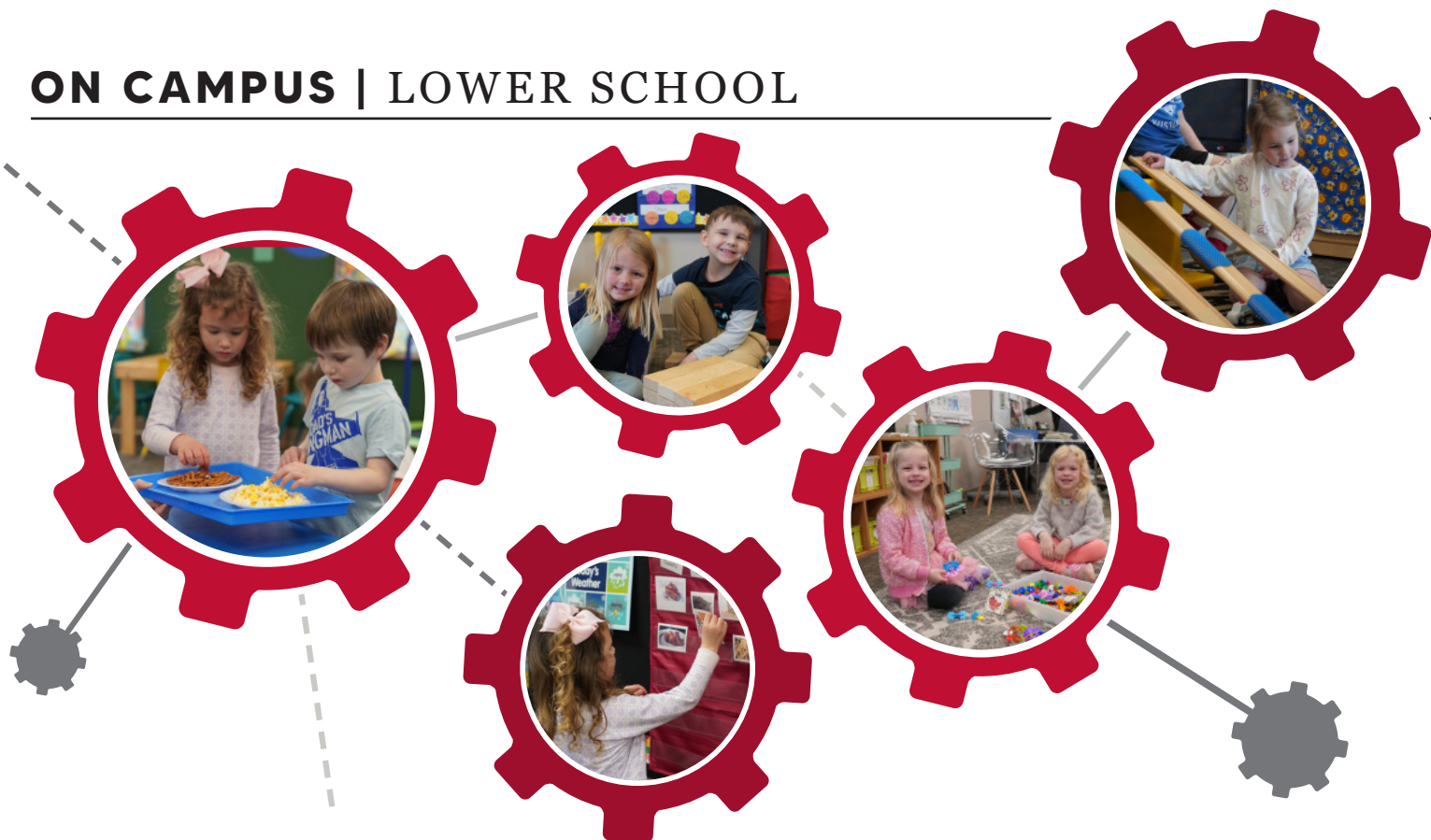
As the school approaches our 25th Anniversary, we are reminded of the love and sacrifice of Debbie Symes and most importantly, of the overwhelming impact she made on the lives of thousands of students and others who will be touched by her life and work through Crossings Christian School.

"The first image that always comes to mind of Debbie is her lovingly, warmly greeting every child walking through the doors of CCS on its very first day. There aren't enough words or time to adequately describe the eternal impact she has made on our families, our school, our church, our community, and beyond. She was a genuine reflection of our Father - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control."

"Her influence on the lives of thousands of kids and their parents cannot be overstated. I think back to the first day I saw her in action, her arms around our five-year-old, praying for her and praising her. I can't imagine a better choice for a leader of our growing little school all those years ago."

"I've never known a woman who has impacted more people, than beautiful Debbie Symes. God gave her an extra measure of wisdom, kindness, compassion & empathy for others, & it all came straight from her heart. She cared, she loved, she listened, & she prayed. She gave her full attention to countless students, parents, friends & family, and always seemed to have time to listen."





