

CHEC

Christian Home Educators Community

CLASS OF 2024



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

May 11, 2024

Fellowship Bible Church

Order of Ceremony

Processional

Opening Remarks & Invocation

Welcome: Joshua Smith

Charge to Graduates

Alex Alexander

Presentation of Diplomas

Alex Alexander

Prayer of Dedication

Dave DeBoer

Presentation of Graduates

Recessional

*You are cordially invited to attend the reception
following the ceremony*



Greenli Adkins

GREENLI ADKINS is the daughter of Josh and Christina Adkins. Greenli donates her time helping out in Kidz ministry at Cypress Valley Bible Church, where she has been attending since she was 2 years old. She is also very active in the youth ministry there. She has had a passion for gymnastics from a young age and has been able to use that working for Piney Woods Gymnastics Center for the last 2.5 years. She loves playing sports whether on a team or just for fun. Her favorites being softball and volleyball. Greenli enjoys laughing and having fun with family and friends. She looks forward to going to Tyler Junior College to get her certification in phlebotomy



Elise Akjn

ELISE DAY XIN HONG AKIN entered this world on December 18, 2004 and our lives on January 11th, 2015. She is the youngest of five and Aunt Cupcakes to three nieces. Elise enjoys kicking butt, literally, in Taekwondo with Master Sam & Mrs Leah, who offer not just Taekwondo instructions but also life lessons. She loves her rabbit, Ziggy, and playing with her three dogs too. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, one on one, especially while cooking or eating Chinese food. Elise plans to take a gap year, continuing to work at Chick-Fil-A where she serves as a shift manager and wants to continue to move up, while praying about where God wants her to serve Him in her career. Overall, she wants to live a life fighting for God, wearing His armor. Ephesians 6:14-17



Laney Brooks

LANEY BROOKS is the daughter of Jeff and Amie Brooks. Laney has been homeschooled since 1st grade as well as a member of CHEC. She has served in organizations such as East Texas Christian School, Longview Heat, as well as East Texas Homeschool Sports in both athletic and managerial roles in the volleyball program. Laney will graduate with 27 hours of dual credit from LeTourneau University. Laney plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler in the fall of 2024. She has selected business as her major with intentions of obtaining a minor in finance with the hopes of pursuing a career in the field of investment management.

LAIKEN JAUDON DALTON is the daughter of Chris and Jera Dalton. Laiken has a servant's heart and has volunteered at Heartisan's the past 5 years; she also serves in Children's Ministry, Youth Tech Team, and the Youth Leadership Team at Fellowship Bible Church. From growing up in her family's small business in Colorado, she has a strong work ethic and has a passion for things being done well and efficiently. She accepts leadership with grace and humility. She is a certified scuba diver and enjoys playing pick-up Ultimate Frisbee at LeTourneau with her brothers and dad. She spends her free time baking, boating, skiing, shooting, and being with her friends. Laiken will attend LeTourneau in the fall and study business.



Laiken Dalton

KATIE GRACE DEBOER is the youngest of four children born to Dave and Becky DeBoer. She has been homeschooled her whole life and is planning to attend LeTourneau University in the fall where she will major in Christian Ministries. Katie enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, drawing, and listening to music. Her greatest desire in life is to serve the Lord and grow more into the woman that He has created her to be.



Katie DeBoer

NIKOLAS ALLEN EVANS, the son of Mark and Jessica Evans, enjoys spending time with his family and friends, engaging in outdoor activities, such as hanging out at the lake fishing and camping. With a deep passion for bass angling, Nikolas seizes every opportunity to be on the water, whether exploring different ponds with his friends or being on the lake with his dad. In addition to his love for fishing, Nikolas also dedicated himself to football and played for the East Texas Homeschool Chargers, relishing the experience of winning consecutive state championships with the team. Looking ahead, Nikolas plans to pursue a career as an insurance adjuster and real estate developer after completing high school. 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."



