

A Word of Encouragement for the Class of 2026

Today we celebrate a special time in the lives of our graduating seniors. It is a special time in their lives, when they make one of life's big transitions. This transition is one that leads to more freedom and a greater responsibility in adulthood. Along with this transition there will come a great transformation. Each of these young adults will begin a new chapter as adults and leave behind the chapter of their childhood.

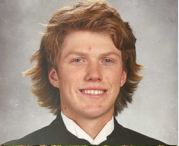
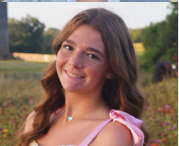
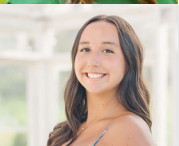


This new chapter will be filled with lots of important decisions like whether to continue pursuing an education or to enter into the workforce. They will decide if they will remain close to home or move to a new city. There will be lots of new faces and friends to meet along with many paths that will lead them to a unique destination.

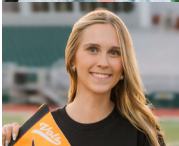
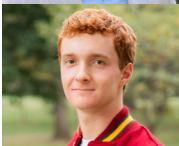
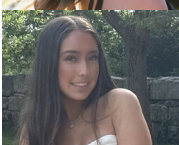
All of this might feel overwhelming, but the chapter they are leaving has prepared them for this new one. While they will be living out new stories and adventures, they will have the wisdom they have received from their parents, teachers, mentors, and spiritual leaders. The lessons they have learned and the decisions of their past - both good and bad - will provide them with the framework for how they will go forward in the presence and power of God.

As we celebrate their accomplishment today, we also acknowledge that this end leads to a new beginning. It is the start of a journey that will lead them to the spouse they will marry, the work they will do, and the people they will call friends. The foundation of it all is their faith in Jesus Christ and the hope that He gives in the promises of His Word. As we commission them for the mission that lies ahead of them, we hold to what God has said. We remember that God is going to guide them into His perfect plan for them (Psalm 139:16). We remember that God has made them for a specific work they are to accomplish with their life (Ephesians 2:10). We remember that God will never leave them or forsake them (Hebrews 13:5).

While there may be some tears, there will also be lots of smiles of joy because God has been faithful to bring them this far and He has even greater things ahead of them.

	NAME	PARENTS	SCHOOL	PLANS
	Chaz Berger	Corey & Kim Berger	Greenwood	SKYCTC
	Toby Beshears	Brian & Eunice Beshears	Homeschool	SKYCTC
	Hope Bolin	Donnie & Tonya Bolin	South Warren	WKU
	Julia Byers	Drew & Jessica Byers	Greenwood	WKU
	Hayla Crabtree	Miles & Tracie Crabtree	Bowling Green	WKU
	Julia Dahlin	Karri Dahlin, Kent Jones (Host Dad)	Therese Dahlin, Allyson Jones (Host Mom)	Return to Sweden; major in Psychology
	Hudson Daniels	Will & Lauren Daniels	South Warren	SKYCTC
	Yarel Fuentes	Juan & Viri Fuentes	South Warren	SKYCTC
	Whitt Glosick	John & Wendy Glosick	Greenwood	UK
	Josiah Groff	Chad & Joni Groff	Greenwood	UK

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	Tripp Hazelip	Steve & Andrea Hazelip	South Warren	WKU
	Emmanuel Hernandez	Jose Hernandez & Julia Alderete	South Warren	WKU
	Sam Holder	Alex & Jennifer Holder	Greenwood	WKU
	Ella Huffman	Chris & Kelli Huffman	South Warren	KCTCS
	Kendyl LaSala	Michael & Debra LaSala	South Warren	SKYCTC
	Nolan Love	Nat & Cindy Love	Bowling Green	Mississippi State University
	Kaelynn Lucas	Thad & Marianna Lucas	South Warren	SKYCTC
	Abigail Mantlo	David & Julie Mantlo	Bowling Green	University of Tennessee
	Spencer Morel	Joe & Christi Morel	Bowling Green	Workforce
	Reeve Pardue	Tad & Jenny Pardue	Greenwood	WKU

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	Isabelle Phillips	Mark & Parker Phillips	NorthStar Academy	Boyce College
	Layton Richey	Blake & Brittany Richey	Greenwood	University of Tennessee - Martin
	Leah Rogers	Chris & Terri Rogers	Greenwood	University of Tennessee
	Corbin Schneider	Amy Schneider	Bowling Green	WKU
	Tyler Sherrod	Mike & Trish Sherrod	Greenwood	University of Tennessee
	Sloan Shupe	Scott Tousley & Rachel Shupe	South Warren	Thomas More University
	Caroline Stinnett	Brad & Denise Stinnett	Greenwood	WKU
	Bella Waters	TJ & Allison Waters	South Warren	EKU
	Renee Wettstein	P. Wettstein & Laura McAdoo, Robin McAdoo (Stepdad)	South Warren	Esthetician School