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ACHIEVEMENT!

I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH CHRIST
WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Archdale United Methodist Church
June 5, 2016

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Riley Leigh Beck

Catawba College

Riley graduated Magna Cum Laude. He served as a Junior Marshal during his Junior year at Catawba. Riley is a member of the Catawba Athletic Training Students Club and served as treasurer in his Senior year. He is a member of the Alphi Chi Honor Society in which he earned a goal seal for participation, and the Iota Tau Alpha, an honors society in Athletic Training.

Riley has an internship with the Carolina Panthers this summer and has applied to the Physical Therapy School at Elon University. He and Taylor Bailey are planning their wedding this Fall.

Laura Elizabeth Burns

Guilford Technical Community College

Laura graduated with an Associates in Arts Degree. She graduated with Honors and was on the Dean's List.

She is currently employed with the Ash-Rand Rescue and Randolph County EMS. She plans to continue her college education in the Fall.

Connor Earl Davis

Guilford College

Connor graduated with High Honors on July 28, 2015. He received the Fred I. Courtney Management and Leadership Award as well as the Guilford Achievement Award. Connor was on the Guilford College Dean's List and The University of North Carolina at Charlotte Dean's List.

Connor plans to continue to advance in his career and grow his new business, Sandy Ridge Pork Skins.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Spencer Davis Dyson

(Grandson of Don Miller and the late Ruth Miller)

North Carolina A&T State University

Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural and Environmental Systems with a concentration in Sustainable Land Management. While at NCA&T, Spencer was on the Chancellor's list as well as the Dean's list. He was involved in the Dean Student Council, Students Helping Students and the Sustainable Ag Team. He worked as a Research Associate for the Ag Department.

Spencer will be commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corp.

Sarra E. Leonard

(Granddaughter of Larry and Maxine Sechrest)

Forsyth Technical Community College

Sarra received an Associates Degree in the Arts and was recognized on the Dean's List. She has been accepted into the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program at Forsyth Technical Community College and will begin in the Fall.

Aaron McKim

Wingate University

Aaron received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science from Wingate University. He was President of the Outdoor Recreation Club.

Aaron is currently working at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP and plans to continue his education by attending Law School next year.

POSTGRADUATES

Wilson J. Bunn

(Son of Rev. Dr. Dana & Rev. Joyce Bunn)

Liberty University

Wilson graduated with Honors with a Masters Degree in Management and Leadership in December 2015. He is married to his wife, Paru, and they have a daughter, Rebecca Grace. Wilson works as a K-9 Officer with the Asheville Police Department.

Christopher Tyler Grimmatt

Duke University Divinity School

Christopher graduated with a Masters in Divinity. He has been appointed as pastor of Shoals United Methodist Church and Whitaker Chapel United Methodist Church by the Western North Carolina Conference.

Leah Christine Haithcock

Wingate University

Leah graduated from the Physician Assistant program on December 4, 2015.

Bryan Nathaniel Peele

Cornell University

Bryan earned a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering. His concentration is dynamics and controls, and his minor subjects are computer science and materials engineering. He is working towards a Doctorate of Philosophy with the thesis title, "Imparting dexterity, touch, and visual expression in soft robotics."

POSTGRADUATES

Lina Elizabeth (Clausel) Sheets

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Lina graduated with a Masters of Science and Educational Specialist Degree in Counseling. She was awarded the Lucille Browne Scholarship Award and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to begin her career as a high school counselor next year.

Russell Smith

(Son of Norma Smith and the late Clayton Smith)

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Rusty earned a Doctor of Musical Arts in Trumpet Performance with a Postgraduate Certificate in Jazz Studies. He was on a European tour with the UNCG Wind Ensemble touring in Prague, Austria and Italy in May. He will tour Italy with the Elon University Jazz Ensemble in June and July. Rusty is a Trumpet Instructor at High Point University.

“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.”
—see Jeremiah 29:11

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Wade Davidson Allen

Wheatmore High School

Wade will graduate Magna Cum Laude. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Beta Club. He is a Hugh O'Brian Leadership program recipient. Wade is a member of the Wheatmore High School Varsity Basketball team and is a member of the Student Council.

Wade will attend North Carolina State University in the Fall and plans to study Communications.

Katie Elise Bowman

(Daughter of John and Wendy Bowman)

Trinity High School

Katie is a member of the Beta Club and the National Honors Society. She served as a Junior Marshal and was accepted to attend the North Carolina Governor's School with a concentration in English during the Summer of 2015. She has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction.

She is an active member of the Trinity High School Thespian Troupe 4305 as well as The International Thespian Society. She enjoys writing poetry and is a founding member of the Poetry Club at THS. Katie is involved with Girl Scouts, earning her Silver Award, and the American Red Cross, from which she earned her Red Cord from her hours of volunteering. She enjoyed attending mission trips with her youth group at Oak View Baptist Church.