Nikolas Evans



Isom Gerty

ISOM DANIEL GERTY is the oldest of Kurt and Jeannifer Gerty's six children. In high school he participated in dual credit at Letourneau University while continuing his studies at home. He has a joy and zeal for life and loves people. His tenacity to go after the things he wants to achieve in life is amazing. Isom loves reading, learning, soccer, speech and debate, and serving his community, among other things. Isom's future plans include joining an apprenticeship for plumbing and later attending school for mechanical engineering. From his parents: "May The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26



Luke Goforth

LUKE GOFORTH is the son of Tommy and Allison Goforth. He has always loved being outside, especially when playing a sport! His vocabulary was abundant from the beginning, as were his funny sayings that came to be called "Lukeisms." Luke was on the ETHS two-time State Championship football team, where he was named 1st team All-State and nominated two-time All-District in baseball. He also enjoys spending time with friends, weightlifting, playing golf. Luke will graduate with 39 dual-credit hours and will be attending Texas A&M, where he plans to get his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business. His favorite verse is Philippians 4:8. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if anything is worthy of praise, think about these things."



Neal Harlow

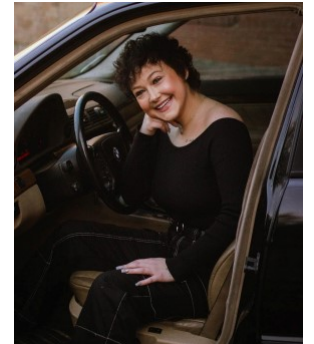
NEAL HARLOW is the son of Larry and Lesly Harlow and brother of Emma Harlow. His health and fitness interests include weightlifting and exercise. In his free time, he enjoys online gaming and podcasts, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. He plans to move to Huntsville, Texas and pursue a career in aviation. We know his faith and determination will help him accomplish anything he sets his mind to.

ISAAC HILL is the son of Joel and Nancy Hill and youngest brother to Benjamin and Isabella. Isaac has homeschooled for the past twelve years since first grade. One of Isaacs greatest passions is praising God through music. He participated and led his youth worship for 4 high school years. He has spent many years playing piano, guitar, and the drums, using these gifts to serve the Lord whenever asked. Isaac stays busy with many other interests. He enjoys: basketball, traveling, drone racing, snow skiing, photography, and just being on the water with friends and family. Isaac has been at LETU since 9th grade completing dual credit and will move on campus in the fall to finish a degree for mechanical engineering.



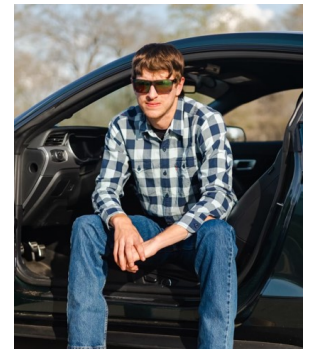
Isaac Hill

SHAINA HUFFMAN is the daughter of Lucas and Heather Huffman. Shaina has been the baby of the family having two older brothers all her life so you can imagine...she's been spoiled. She has overcome many obstacles in life that have taught her how to be strong and courageous when facing difficult situations. She is very nurturing, caring, and giving. Shaina loves her dog, Maggie, and spending quality time with her friends and family. She has been homeschooled since 3rd grade and is so thankful and grateful for all the amazing women who stepped in and helped her throughout and after the passing of her mother and have encouraged her to achieve this long awaited goal. After graduation she plans to attend medical aesthetician school and is excited for what God has planned for her future.



Shaina Huffman

SCOTTY MCGEE enjoys hunting deer and ducks. He once shot a bobcat and had it mounted. He loves fishing and has participated in several local tournaments, including the "King of the Sabine" tournament every April. His family camps out, fishes, and cooks down by the river for 3 days, learning great grilling and frying skills. He is a huge fan of Mustangs, particularly the Mustang Bullitt he acquired, hoping to expand his collection in the future. He has played baseball since he was 5 years old, currently playing with ETHS Varsity. Every summer he helps cut, bale, and haul hay, marketing, selling, and delivering to buyers. He plans to attend Texas A&M University to get a business degree.