ENGAGING PRESCHOOLERS IN STEM

Hands-On Activities for Young Minds

Preschool classrooms serve as bustling hubs of exploration and discovery, where young minds eagerly absorb knowledge and make sense of the world around them. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities are integrated into early childhood education to cultivate critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a lifelong love for learning.

Preschool students have embarked on many kinds of STEM adventures, one of which being a taste exploration! Students had a taste test of sweet, bitter, sour, salty, and umami, sampling various foods and categorizing them according to these newly learned terms. This engaged their senses and laid the groundwork for understanding basic scientific concepts related to taste and sensory perception.

In the realm of engineering and teamwork, preschoolers tackled the challenge of stacking towers. Working collaboratively in pairs and armed with an assortment of building materials, such as blocks, cups, and sticks, young engineers set out to construct the tallest towers possible. Through trial and error, they discovered the strengths and weaknesses of different materials, fostering discussions on structural integrity and the importance of cooperation in achieving success.

Connections with second-grade “book buddies” allowed for enriching cross-grade collaboration. Together, they embarked on

a series of STEM activities, including stacking cup towers, building with LEGO bricks, and assembling geometric shapes. Through these joint endeavors, preschoolers not only honed their motor skills and spatial reasoning but also developed important social and communication skills while learning from their older peers.

In a sensory-rich environment, preschoolers delved into an exploration of the five senses. By adding various materials and textures to ramps and block centers, children engaged in hands-on experimentation, observing changes in friction and texture. Students also had the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a butterfly, witnessing the marvels of metamorphosis firsthand and fostering a deep appreciation for God’s provision in nature. Additionally, they explored the fascinating phenomenon of changing the color of flowers using food coloring, sparking curiosity and wonder about the science behind color mixing.

In preschool classrooms, STEM activities are more than just lessons—they are invitations to explore, discover, and innovate. By engaging young minds in hands-on experiences that blend playfulness with scientific inquiry, students engage in a new adventure every day. As these young learners continue to explore the realms of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, they carry with them the seeds of curiosity and wonder that will shape their future endeavors.

COLORFUL CREATIVITY

IN THE LOWER SCHOOL ART SHOW

The Lower School Art Show was a vibrant display of youthful imagination and artistic expression, showcasing the talents of students from preschool through fourth grade. Each grade level contributed unique and engaging projects, reflecting diverse skills and techniques. This also marked the first year to exhibit the art pieces in a walk-through format throughout the Lower School, allowing a smoother and more immersive experience for families.

Creativity came in many forms throughout each grade. Preschoolers delighted in creating puffy paint snowmen and kindergarteners molded clay handprint bowls, infusing personal touches into functional art pieces. First graders explored mixed media collage techniques to craft expressive self-portraits, while second graders honed their sculpting skills with adorable clay thumbprint owls. Third graders talked about “shining our light before others” and being a beacon in a dark world like Christ is for us while creating lighthouses, and fourth graders embraced the spirit of Pop Art with food sculptures and artist-inspired self-portraits. Self-portraits from each grade level served as a fun way to show students’ growth in skill and style through the years.

The creative process unfolded over weeks, allowing students to immerse themselves in their projects and develop new skills along the way. From brainstorming ideas to mastering various art mediums, “students did an incredible job persevering and letting their creativity shine through every project,” said Lower School art teacher, Mrs. Kiley Edington. Highlights included witnessing the fourth graders’ ingenuity in constructing intricate food sculptures and observing the preschoolers’ joy as their snowmen came to life with googly eyes.

Edington remarked on the incredible support she received, saying, “I was blown away by the support of CCS families and I am so thankful.” With the support from parents, the talent and enthusiasm from students, and the leadership of Edington, the curtains closed on another successful Lower School Art Show.



Lower School STUDENTS UKNIGHT!



This school year has been an exciting one in the Lower School with “UKnight” assemblies! These are an opportunity for kindergarten through fourth grade students to gather together as one, unified body to celebrate various happenings in the school. From dancing and clapping to cheering and praying, these assemblies bring joy and excitement to the last Friday of each month.

Beyond the birthday celebrations, fun dances, and award recognitions, these assemblies also provide an opportunity for students to come together and grow spiritually while celebrating what God is doing. Throughout the year the assemblies have followed the theme of “In His image,” corresponding with Ephesians 2:10 and exploring different godly virtues. Each month different grade levels gets to share how they exemplified a virtue, such as “Helpful Hands” and “Meaningful Minds.” Matthew 18:20 says where two or more are gathered, God is there too, and “What reason is there better than that for us to gather together to celebrate all that our Lord has done for us?!” said Lower School Assistant Principal, Kim Bastin. Unified as one Lower School student body in UKnight assemblies, students recite the monthly Bible verses, pray, and learn what it means to be made in the image of God.



Spreading Light Beyond Literature

How a 6th Grade English Class Connects with Incarcerated Youth After Reading “Holes”

In sixth grade English class, Louis Sachar’s book “Holes” was more than just a literary adventure - it became a catalyst for empathy and action. After delving into the pages, these students embarked on a journey beyond the confines of their classroom walls to explore the lives of incarcerated youth and shine a light on the often-overlooked corners of society. The students welcomed guest speakers Ms. Lindsey Jackson and Mr. David Young into their classroom. Jackson, a Reentry Manager with the Crossings Community Church Prison Ministry, and Young, a board member of Light Christian Academy, shared their insights and experiences with the class.

