

2020



Graduation Program

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Jewel City Church

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Although we were unable to have our graduation ceremony this year due to COVID-19 state guidelines, CHEWV would like to recognize our Class of 2020 graduates and honor them for their accomplishments.

Homeschool Graduates,

We are very proud of the hard work and sacrifices each of you have made in reaching this milestone. We will miss celebrating personally with you!

I am praying specifically for the peace of God to fill your hearts and minds. God has blessed each of you with talents, and it is our hope that you will use them to glorify God and love others. Congratulations homeschool graduates!

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

God bless you! Jennifer Cogar, on behalf of the CHEWV Board



Bristin William Forquer

Bristin William Forquer, son of William and Tammy Forquer of Morgantown, WV, came into this world on May 27, 2002 as a preemie, but this never slowed him down. Bristin was a sweet, hardworking, creative, strong-willed little boy.

Bristin is an old soul with a passion for antiques and vintage Christmas items. He enjoys researching and restoring old items back to new. Bristin loves decorating for the holidays, especially Christmas.

Bristin attended Lighthouse Christian Academy where he has kept a GPA of 4.0 throughout his high school years. He has also mastered multiple AP classes which will go toward his college credits. Bristin wants to attend Fairmont State in the fall with plans to study Pre-med.

Bristin wants to give a special thank you to his family for all their love, support, and guidance. I am so grateful to have each and every one of you!

Behind you all your memories
Before you, all your dreams
Around you, all who love you
Within you, all you need



Emily Jane Gwaltney

My name is Emily Jane Gwaltney, and I am from Morgantown in Monongalia County.

I am the oldest daughter of Paul and Lydia Gwaltney, and have been homeschooled since preschool. Homeschooling practically runs in my veins, as my mom was homeschooled, and my grandparents helped make homeschooling legal in West Virginia. I absolutely love being homeschooled. I love that it is so flexible, that I have more time to study the subjects I enjoy most, and that I get to spend more time with my family. I am deeply grateful to my parents for deciding to homeschool me. One of my passions is writing. When I was little, my sister and I wrote newspapers for our stuffed animals. When I was in middle school, I wrote the blog for my American Heritage Girls troop. Then when I was in high school, I had three articles and a poem published in a magazine. I also love studying history, especially American history. My family and I have visited numerous historical sites, including Colonial Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, and Boston. My favorite was visiting the battle sites of Lexington and Concord. Other hobbies of mine include reading, crafting, and playing the piano. I have also worked at Taylor Law Office every summer since I was fourteen. Ever since I was very young myself, I have enjoyed working with young children. I started helping in children's ministry at my church when I was twelve years old. While at times it could be very difficult, I loved teaching the children. I have helped in every class from nursery to first grade, and currently serve in the toddler class. It brings me joy to play with the kids, teach them Bible stories, and watch them learn to do simple things, like say thank you. When I was sixteen, I got a job for a local Moms of Preschoolers group, assisting with the two-year-old class; later, I worked in the nursery at a homeschool co-op. Because of my love for young children, I plan to get a degree in elementary education.



Brandy Gail McCallister

My Name is Brandy McCallister. I live in Ripley, Jackson County, WV. I am the daughter of Charles and Amy McCallister. I am the youngest of two. My older brother is Alex.

I have been home schooled since third grade. Being home schooled was not easy for me. I had difficulties in reading and math because of dyslexia. Although it was hard I got through it the best I could. I've been through a lot of things in my life. I would not be here if it wasn't for God.

One of my biggest achievements was working in my youth group on their homeless missions. It was brutal to see so many people without homes and basic needs. My plans for the future are to study to be an animator and video game developer. I can't wait to show everyone what I can do. I certainly can't wait for what the future holds for me.

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6

'No man can walk out on his own story" The Spirit of the West, Rango



Liam McClung

My name is Liam McClung and I live with my family, three cats, a dog, and many chickens and pigs on a small-scale farm in Yawkey, West Virginia.

I have been homeschooled since the very beginning. It has been quite an adventure, what with me experiencing all sorts of wonderful things that I probably couldn't have if I hadn't been homeschooled (I know this is cliché, but who else gets to wear pajamas all day?). I almost wish this could go on a little longer, but I am ready to move forward with several careers in mind.

I am most interested in computer science, and I am working towards becoming a programmer. It has been my dream to work for a high-caliber video game designer, or at least design software for some company. I'm also decent at art, as I am frequently drawing random things on my bristol sketchpad and storing the best ones in a giant portfolio. Maybe I'll find a way to use both skills in my dream career.

I'm also currently serving at Charleston's Bible Center Church as a member of the worship team's AVL (audio/visual/lighting) group. It's my job to make sure that the praise band remembers their lyrics by running teleprompters. While I don't play an instrument in the band yet, I have been taking piano lessons for 3 years.

My favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". It reminds us that God doesn't guilt us into doing anything, but He instead likes it when we give our possessions, time, and talents cheerfully. It doesn't necessarily mean we have to go big everytime we do good, but just something like making a cheerful smile for someone can mean everything.



Sarah Megan Schoonover

My name is Sarah Megan Schoonover. I'm the second daughter of Brian and Jeanette Schoonover.

I live in Philippi, WV in Barbour County.

I have been homeschooled my entire life. I am very blessed to say that I have successfully graduated a year early. I was saved at an early age and baptized. I'm a member of Faith Way Baptist Church and belong to an amazing youth group as well. My favorite subject was science so it made sense that I have always felt lead to go into medicine. I feel my starting ground will be nursing. I have a special love for genetics and geriatrics. My least favorite subject was math and I never really enjoyed math like my older brother. Thank goodness for small favors like Danika McKellar book series Girls Can Do Math! I am grateful for my parents. They have taught me to stick-to-itiveness in my education and to stop and evaluate when I did things incorrectly. I

don't enjoy the redo's but have learned to love the opportunity so much more in the journey. They have helped me develop great work ethic in my learning, to work hard in all my jobs, and in my doing to love doing it unto the Lord and not just to please somebody else. They also taught me to always put God first in everything. I enjoyed my homeschool group THESIS since second grade. I have done many classes, but I'm very blessed and thankful for going and all the classes they taught me to help expand my education. I was been blessed by God to go on a mission trip last summer to Tennessee, and work as a babysitter for InterVarsity during summer breaks. I have MANY hobbies which include knitting, photography, and hanging out with my family. My favorite memory growing up is probably when my brother, sister, and I dug a hole in our garden to make a tunnel that would take us to China, just so I could see Princess Mulan at Disneyland. I was so crushed when I found out the truth. I have enjoyed participating in sports over my academic life; 4H archery, swimming, ballet, tennis, and volleyball. Growing up I wasn't athletic, and the matter of fact is that I have never had the desire to be either. I just wanted to dress up and have tea parties. I remember remarking to mom that "I will play any sport that isn't running", so my mom put me in soccer. Turns out I was a great goalie/goal keeper. What a turnout! Psalms 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

"On to my new dream" -Rapunzel



Alexis Elona Lashay Sponaule

Alexis Elona Lashay Sponaule is 17 years old and began homeschooling when she entered her 9th grade year.

She began homeschooling due to a recent move and being easily influenced by peers. Since being homeschooled Alexis has accomplished earning better grades and improving her study habits.

This fall Alexis plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She has narrowed down her college choices to two and is currently deciding between attending either West Virginia Wesleyan College or Fairmont State University.

In the future Alexis wants to become a Registered Nurse. Her Mother, who is deceased, was in the nursing field and she desires to follow in her mother's footsteps.



Kirsti Paige Sponaugle

Kirsti Paige Sponaugle is 18 years old and began homeschooling in her 6th grade year.

She chose to homeschool due to high anxiety levels. Since being homeschooled, Kirsti's grades, as well as her study habits, have improved.

Kirsti plans to pursue a Bachelors degree in Computer Science while attending Fairmont State University this fall. She has already been awarded a Stackable Scholarship from Fairmont State University.

Kirsti's future plans after college are to have her own business. She wants to code and sell video games in the future.



Annette Lee Ullom

Annette, the youngest daughter of Larry and Debbie Ullom, is from Jane Lew in Lewis County. My parents began homeschooling me in fourth grade. Being homeschooled has been a wonderful privilege, but it hasn't always been easy. My parents have spent a lot of time finding curriculums, making plans, and taking time out of their busy schedules to give me a good education, and for that, I am very thankful! However, I am even more grateful that God has given me parents who have taught me and showed me who Christ is and what it means to follow Him! Throughout my years of homeschooling, I have had the opportunity to grow in my faith, experience many unique things, explore and improve my skills of interest, and work at my own pace! In my spare time, I enjoy sketching, taking photos, listening to music, writing, sewing, and helping my mom in the kitchen. On Sunday mornings, I can be found working in our church café. I also enjoy helping in other church events, such as our yearly Halloween outreach! One of my greatest pleasures is freely speaking with God and reading His word! I love when He reveals something new to me, or reminds me of a truth I need to hear. When I was younger, I was part of the AWANA program at our church. Throughout the years I spent in AWANA, I memorized many Scriptures and began to understand the truth and depth behind them. I was honored to receive the Timothy Award and Meritorious Award for completing the books and memorizing the Scriptures. After graduation, I will participate in the OneLife Institute gap year program. This program will allow me to draw closer to God in a Christian community, travel, serve the Lord, and earn 30 college credits! Someday, I trust that God will lead me to a job that allows me to use my love for art and photography to glorify Him! One of my favorite books of the Bible is Jeremiah. Jeremiah must have felt hopeless at times, but he was still faithful to follow God's will for his life. One of my favorite Bible verses comes from this book! Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me, and find me, when you seek me with your whole heart". Whether times are good or bad, I believe God's greatest desire for us is to seek Him wholeheartedly! He loves us and wants to reveal His glory to us and through us! I find this verse both challenging and comforting. It reminds me of how precious and wonderful God is compared to everything else in my life, and convicts me of the things I've let steal His throne in my heart. It also gives me hope that, even if I cannot feel God's presence or see what He is trying to accomplish in my life, if I continue to search for Him wholeheartedly and don't give up, I will find Him again!



