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Preschool 3's and 4's; K - 12th Grade
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SPECIAL GRADUATES EDITION

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FROM THE
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I was deeply honored at our Commencement Ceremony two Fridays ago when Patrick Colunga presented me with six "memorial stones" (large boulders that can only be carried one-at-a-time). He said that "the Bible uses the number seven to represent *perfection* or completion, and we plan to give you the seventh stone some time in the future as you continue to work on behalf of CCS in a different capacity." Patrick's kind words and the symbolism of the stones were timely and appreciated. The night before, I had published my last post on the CCS administrator's blog:

[**"To Begin With..."**](#) It was about twelve memorial stones that represent significant

years in the history of CCS. Our school board chairman knew I would appreciate how he described my career as meaningful and not yet complete. He summarized my 42 consecutive years in K-12 Christian education: One year at Heritage Hall, Muncie, Indiana; eighteen years at Walnut Ridge Academy in Waterloo, Iowa; and twenty-three years here at Calvary Christian Schools. My new role involves launching the soon-to-be expanded Eagle's Nest Childcare Center (from part-day preschool program to also include all-day care). This expansion is a strategic step to better serve like-minded families while also maximizing our resources (and strengthening the budget) to help undergird the entire K-12 program.

In the months between now and our 45th Anniversary 2025, I will also be sharing the need for CCS in this community and the importance of becoming a mortgage-free ministry. We have been blessed with a 60-acre campus and beautiful building that cost nearly ten million dollars just two decades ago. Through God's providence and the stewardship of hundreds of donors, that has been paid down roughly 80% in twenty years. We are also blessed that the interest rate on that mortgage is around 4% for two more years. Even so, our monthly mortgage payment of \$15,000 is a hindrance to much higher priorities we have for this educational ministry. Maximizing our resources and becoming mortgage-free will be the initial goal of this new role beginning July 1st. I am thankful for this opportunity to continue to serve Calvary Christian Schools.

Tom Kapanka

Class of 2023

Annelise Lynn Derrick, Valedictorian



Annelise is the daughter of Derrin and Alishia Derrick. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 12 years. Annelise's favorite verse is Ephesians 5:8 (NIV) - *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.* Her student activities at CCS included National Honor Society for 2 years (serving as vice president her senior year), Student Council for 4 years (serving as vice president her senior year), tutoring for 2 years, teacher's aide, participating in the American Bar Association Student Law Day, Rotary Life Leadership Conference Representative, Homecoming Court her senior year, West Michigan Student Showcase for Academics, band for 7 years, and choir for 2 years. Annelise participated in JV basketball for 2 years, as a manager for the girls' varsity basketball team for 1 year, as well as participating in varsity basketball for 1 year, and track for 4 years. Her community service included Love in Action Food Truck, Kids' Food Basket, Night to Shine, No More Sidelines, Unity Christian Music Festival, and Love Community Garden, and highway clean-up. Her mission activities included domestic trips to Louisiana and Mississippi, and an international mission trip to Honduras. Her church ministries included volunteering in the nursery and Vacation Bible School. Annelise plans to attend Cornerstone University in the fall where she will study the humanities. She was accepted into their CiHi (Creativity and Innovation Honors Institute) program.

Anna Rachelle Childerhose, Co-Salutatorian



Anna is the daughter of Greg and Amanda Childerhose. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 11 years. Anna's favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) - *Trust the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* Her student activities at CCS included National Honor Society (serving as secretary), Student Council (serving as class vice president for 2 years and secretary for 2 years), tutoring for 2 years, teacher's aide, Chapel Worship Team Leader, West Michigan Student Showcase, Rotary Club representative, participating in the American Bar Association Student Law Day, band for 5 years, choir for 7 years, honors choir for 1 year, Homecoming Court in 9th and 12th grade, and Calvary Players Drama Club. Anna participated in basketball for 5 years and volleyball for 6 years. Her community service included highway clean-up, Love in Action Food Trucks, Kids' Food Basket, and Night to Shine. Her church ministries included worship teams for youth and on Sundays, singing, playing the piano & submitting an art piece to fine arts, and running the Grand Rapids Metro with team World Vision. Anna plans to attend Baker College in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing.



McKena Rose Wilson , Co-Salutatorian

McKena is the daughter of Roman and Melissa Wilson. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 12 years. McKena's favorite verses are Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV) - *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."* Her student activities at CCS included National Honor Society for 2 years, Student Council for 1 year, serving on the worship team for 1 year, teacher's aide, Athletic Nominee in West Michigan Student Showcase, tutoring for 2 years, band for 7 years, and choir for 5 years. She participated in basketball for 8 years, serving as team captain for 3 years, track for 4 years, and cross country for 3 years. McKena's community service included Love in Action Food Truck, highway clean-up, No More Sidelines, Unity Christian Music Festival, Night to Shine, and Love Community Garden. Her church ministries included helping in Kid's Church, Vacation Bible School, greeting, and youth small group leader. McKena plans to attend Muskegon Community College in the fall and play basketball. She plans to transfer to Bethel University or Hope College to pursue a degree in elementary education.