Jackson works with the Prison Ministry to help people find and follow Jesus and connect returning citizens to the resources they need. She also works directly with incarcerated teens, showing God’s love to them through Bible lessons, teaching tangible skills, and even throwing them birthday parties. Imprisoned at 18, David Young testified to the transformative power of faith. Through his work with Light Christian Academy, he has dedicated himself to providing support and guidance to children whose parents are incarcerated, offering them a beacon of hope in the midst of adversity.

Hearing from Jackson and Young, students learned about the importance of unconditional love and acceptance, particularly for those who have been deprived of such blessings in their lives. They discovered the role that Crossings Community Church Prison Ministry plays in providing support and guidance to incarcerated youth, helping them to embrace a new identity as beloved children of God. Jackson described this kind of relationship as “transformational,” stating that Crossings “sees their value and how they are created in God’s image, regardless of what they have done, where they are currently living, and whether or not they will

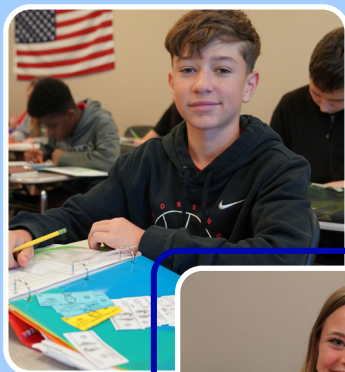
spend the rest of their lives in prison.”

Mrs. Dori Turner, Crossings sixth grade English teacher, said this experience was “very eye-opening” for the students. One student commended Young sharing his story with them, saying “David could’ve chosen to try to forget what he did and move on, but instead, he uses his testimony and experience to help others.” With the opportunity to see a new perspective of how childhood can look, CCS students set out to make a difference. They began a service project, challenging each student to contribute at least one hygiene item and \$10 towards the purchase of Bibles. A student described his passion saying, “I already wanted to donate [to the ministry] but listening to the speakers made me want to give even more.” Through this initiative, these 6th graders raised over \$1,000 to purchase Bibles and many hygiene items for care packages, hoping to not only provide tangible support to incarcerated youth, but also to spread a message of love and compassion through the Gospel and hands of service.

Jackson expressed her hope for these items to make a difference, even if CCS students do not get to directly see the results. She explained, “As Christians we plant and water, but only God can make it grow. We need to be in it for the long haul. My prayer is that the youth we serve will question why students they don’t even know would want to purchase hygiene products for them and connect it back to God’s love.”

Turner reflected on the unit and service project with appreciation, saying “This project really made the book come alive for the students and opened their eyes to new ways they can share the love of Christ.” Through it all, one thing is abundantly clear: these sixth graders are ready to change the world, one act of kindness at a time.

Introducing Life Enrichment



A Practical Approach to 8th Grade Education

Welcome to Life Enrichment, an innovative course designed to equip 8th graders with the practical tools necessary to navigate the complexities of adulthood. The inception of Life Enrichment traces back to a realization: despite excelling in traditional academic subjects, on a global scale, many students across were entering high school without essential life skills. As tasked in the school's mission to develop students with the tools needed for life, this new course was added in the fall of 2023.

A variety of topics are offered in Life Enrichment, many of which include vital information that will be useful each day for the soon-to-be Upper School students as well as other topics students will use throughout their college years and adulthood. The syllabus includes college and career exploration, financial literacy, job applications and interviews, life and travel organization and planning, healthy habits, social etiquette, meal planning, and life skills such as changing a tire and tying a tie. Life Enrichment operates on a dynamic nine-week rotation, providing students with a blend of hands-on activities and thought-provoking discussions. Instead of passively absorbing information, they actively engage with the material, reinforcing their learning through practice. Head of School, Dr. Nave, makes a special appearance each quarter to show students how to tie a tie. When it comes to financial literacy, students go beyond conceptualizing a budget by practicing spending habits with play money, and tracking income and expenses according to the location, living arrangement, and job salaries that they have chosen.

Students reflect on the class, excited about the practicality of the lessons. Lizzy C. expressed her enthusiasm for learning about different careers and the pathways to achieving them. She is surprised by the cost of living, a testament to the eye-opening nature of the course. Cade C. echoed Lizzy's sentiments saying, "This class is really great! It's fun to learn something that you'll use in real life, like how to manage my money, how to shop for an apartment, and even the cost of insurance!"

Life Enrichment serves as an instrument within the CCS framework to create well-rounded students academically, spiritually, and practically prepared for life. This class is intended to ignite the spark of empowerment to guide students toward a future of confidence, success, and knowledge.