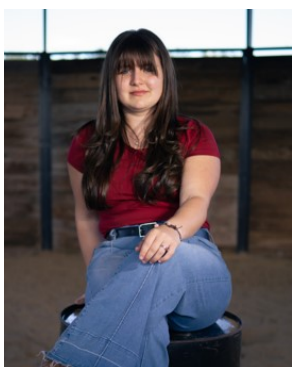


Scotty McGee



Josie Mongeon

JOSIE JANELL MONGEON is the daughter of Paul Mongeon and Traci Nail. Josie has been homeschooled and part of CHEC since moving to Texas in the 3rd grade. Both ELO and Classical Conversations contributed to her homeschooling. 4-H was an important part of her early years in both Mississippi and Texas. Josie has a loved and cared for animals and taking part in 4H over the years. She also competed with basketball in middle and Jr High. Josie enjoys music of various genres, her family, genealogy, and learning new things. While she is unsure of where her path will lead, she looks forward to discovering all of the good things that God has in store for her.



Piper Moore

PIPER NOEL MOORE is the oldest of 5 children of Russell and Ginger Moore. She has competed in gymnastics, had and trained a horse, helped her family remodel a house and build another. She babysat her youngest sister while her family was busy with projects around the farm, cooked an entire Thanksgiving dinner by herself, and sewed her own dress for banquet. Piper loves to read, loves music of all kinds, and plays piano and guitar. She has completed 26 credit hours at Kilgore College and is super hard-working. Piper has been a huge blessing over the last two years and is a constant joy, a source of laughter, and pleasure to her parents and family. Piper is moving out and will work while she takes a gap year this next year, praying that God directs her where He wants her long term.



Molly Beth Neal

MOLLY BETH NEAL is the daughter of Billy and Stacey Neal. She is the second born of five children and has been homeschooled since kindergarten. Molly Beth loved growing up in the country and helping raise various farm animals. She also loves to draw and paint and uses her talents in art to bless her friends and family. Molly Beth has played volleyball and basketball for ETHS all through high school and is a black belt in Taekwondo. She is an active member of the NCC youth group and desires to glorify God in all that she does. After graduation she hopes to coach middle school volleyball for ETHS Chargers and will be attending The Salon Professionals Academy in Whitehouse to pursue cosmetology.

JOURDAN SIKORSKI, The last four years have formed the young woman I'm still becoming in ways I never could have imagined. I'll always treasure the relationships that inspired me to follow the call God has put on my life and walk out this journey of life as a daughter of the Most High God. I am grateful for the years as a Charger. That time in my life will always hold a special place in my heart. I'd also like to give a special acknowledgment to my church family, New Covenant. My years being able to serve helped me realize many things as a young woman of God. Most importantly, I'd like to thank my family for neverending laughter and always supporting me.



Jourdan Sikorski

COLLIN SMALL loves the game of golf! He's enjoyed participating in First Tee of the Piney Woods program for the past nine years and also the North Texas PGA junior tour. Volunteering to work with younger First Tee members over the years, has helped him grow as a mentor and coach. He has also made great friends through golf as well. Collin plans to play collegiate golf in the fall and pursue a career in the golf industry. Duck hunting and fishing have become another passion for Collin as well. He is so thankful for the lifelong friends he has made and, so many memories they have shared and



Collin Small

JOSHUA ROBERT SMITH, son of Robert & Leslie, is the youngest of three children. He grew up in Northern California, having moved to Longview, Texas 2 years ago. He has enjoyed being homeschooled as it allowed for many fun activities, field trips, and out of the box education. Josh played competitive Men's Volleyball from 7th—10th grades. He has also been an active part of several church worship teams playing the drums. He recently began training with ALERT (Air Land Emergency Resource Team) learning survival, fire-fighting, EMT, technical rescue skills. He has trained to become a Special Response Diver. He plans to apply to work with the Longview Fire Department.



