

# Homeschool Graduates of 2021



**Isabelle Churchley**  
I have been homeschooled for 5 years. I am planning on majoring in Nursing, and my goal is to be a Pediatric Nurse. I enjoy going to the gym, spending time with my family and friends, going to the beach, and driving with my music too loud!



**Katherine Domont**  
I am the second oldest of Scott and Christine Domont (Fruitport, MI), and have been home educated my entire life. I have participated in Civil Air Patrol, continue in TaeKwonDo, and enjoy music. I am currently employed. I have always enjoyed animals, and continue to work with my favorite dog Kodie. I am looking into dog training as a possibility of combining my interests with a career.



**Sharon Domont**  
I am the eldest daughter of Scott and Christine Domont (Fruitport, MI), and have been home educated my entire life. My interests have always included drawing and marine biology. I have participated in Civil Air Patrol, continue in TaeKwonDo, and am actively involved in outreach ministry. I enjoy continuing to draw, and am currently enrolled with Grand Canyon University, considering a possible Bachelors of Biological Sciences.



**Ashtyn Ebel**  
*Ashtyn Ebel is the son of Mark and Candace Ebel from Fruitport.* One thing I've enjoyed about being homeschooled is the freedom to pursue my passions. I'm excited to see what else is out there. I plan to become a real estate investor and retire early to enjoy my life and the people in it. I love sports and have played basketball, soccer, baseball and tennis. My hobbies are mountain biking, weight lifting and snowboarding. Favorite verse Proverbs 3:5  
*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding*



**Jolene Holmes**  
My parents have always encouraged and inspired me to do my best in life and be happy with whatever I do. Upon graduation, I plan to continue my undergraduate education at MCC and then later transfer to a university to pursue a career in physical therapy. In my free time I enjoy dance, art, fashion, tennis, and being in the outdoors.



**Abram Hudson**  
*Abram Hudson is the son of Paul and Jennifer Hudson, from Nunica, MI.* I am excited to be graduating this year with my friends! I like reading, listening to music, gaming, and hanging out with friends. I work at Chick-fil-A and really enjoy those I work with. I am still working out my future plans. A side hobby that I would love will be traveling the world while adventuring and scuba diving!



**Jasmine Maria Lenz**  
I have been blessed to be homeschooled my entire life, which has provided me with many opportunities. Throughout my high school years, I've been involved in competitive gymnastics, the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony, West Michigan Homeschool Fine Arts, and my amazing church. In the fall, I will most likely attend Boyce College for Communication and Biblical Studies, although I am exploring other routes as well, especially in allied health and kinesiology. Beyond next year, my plans are undecided, but I trust that the Lord will show me His will for my life at the right time. Regardless of where I end up, I intend to continue my work coaching gymnastics and stay as involved as I can with the church. Soli Deo Gloria!



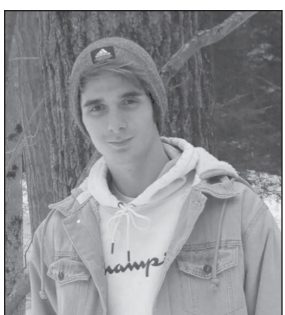
**Anna Shedenhelm**  
I have been homeschooled my whole life by my wonderful mom. I plan to major in Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University with the goal of becoming a police detective or working with a K-9 unit. I enjoy playing sports, going to the gym, snowboarding, and hanging out with friends. My favorite pastimes are listening to music and watching sunsets. My inspiration comes from Philippians 4:13



**Kaylee Smutz**  
Kaylee is the daughter of Paul and Janna Smutz, and has been homeschooled since kindergarten. She is a part of her local church worship team and plays the drums there for worship. She has a deep passion for music and will continue her education in music studies and performing arts. She has plans to travel and pursue her dream to be a performer.