FROM SCRIPTURE TO STAGE

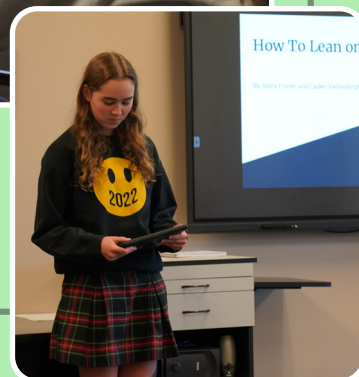
8TH GRADE STUDENTS DIVE INTO SERMON WRITING

Each day, 8th grade Bible students begin class with bell work, reading a passage from the Gospels and responding with their reactions to the scripture. They reflect on the actions and intentions of Jesus, His disciples, the people, and His adversaries, delving into the events described. At the end of the year, these assignments inspire students to create their own sermons. Grouped together, students choose a topic that impacted, resonated with, or interested them for further research. Topics can range from the meaning of peace and righteous anger to the history of the church and what it means to have faith.

Students dive into researching their chosen topics to gain an in-depth understanding and to engage with scripture. They learn to write a structured three-point sermon and develop public speaking skills, such as maintaining eye contact, clear speech, good posture, and effective delivery. Each group member records themselves delivering their sermon, and the videos are presented to the class. Classmates actively participate by asking questions about the content, the personal significance of the topic, and the sermon-writing process, fostering a stimulating class-wide discussion and reinforcing the presenters' understanding.

The benefits of this project are manifold. It provides students with a deeper appreciation for the work pastors do in preparing and delivering sermons each week. It encourages them to independently explore and question their faith, developing a personal and informed understanding of biblical topics. Additionally, it offers a platform for students to share their faith beyond personal testimonies, engaging in meaningful dialogue about significant spiritual themes.

By the end of the project, students have honed their analytical and public speaking skills and cultivated a deeper, more personal connection to their faith. This innovative approach to Bible education highlights the value of combining academic rigor with spiritual growth, preparing students to articulate and live out their beliefs with confidence and clarity.



FROM THE PLAINS OF OKLAHOMA TO THE COAST OF AFRICA

Crossings Christian School in Oklahoma City welcomed back Staff Sergeant Dillon McDaniel on March 11 after his deployment with the United States National Guard.

Dillon McDaniel, a devoted Anatomy and Environmental Sciences teacher at Crossings, served with the U.S. Army Reserve for nine months in Africa. While primarily stationed in Djibouti, he also spent time in Kenya and Somalia, where he facilitated the baptism of 40 soldiers. As a Religious Affairs Specialist in the National Guard, his responsibilities overseas included providing essential religious and psychological support to the entire Taskforce, which consisted of 1,200 soldiers from Oklahoma, Indiana, and Nebraska. Dillon's proactive efforts led to the establishment of a volunteer program, recognizing soldiers with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for exceeding established standards. Additionally, he actively contributed to assisting the local Catholic orphanage, participated in the restoration of a wildlife refuge, conducted hundreds of counseling sessions, and led a Bible Study centered around "The Chosen."

During his deployment, Dillon's wife, Ashley McDaniel, stepped in to teach his classes. Her background and aspiration to pursue a nursing career made her the ideal candidate to support Dillon's role during his absence.

Reflecting on his experiences, Dillon cherishes the connections he formed with his fellow service members and aims to integrate his insights into ministering to his students at Crossings. His return to school on March 11 was celebrated with a fellowship breakfast, where his colleagues joined in welcoming him back.



Reaching Platinum

THE HIGHEST AP RECOGNITION

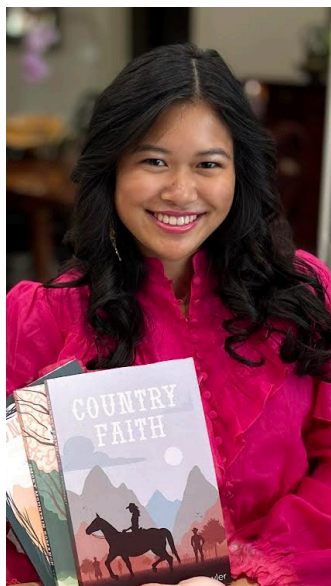
Crossings Christian School is honored to have earned the distinction of being a Platinum Level School on the 2023 AP School Honor Roll, the highest recognition level offered by the College Board's AP Program. This recognition is awarded annually based on the school's ability to foster a college-going culture, providing students with opportunities to earn college credit, and enhancing college readiness.

As a whole, CCS students earned a 70% passing rate in three AP Courses and a 90% passing rate in six courses. Additionally, 76.2% of students at Crossings scored an average of three or higher on AP exams in 2023, 13 points higher than the Oklahoma average and nine points higher than the global average.

Crossings currently offers 18 AP courses and was the first private school in Oklahoma to offer the AP Capstone Program in 2019. Mrs. Helen Denman, the AP Capstone Research instructor, reflects on this accomplishment, saying, "Ms. Jonte stands at the very heart of the AP Capstone Program at Crossings. I was fortunate to join her journey after she initiated the program at our school." Ms. Jonte embarked on her journey of teaching AP Capstone Seminar four years ago, and Mrs. Denman followed suit by introducing AP Research the following year. Together, they have witnessed the remarkable growth of their students as independent scholars and critical thinkers.