Joshua Smith



Jenna Sumpter

JENNA RACHELLE SUMPTER is the daughter of Kirk & Melissa Sumpter. Born in Guatemala, she has also lived in Arizona, Virginia, and Korea due to being a military brat. Her family has resided in Longview for the last 2.5 years and has homeschooled Jenna throughout high school. She is the youngest of 4 children and misses spending time with brothers Joshua and Jeremy, and sister Alexia. Jenna is a dual credit student earning 21 college credits while completing high school in 3 years. She is active in youth group with New Covenant Church and has a heart for working with middle school girls. She enjoys work, baby sitting, playing volleyball, running track, listening to music and hanging out with friends. She is currently seeking God's guidance for her plans after graduation, and desires to move back to Arizona at some point.



Ellie Vallery

ELLIE JEAN VALLERY, eldest daughter of Jason and Sydnie Vallery, is an intelligent, creative, and thoughtful young lady. She has spent a significant amount of time during her high school years working different jobs. Ellie enjoys art, hiking, animals, reading, and coffee. Her family and friends are a very special part of her life, and she enjoys spending as much time with them as possible. She is an active member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church. Ellie has worked hard to earn over 60 dual credit hours at LeTourneau University and Kilgore College. Her plans are to spend the summer traveling and working. In the fall she will move to Tyler to pursue a degree in Mass Communications from UT Tyler.



Laynie Walton

LAYNIE WALTON is the daughter of Jack and Erinn Walton and oldest of 6 siblings. Laynie has enjoyed volleyball and basketball all four years of high school. Her hobbies include singing, playing sports, going to the lake, driving, and hanging out with friends. Laynie has a passion for making a positive impact in the lives of children and is active in helping with children at church, in the community, and in her family. She plans to pursue a degree in elementary education from ETBU. Laynie is deeply loved by her family who waits in eager expectation to see how God uses the many gifts and talents He has blessed her with as His will for her life begins to unfold.

COOPER WOODEN is the son of Brad and Allison Wooden and brother to Danielle, Levi, and Gabriel. He was born and raised in Longview, Texas. Cooper enjoys worldbuilding and writing for a project called The Islands of Rim. He plans to have his first published book by the end of this year. Additionally, Cooper will be pursuing an Engineering Technology Degree with an Aerospace Focus at LeTourneau University this fall. He has already started by earning 67 college credit hours through dual credit. In the meantime, he enjoys spending time with his friends, helping with his youth group, and admiring birds. We are so proud of the man he has become and can't wait to see what God has planned for him!



Cooper Wooden

BLAIRE WRIGHT is the daughter of Ayric and Robyn Wright, and attends New Covenant Church in Longview. She studied dance for 11 years, including ballet, tap, and jazz. She joined band as a flute player, and now enjoys playing drums. Her favorite high school memories include traveling, spending time with friends and family, and growing closer to the Lord. Blaire loves digital media, particularly photography, which she plans to pursue more after graduation. She also plans to earn her doula certification and fulfill her lifelong passion of serving mothers and babies.



Blaire Wright

GARISON ALAN WRIGHT is the son of Alan & Melanie Wright. He has had a love for music since early on and at 10 taught himself to play the piano and guitar. After mastering those instruments, he began writing songs. He plays every chance he gets at local venues around town. Garison also played basketball, baseball and football for ETHS Chargers throughout high school and bringing home the state championship with his team! Garison has worked at Chick-Fil-A, HTeaO and Cozy Coffee throughout his high school years. He loves to serve on mission trips, McAllen and Honduras being two of his favorites! He plans to continue working and playing music after graduation.



Garison Wright



Madilyn Wright

MADILYN WRIGHT is the daughter of Alan & Melanie Wright. She has spent most of the last 8 years playing basketball for ETHS Chargers, where she received MVP this past year. Maddie has always had a heart to serve and has been on numerous mission trips to McAllen, Tx and Honduras. Maddie loves helping others, especially children. She has worked throughout high school at Chick-Fil-A and HTeaO. Maddie is a fun-loving girl who loves to laugh and spend time with her family and friends. She also loves pickleball, ping pong, board games, and listening to music. She is planning to continue working after graduation and is looking forward to seeing where God directs her path.

Let's keep in touch...

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