**Madeline Snuffer**  
*Madeline is the daughter of Bryan and Dawn Snuffer.* I am incredibly excited to see where God leads me after graduation! Throughout the years, I've enjoyed participating in theater productions, attending many literature classes, and learning a variety of instruments. When I'm not busy reading, I enjoy writing, listening to music, and organizing my massive book collection. After graduation, I will be attending Muskegon Community College, and then transferring to Indiana University to earn my Associate's degree in Applied Science and Histotechnology.



**Aidan Stevens**  
*Aidan is the son of Todd and Carla Stevens.* This was my third year of homeschooling. I am so thankful to be attending the Auto Collision/Refinishing course over at the Muskegon Careerline Tech Center. When I graduate I am planning on taking a couple years off so I can pay for Nursing classes at MCC in cash. With Nursing as a main job, I am going to work in the automotive industry on the side. I like to hangout with friends, listen to music, work on cars, and I love to

## The Many Roads of Education

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How many roads will education have to go down before the system of education crashes? Or has it already crashed? To be clear, no offense intended to any public school teacher who is conscientious and doing their best to help students receive a good education. But the truth is - even public school teachers are very concerned and frustrated.

How complicated are the adults inside and outside of the educational system willing to make education before students get turned off and decide that the normal route to education is not worth pursuing nor worth their time or energy? Will self-education once again be in vogue? Think of Benjamin Franklin. Are you aware of how much he accomplished during his lifetime without a formal education or holding a college degree?

Is it past time for parents to once again become responsible for the education of their children and teaching the 4 R's? Yes, I said 4 R's - that was not a mistake. If you haven't heard of the 4 R's until reading this now, and especially if you are in education or have children in school, you may want to grab a cup of coffee and take a few minutes of your precious time to read the rest of this article. I hope to help enlighten you and give you direction and a plan of action. I'll give you the details of the 4 R's below.

So much has changed over the course of time regarding the education of our children in America since the birthing of our nation. We have to ask ourselves if we see the changes as good, bad, or downright ugly.

What I learned while in the midst of homeschooling my two children, was that the responsibility of education was originally placed in the hands of parents and guardians and not in the hands of teachers unknown to the family who are driven by the unconstitutional U.S. Department of Education, which is made up of a little over 4,000 employees with varied areas of expertise, including "educators, psychiatrists, cognitive specialists, scientists, audiologists, and speech pathologists, in addition to the types of positions that all organizations have such as IT, computer scientists, and cybersecurity experts, lawyers, and administrative and financial officers." <https://www.federalpay.org/departments/departments/education>

Notice, last but not least, on the list are the financial officers who are needed because the Federal Department of Education pays out \$45B a year in salaries and has expenses as of 2018 to the tune of \$445.4M.

The unconstitutional U.S. Department of Education hires psychiatrists, cognitive specialists, scientists, audiologists, and speech pathologists. Why? What is the reason for such needs? What happened to educating the mind, heart, and soul? Why do the experts think that there is no longer a need to teach the Bible, Latin, Greek, and the classics? What in the world is going on here? Many of you reading this are savvy enough and have been educating yourselves and can answer my questions. But for now, in order to not make this article longer, I will leave it here and address these questions in another article. So, why is it that most home school parents do not have a need for even one of these experts? And parents can educate their children at the fraction of the cost compared to public schools. The cost to homeschool can be far less than \$1,000 per child per year, if one wants to be resourceful. And homeschool parents certainly don't have a need for IT, computer scientists, cybersecurity experts, lawyers, and administrative and financial officers. Let's keep in mind the educational system also has the teachers' unions, a plethora of teachers from Head Start all the way through grade 12, administrators, and employees in the Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), and yet Johnny still can't read. Think about it, there are many highly educated individuals who are involved in each student's education over the course of more than 12 years starting with Head Start, and yet many American school children are failing. When Arne Duncan was Secretary of Education, he often talked about the preschool-to-prison pipeline. If you haven't heard that, you have not been paying attention to what's going on in the realm of public education. Duncan started his position in 2009, and things have gotten exponentially worse. Are you aware of what is being considered "education" today? A friend shared with me recently, that he

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*Congratulations,  
Graduates!*