THE JOURNEY THROUGH FAITH AND FICTION



Mollie Fowler, Crossings Christian School Junior, has released her third book, “Country Hope.” Building upon her previous works, “Country Faith” and “Smoky Mountain Romance,” the trilogy is a heartfelt series inspired by Mollie’s deep connection to her faith. The creative process for each book spans approximately one year, with additional time dedicated to the meticulous editing phase. Mollie acknowledges that the publishing journey can be more time-consuming than anticipated, especially for first-time authors; but she navigates the challenges with the guidance of her cousin, who is also an accomplished author. Mollie also credits Mrs. Valentine, her 7th grade English Enrichment teacher at Crossings Christian School, as the most influential figure in her journey.

Mollie was inspired to begin her trilogy after reading “A Place Called Home,” a book by one of her favorite authors, Lorie Wick. In her latest work, Mollie finds a personal connection with the main character, Michelle Logan. Michelle’s heart lies on the ranch, and her passion is devoted to the Lord. Much like Michelle, Mollie relies on the wisdom, love, and support of her friends and family when facing obstacles.

Mollie celebrated her first book signing at OKC Sweets on February 3, 2024 where readers explored the complete “Country Faith” trilogy. The event provided an opportunity for readers to engage in conversation and pose questions. Mollie is a prime example of how Crossings equips students for academic triumph and launches them into life’s endeavors equipping them to serve Christ.

NINE CROSSINGS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Nine students from Crossings Christian School have earned the title of finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.3 million juniors in approximately 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and less than 1% of students across the nation received this recognition. Given that the CCS graduating Class of 2024 is comprised of 77 students, this achievement represents an outstanding 11% of the class earning this honor.

To earn this distinction, students not only submitted test scores that highlight their excellent performance, but also provided a comprehensive application showcasing their academic records, diligent involvement in school and community activities, leadership roles, employment experience, and honors received. CCS finalists are actively engaged in both academics and extracurricular activities, some even participating in multiple sports.

CCS Head of School, Dr. Jason Nave, emphasized, “The outcome of nine National Merit Semifinalists in this year’s graduating class is the culmination of an extended, well-developed process of curriculum design, informal and formal assessment, best teaching practices, strong study habits, invested students and parents, a supportive and encouraging student body, and dedicated faculty and staff who have consistently delivered the mission of our school.” Each of the named semifinalists has attended Crossings Christian School since the sixth grade or earlier, five of

them being lifelong attendees.

As a college preparatory school, CCS aspires to offer a well-rounded education that is both academically rigorous and balanced through a full range of visual and performing arts offering 11 OSSAA-sanctioned athletic programs, all founded on biblical principles. As a result, students are thriving spiritually, socially, emotionally, and academically, as evidenced in a Five Year Composite Average ACT score of 26.5, almost nine points above the Oklahoma average and seven points above the national average. Students express a strong sense of readiness for college, crediting CCS for their well-rounded preparation. They confidently aspire to pursue majors in fields such as mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering, and climate studies, knowing that they are well-equipped for the academic challenges ahead.



CROSSINGS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating the Class of 2024