Katie has been accepted to the Salem College Honors Program and has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship. She plans to attend Salem College in the Fall and double major in Not-For-Profit Management and Communications.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dakota Alexander Chester

Wheatmore High School

Dakota will graduate Cum Laude. He is member of Wheatmore's National Thespian Society and served as President during his Senior year. He is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Dakota was selected for the All Carolina Men's Chorus Ensemble at UNC Chapel Hill for the past two years and was a member of the All County and All State Chorus in 2016.

He has been a part of the Marching Band, Jazz Band and Concert Band at WHS. He is a member of the Chorus and served as Section Leader during his Senior year. As a member of the theater he participated in various plays and musicals.

Dakota plans to attend The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the Fall with a major in Media Studies and a minor in Musical Theater.

Kayla Lynn Dabbs

Trinity High School

Kayla is a member of the Beta Club and the National Technical Honor Society. She served as a Junior Marshal and received an American Red Cross award. Kayla received the High Salesman and Advisor's Award for her work with the 2016 "Trinhian", the THS Yearbook, where she served as Co-Editor.

She is a member of the Junior Civitans and served on the Student Council. Kayla also served as Vice President of the FBLA. She was Captain of the THS Girls Golf Team and was on the Competitive Team at The Dance Shop. Kayla has been a member of the "Thru the Roof" Youth Group at Archdale United Methodist since the sixth grade.

Kayla will attend The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Fall to pursue a degree in Business Administration. She has been selected to be a member of the 49er Goldduster Dance Team.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Reagan Elizabeth Davis

Trinity High School

Reagan is a member of the National Art Honor Society and the THS Student Council. She was a cheerleader throughout high school and served as Captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad her Senior year. Reagan was awarded the Miss Trinity Scholarship

Reagan will attend Davidson County Community College in the Fall with plans to transfer to a 4-year university.

Evan Reece Gallimore

Trinity High School

Evan played Basketball and Soccer all 4 years at THS. He was named MVP in soccer and the team went to the finals finishing fourth in the state this past year. He was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for Randolph County Schools. Evan made A/B Honor Roll throughout high school.

Evan will attend Guilford Technical Community College in the Fall and plans to transfer to The University of North Carolina at Charlotte to finish his degree in Engineering.

Savannah Lee Hyder

Trinity High School

Savannah is a member of the Beta Club and the National Honors Society. She served as a member of the Student Council and as a member of the Staff of the Trinity Year Book, the "Trinlian." She was the Manager of the Trinity Boys Soccer Team and the Co-Captain of the Trinity Girls Soccer Team, which was the 2016 PAC-6 Girls Soccer Champion with an 8-0 record.

Savannah will be attending The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Fall and plans to major in Business/Marketing.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Luke Kirby

(Son of Rodney and Shelley Kirby)

Wheatmore High School

Luke was named as a Senior of Valor at Wheatmore. He served on the Student Council and is a member of the WHS Golf Team.

Luke will attend The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Fall and plans to major in Communications.

Ethan Grey Matthews

Wheatmore High School

Ethan will graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is a member of the Beta Club and the HOSA club. He is a member of the WHS Varsity Wrestling Team. Ethan has been awarded a four year Davey Company Foundation Scholarship.

Ethan will attend North Carolina State University in the Fall and major in Aerospace Engineering.

Savannah Rae McKinney

East Davidson High School

Savannah received a NC WorkKeys award. She is a member of the Academy of Medical Science and the EDHS Chorus.

Savannah will attend Guilford Technical Community College in the Fall and plans to either major in Physical Therapy or Cosmetology.

Jeremy Weeks

Trinity High School

Jeremy plans to attend The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the Fall.

A Graduate's Prayer

Dear Lord,

As I look toward the future
Bright hope conducts this prayer,
For I know the plans You have for me
Were wrought with divine care.

Holy Spirit, lead me.

Let me run at Your command,
Yet be still and know that You are God
When trouble is close at hand.

Your Word will be a lamp for me,
A guide to light my way,
A solid place to set my feet,
A compass when I stray.

May I live my life to praise You,
Not for fortune, nor for fame,
May everything I say and do
Bring glory to Your name.

May my eyes stay fixed upon You
As I seek the way that's pure,
Tasting Your love and goodness
Sleeping and rising secure.

Planted by Your living streams
I'll delight in all Your ways,
Hidden by Your sheltering wings
With new mercies for each day.

Even in a dangerous land
When storms threaten to destroy,
At the cross I'll stand upon the Rock
My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.

Dear Lord, show me Your favor,
At all times keep me blessed,
May Your face ever shine upon me,
With peace and perfect rest.

Amen.