Stuart Evan Welsh

Evan, the son of Stuart and Beth Welsh, is from Morgantown in Monongalia County.

My name is Evan Welsh, and I have been homeschooled my whole life. I have always loved the flexibility of my education, because it has given me many opportunities to pursue my interests. From a young age, I have really enjoyed being outside and working with my hands. I grew up fishing and hunting with my dad. I have really enjoyed being close to my sisters since we spent so much time together. When I was younger, I loved playing with legos. If I was not doing school, I was probably in my lego room building something. As I got older, I spent more time outside learning survival skills (like building fires and shelters). I also like to restore vintage axes and woodworking tools. Because we homeschooled, my family had the flexibility to spend six months in Australia while my dad did research there. When we went in 2019, I was able to help my dad with his field work researching eel-tail catfish. A few years ago, I started skiing with friends. It is a great way to get out in the winter and kick some threes... almost. I have had a wonderful childhood, and I am looking forward to what the future holds. This coming fall, I am planning to attend West Virginia University to pursue a degree in civil engineering. I am already involved with a student church group called Chi Alpha. I have made some great friends there, and it has already had a great impact on my life. "If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." -Psalm 91: 10-11



Lydia Grace Werner

My name is Lydia Grace Werner. I am the third daughter of Don and Carole Werner from Monongalia County.

I live in Morgantown, West Virginia with my three sisters, one brother, two dogs, one fish and one guinea pig! I have been homeschooled my whole life and this has given me a unique perspective on the world around me, especially through extensive travel. I have had the advantage of traveling the country with my family, exploring 49 of the fifty states, as well as Canada and Mexico. Through visiting numerous National Parks, I have learned a lot about history, geography, and topography. However, I'm so excited to be moving into the next chapter of my life! I enjoy music in various forms. I was part of a community youth choir for about 8 years. Our choir had the privilege of singing along with both the WVU Choirs and the WV Symphony Orchestra on several occasions. We have also sung the National Anthem for WVU sports events and the WV Black Bears baseball team. I love to read, write, and watch sports and reality TV, especially talent shows like The Voice. I go to as many WVU football and basketball games as possible with my older sister and am also a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan. I love to draw and do some photography as well. I also love children and have worked with both the MOPS program for the past 7 years and as a part-time nanny for the past 3 years. I am planning to major in Social Work at WVU this fall. After graduation, I hope to work in the foster care system, especially with kids in Appalachia who are affected by the opioid epidemic. Hopefully, I will also be able to become a foster parent in the future.

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. Psalm 18:28



Megan Abigail "Abby" Wilmoth

Abby, the oldest daughter of Todd and Sandi Wilmoth, lives on a family farm in the small town of Wallace.

I have been homeschooled my entire life and I enjoy the freedom and flexibility homeschooling gives me and my family. I enjoy traveling with my family and our flexible schedule allows us to pick up and go when the notion hits us. Canaan Valley and Seneca Rocks is our family's favorite weekend get away location. I am blessed to have been able to spend time with my family in Hawaii, San Francisco, Niagra Falls, Disney World (twice!), Washington DC, the Smoky Mountains, the Biltmore, the Greenbrier, and many Virginia Beach vacations.

I love being a "country girl." My family and I have lived on a seventy-acre farm for almost fourteen years now, and this means that the majority of my hobbies are outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, archery, riding ATVs, hiking, and my farm chores. But a lot of my time lately has been spent wrangling goats and cattle who don't like staying in their fields.

I started my college career in my Junior year of high school with Early Enrollment classes through WVU Tech. After graduation I plan to continue college at Fairmont State University working towards a degree in business administration, though I'm not quite sure what I will do with this degree yet. I'm interested in entrepreneurship and would like to own and operate my own business some day.

My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And I am excited to see what the Lord has planned for me!



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IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND
HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.
PROVERBS 3:6