9 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

30 OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

26 AVERAGE ACT | 3.82 AVERAGE GPA | 36 LIFERS



REAGAN AKRIDGE
Oklahoma State University



NOLAN ARNOLD
Oklahoma Baptist University



BRAEDEN ASBURY
University of Oklahoma



KEIRA ATCHLEY
University of Arkansas



KAITLYN BACON
Oklahoma State University



SARAH BARNES
Citadel Military College
of South Carolina



CAROLINE BASS
George Mason University



SHAWN BEBEE
University of Oklahoma



CHRISTOPHER BILLY
University of Oklahoma



HATTIE BOND
University of Oklahoma



BROOKLYN BORIN
Oklahoma State University



LUKE BROWN
University of Oklahoma



MEGAN CHANNEL
Oklahoma State University



NOAH CHAPMAN
University of Tulsa



SARAH CLARK
Oklahoma State University



PATRICK COULTER
Oklahoma State University



BROOKE CRAWFORD
Oklahoma State University



EVAN CROTTS
University of Oklahoma



TADAN CRUZAN
Oklahoma Baptist University



MARLEY DAGGS
University of Central Oklahoma



BRANDON DANIEL
University of Oklahoma



DENNIS DANIEL
University of Oklahoma



ENO DWUMA
Oklahoma State University



SYDNEY EGBERT
Oklahoma State University



SHANE FISCHMAN
University of Oklahoma



JAEDYN FOLEY
University of Oklahoma



JAYDEN FOWLER
Oklahoma Christian University



CHARLOTTE FRANS
University of Colorado Boulder



SOFIA GLENN
University of Oklahoma



GABRIELLA GREEN
Baylor University



MACK GUDELL
University of Oklahoma



HANNAH HARRIS
University of Tulsa



REAGAN HART
University of Central Oklahoma



ALLISON HICKEY
University of Tulsa



MADISON HUNT
Oklahoma State University



SHELBY IVERSON
Oklahoma State University



MADISON JOLLIFF
Oklahoma State University



JONAH KELLY
University of Oklahoma



KATHERINE KNOX
Savannah College of Art and Design



ANNA LEPERE
University of Tulsa



WILLIAM MARTIN
Oklahoma Christian University



WILLIAM MASCHMEIER
Oklahoma State University



CARSON MCCARTY
University of Oklahoma



PAYDEN MCGANN
Hendrix College



LUKE MCGARRAUGH
Oklahoma State University



SAVANNA MEEK
Oklahoma Baptist University



ISABELLA NAPOLIELLO
Oklahoma State University



ZANDER NELSON
University of Oklahoma



LUKE OLSON
University of Oklahoma



MADELEINE OYLER
Oklahoma State University



ALLISON PARKER
Oklahoma State University



BELLA PHAM
Oklahoma State University



BERKELEY PORTER
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BENJAMIN POWER
Oklahoma State University



BARRON PROCTOR
Oklahoma State University



ADDYSON ROSS
Oklahoma State University



EVAN ROUSE
Southern Methodist University



NATHAN ROUSE
University of Oklahoma



CALEB SANFORD
University of Oklahoma



JOHN-JACK SEARCH
Mid-America Christian University



ROBEL SOLOMON
University of Oklahoma



LILY STATON
Oklahoma State University



JACKSON STRUNK
Oklahoma State University



DELANEY SULLIVAN
University of Oklahoma



ERIN SULLIVAN
Baylor University



WILLIAM SUTTON
University of Tulsa



MICHAEL SWISHER
Oklahoma State University



LILLY TARDIBONO
University of Oklahoma



COLE TAYLOR
Oklahoma State University



CHLOË TRIPP
University of Oklahoma



ALLISON WAITMAN
University of Oklahoma



ASHLEIGH WANG
Case Western Reserve University



**ANNAMAY
WARMINGTON**
Oklahoma State University



GRAHAM WELCH
University of Oklahoma



KENNEDY WESTON
Grand Canyon University



JAKE WILLIAMS
Case Western Reserve University

CLASS OF 2024 VERSE

*You are my refuge and my shield;
I have put my hope in your word.*

PSALM 119:114



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ALUMNI

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, Crossings Christian School welcomed 76 new alumni.
Congratulations to the Class of 2024.

KNIGHTS NOW | ALUMNI NEWS

2012



Jake Snider, the second graduate of CCS, currently resides in Oklahoma City with his wife, Alissa. He is the Director of Human Resources at the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health and Family Services. The couple recently embraced the joys of parenthood with the arrival of their first son, Samuel, in August 2023.

2014



Ali (Raftery) Noll has been the Director of Client Relations for Peel Payments since 2018. With a keen eye for fostering strong client relationships, Ali has played a pivotal role in Peel Payments' growth and success. Outside of her professional endeavors, Ali finds joy in traveling with her husband and three children and creating unforgettable memories together.

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Lauren Young moved to California to study Media Production and Sustainability and graduated from Pepperdine University in 2018. Upon graduation, Lauren worked in the film industry in Los Angeles but felt God leading her to work at the church she served within Orange County. Lauren plays a vital role within the church, utilizing her talents to produce, film, and edit video, photo, and podcast content. Lauren is looking forward to her upcoming wedding to fellow 'Okie' Spencer Fisher.

2015



Taylor Broyles currently serves as a Field Representative for Oklahoma County Commissioner, Myles Davidson. In this capacity, Taylor engages with constituents from District 3, representing the commissioner as needed. She finds fulfillment in her role's travel opportunities and dedicates her free time to chairing the Oklahoma Young Republicans. Additionally, Taylor stays connected with her Alma Mater by participating in a volleyball team alongside fellow CCS alumni.

2016



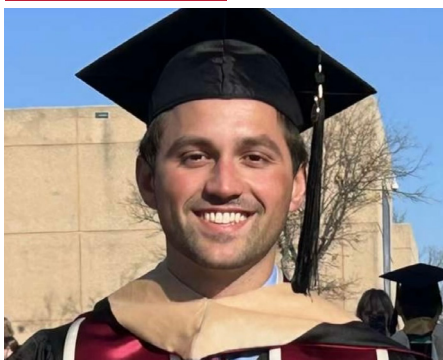
Jordan Schneider graduated Cum Laude from the College of the Ozarks in May 2020, with a degree in Business Administration. He married Rachael Utecht on May 16, 2021. Jordan and Rachael reside in Fayetteville, Arkansas, where Jordan is employed by EPI-USE, a South African-based technology company. Together, the couple attends New Life Church and are pet parents to Onyx, a handsome two-year-old Pomapoo.