Karmanpreet Kaur Cheema

Karman is the daughter of Mahabir Singh Cheema and Kiranjeet Kaur Cheema. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 8 years. Karman's favorite verse is Isaiah 26:3 (NIV) - *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.* Her student activities at CCS included worship team for 1 year, National Honor Society for 2 years, Student Council for 1 year, tutoring for 2 years, and choir for 3 years. Karman participated in soccer for 1 year, basketball for 1 year, and volleyball for 2 years. Her community service included Love in Action Food Trucks, Kids' Food Basket, highway clean-up, and making blankets for the women's shelter. Karman plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall



Seth Allen Geiger

Seth is the son of Scott and Angela Geiger. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 12 years. Seth's favorite verse is I John 4:8 (NIV) - *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.* His student activities at CCS included National Honor Society, Student Council for 4 years, Class President for 2 years, Calvary Players Drama Club, choir, and playing the violin. He participated in swimming and golf. His community service included Love in Action Food Trucks, Kids' Food Basket, and highway clean-up. His church ministries included working at food drives at Temple Methodist Church. Seth plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall to begin his path toward a law degree, specializing in Social Justice and Civil Rights.



Elizabeth Joy Gutierrez

Elizabeth is the daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Gutierrez. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 13 years. Elizabeth's favorite verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) - *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.* Her student activities at CCS included serving on the worship team for 4 years, National Honor Society for 2 years, tutoring for 2 years, teacher's aide for 1 year, fine arts, choir for 2 years, honor's choir for 1 year, and singing and playing piano in the West Michigan Student Showcase. She participated in JV basketball for 2 years, volleyball for 3 years, and also enjoys pickle ball. Elizabeth's community service included Kids' Food Basket, Unity Christian Music Festival, Love in Action Food Truck, and Love Community Garden, and highway clean-up. Her missions activities included a relief trip with Spring Lake High School. Her church ministries included singing and playing piano on her church's worship team. Elizabeth plans to attend Muskegon Community College in the fall.



Travis Keith Parrott, Jr.

Travis is the son of Travis and Sara Parrott. He attended Calvary Christian Schools for 8 years. Travis' favorite verse is Psalm 27:14 (NIV) - *Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.* His student activities at CCS included office aide, band for 4 years, and choir for 6 years. His community service included highway clean-up. Travis is still deciding about his plans for next year and is trusting God with his future.



Kamea Kyon Sutherland

Kamea is the daughter of Ben and Mary Sutherland. She attended Calvary Christian Schools for 14 years. Kamea's favorite verse is I John 3:16 (NIV) - *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.* Her student activities at CCS included National Honor Society serving as President for 1 year, Student Council for 3 years, Senior Class President, teacher's aide for 2 years, participating in American Bar Association Student Law Day twice, Literary Nominee in West Michigan Student Showcase, tutoring for 2 years, band for 2 years, and choir for 5 years. She participated in basketball for 7 years, soccer for 1 year, track for 1 year, and volleyball for 7 years, serving as team captain her senior year. Kamea's community service included Kids' Food Basket, Love in Action Food Truck, highway clean-up, No More Sidelines, and Love Community Garden. Her mission activities included a domestic mission trip to Washington D.C. with her church. Her church ministries included helping in Kid's Church and Vacation Bible School. Kamea plans to attend Lee University in the fall to study English and creative writing.



CCS 2023 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



McKena Wilson - Senior
Cross Country
Track - State Competitor in the 4x200
Basketball - 1st Team All-Conference
- Honorable Mention All-State



Sam Zelenka - Junior
Soccer - MVP
Basketball - MVP Defense



Bradley Richards - Sophomore
Soccer
Basketball- 1st Team All-Conference,
- 1st Team All-State
Track - MHSAA State Champion, High Jump 6'10"
- 2nd Place All American National Champion

CCS Student Art Showcased at the Museum of Art



Each year, the Muskegon Museum of Art along with the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD) host a regional art exhibit entitled "Expressions 2023". This formal museum exhibit highlights the achievements of student artists within the schools of Muskegon County. Please join us in congratulating the following students for representing Calvary Christian School at this special exhibition:

Joshua Nelson, grade 11
Kara Baas, grade 11
Alaina Parrott, grade 8
Camden VanderMolen, grade 10

Based on standards of quality and excellence, their efforts in the arts places them in a select group within our region as one of the most highly achieving student artists!

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CCS Mission Statement:
Partnering with parents
to equip students
toward personal excellence
and the pursuit
of God's purpose
for their lives.

Thank you to all the 2023-24 worship team members. We are so blessed to have so many musicians, singers and tech students at our school!



CCS Year End Performances!

Elementary performing “Not Your Average Joe” , MS / HS concert theme for the evening, “The Lion and the Lamb” and National Honor Society Induction.

What a great ending to a fabulous school year!



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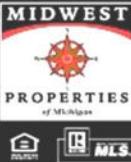
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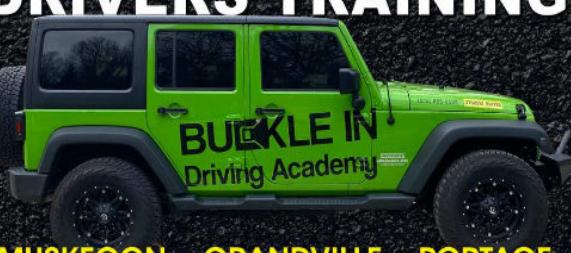


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