2017

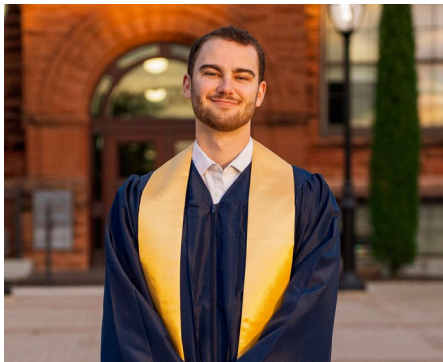


Camryn (Conroy) Piatt and her husband, Matt, are celebrating their second anniversary this October. This year, they welcomed a new member into their family by adopting their first dog, Winnie. Following her graduation from the University of Oklahoma Law in May, Camryn is preparing to begin her career as a transactional associate at Phillips Murrah in Oklahoma City this fall.

2018



Parker Balan completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma in May 2022. He then pursued a master's degree in Accounting, graduating in December 2023. He is currently preparing to take a series of CPA exams with plans to begin his career as an audit associate in Oklahoma City this September. In between studying, Parker enjoys hiking and skiing in Colorado.



Mason Coffey graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma in December 2023. He is a Registered Nurse at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City in the General ICU. He married Emily Boyne on May 31, 2024, and they live in Oklahoma City with their cat, Fancy Pants. He attends Crossings Community Church and volunteers with the Prison Ministry.



Logan Daggs recently celebrated his two-year anniversary with his wife, Becca. He enjoys attending concerts, playing board games with his wife and friends, and coaching the Little Knights wrestling team. Logan made a meaningful gesture by donating six inches of his hair to Matter of Trust. This carried much significance as he hadn't cut his hair for two years after leaving the army. On top of an already busy schedule, Logan works at MidFirst Bank in Operational Risk Management.



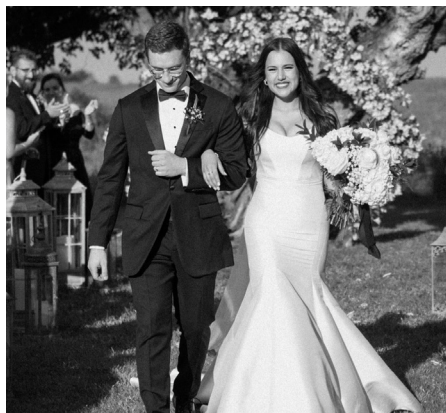
Laura (Fredrickson) Doak married her husband Drew, graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma, and adopted her first dog, Chip. Laura and Drew now reside in Tulsa where she works in the Neonatal ICU at Hillcrest Medical Center.



Grace (Johnson) High married her fiancé, Jacob in March. She is eagerly looking forward to completing her studies and graduating from Physician Assistant School in 2025.

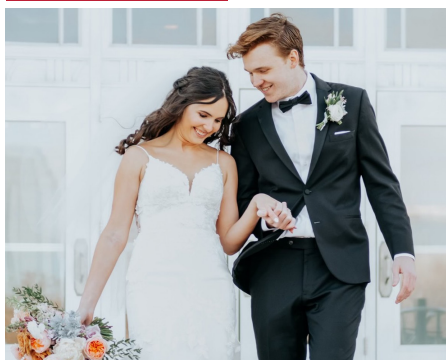


Alexis Redwine earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with minors in Biology and Physics from Southern Nazarene University in 2023 and is now pursuing her PhD in Organic Chemistry at the University of Kansas. Alexis is hard at work as she's just received the Self Graduate Fellowship award at KU and is a member of the Teator research group. In her downtime, Alexis enjoys indulging her adventurous spirit. A recent highlight was fulfilling her dream of skiing the longest red trail in the world during a trip to Switzerland, an experience that allowed her to ski two countries in a single day.



Derek Philliber married his wife, Ana Victoria last year. Since getting married, Derek and Ana Victoria have traveled to Mexico and Peru with lifelong friends from Crossings. While continuing his academic pursuits, Derek has shifted his focus towards attaining his PhD in Physics at the University of Oklahoma. Beyond academia, he spends weekends and summers volunteering through his church and RestoreOKC.

2019



Halle (Brown) Grantham graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Journalism in December 2023. What began as a college internship blossomed into a full-time position at the Gooden Group, an Oklahoma City-based public relations firm. She married CCS alumni, Mitch Grantham, in January. Together, they actively attend and serve at Crossings Community Church.



Jesse Myers earned his Marketing degree from Oklahoma State University in May 2023. Upon graduation, Jesse enrolled in the Post-Grad Discipleship Leadership program at Kanakuk. This nine-month program, training initiatives focus on deepening students' understanding of the Bible while sharpening their leadership abilities. Jesse experienced personal and spiritual growth while reinforcing his beliefs through biblical studies. He graduated from Kanakuk on April 26, 2024.



Gardner Roby earned his degree from Oklahoma City University in May 2023. He initially worked with Campaign Advocacy Management Professionals and was the Area Recruitment Manager for The Kappa Sigma Fraternity, where he traveled extensively to various chapters and spearheaded the establishment of new chapters. After a year on the road, Gardner has returned to Oklahoma City to join Team Thrive, a political staffing agency, as an account manager. Gardner remains actively involved with Kappa Sigma through volunteering efforts and serves as a staff member for the Oklahoma American Legion Boys State program.

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2020



Sara Armstrong is pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education after earning her degree from Southern Nazarene University. During her time at SNU, she excelled both academically and athletically. She was a standout player on the women's golf team, being named MVP twice, and received the prestigious Loren Gresham Award for having the highest GPA among all female athletes at the university.



Beth Braudrick recently completed her studies at Oklahoma State University, earning a degree in Accounting. She is excited to embark on a new journey as she joins UBuilt Custom Homes as an accountant in Oklahoma City.



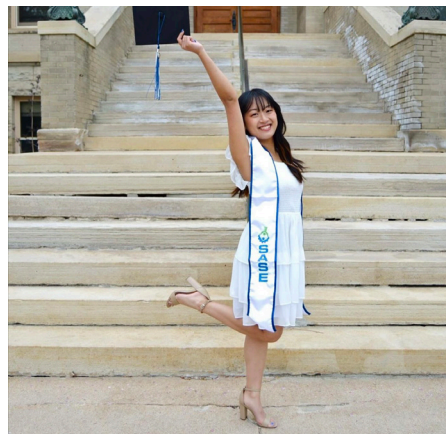
Jacob Brewer graduated this past May with his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Neuroscience. He will immediately begin his Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Oklahoma OKC in the accelerated degree program and plans to graduate in the next 14 months.



Emalyn Hansen graduated from the University of Arkansas in May with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a minor in Human Development of Family Science. She was also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Arkansas. She is applying to the U-Teach SPED program for the 2024 school year.



Carter Little earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration with minors in Philosophy and Health Science from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas. Throughout his undergraduate years, he served as a Student Ambassador and eventually the Student Ambassador President. Carter aspires to work in the field of sports management and is pursuing a master's degree in Sports and Entertainment Management from the University of South Carolina.



Ashley Potter graduated from Colorado School of Mines in May with a Bachelor of Chemistry. She will return in the fall to pursue her master's degree in Engineering and Technology Management. She currently serves as the Co-President of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers and remains actively engaged in various extracurricular activities.



Emerson Rowe graduated from the University of Arkansas in May with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a Medical Humanities minor. She will begin applying for medical school and aims to begin school in August 2025.



Emma Taylor graduated from Abilene Christian University. Throughout her undergraduate years, Emma actively participated in various activities, including leading worship at her church, being a member of Sigma Theta Chi, and serving as a hostess in Sing Song, an acapella production at ACU. She will continue her academic journey at Hardin Simmons University in the fall, where she will pursue her doctorate in Physical Therapy.

2021



Boston Harris graduated from the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business with a bachelor's degree in Finance. He currently works as a financial analyst and junior financial advisor at PlanGroup Financial in Oklahoma City.



Halle Harrison is currently pursuing her passion for education at Baylor University, where she is studying Elementary Education. Scheduled to graduate in December, she eagerly anticipates stepping into the role of a teacher upon completing her studies. Halle is preparing to marry her high school sweetheart, Ben Scott, in July 2024.



Emma Howry is currently in nursing school at the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing BSN program. Emma expects to graduate in May of 2025 and plans to apply to Nurse Practitioner school post-graduation. Emma's fiancé proposed to her in Vermont in the fall of 2023, and currently, the couple is planning their upcoming wedding in Florida, set to take place this July.



Tobie Lowe embarked on a study abroad experience in Rome, studying the intricacies of interior architecture, and exploring various regions of Italy. Having conquered her most demanding semester this past December, Tobie is overjoyed to have attained her degree in Interior Architecture & Design in May. Notably, she played a significant role as the maid of honor in her sister Madeline's wedding, who is also an alumni of CCS.

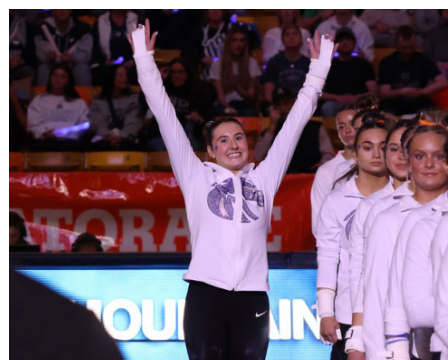


Elisabeth Stephens completed her studies at Belmont University in May 2024, earning a degree in Creative and Entertainment Industries with a minor in Music Business. She also had the opportunity to study abroad in Australia, which allowed her to deepen her understanding of the global music industry's significance. After graduation, Elisabeth made Nashville her permanent home and now thrives in her role at Round Table Management, where she spearheads marketing initiatives and oversees project management for musicians.



Darla Weston graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with dual Bachelor's degrees in Business and HR Management. Throughout her college career, she dedicated significant time to community service, serving as the Vice President of her sorority during her junior year and participating in a Holy Land mission trip earlier this year. In June, she tied the knot, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in her life.

2022



Kylee Hamby attends Boise State University, where she competes in gymnastics, recently winning the inaugural Mountain West Gymnastics Conference with her team. She is also a part of Athletes in Action, a group of athletes who come together to talk about Jesus and their faith. She is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with minors in Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, and Business.

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