

Western Michigan Christian - Top Ten Graduates of 2023



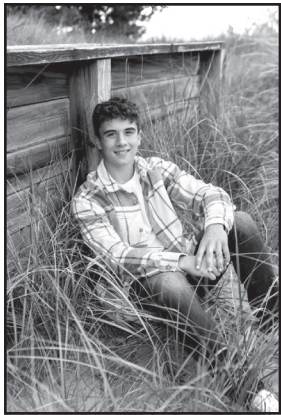
Hannah Abel, daughter of Kyle and Charissa Abel, attends Covenant Life Church where she has been involved with the children's ministry both as an assistant and lead teacher. While at WMC, Hannah has been involved with softball as well as the fall play, WMC green machine, National Honor Society, student council and a

student ambassador. In addition, Hannah has been an academic tutor. Hannah plans to attend college after graduation and pursue a degree in elementary education. The verse that means the most to Hannah is Proverbs 31:25 *She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.* "Throughout my high school career I have struggled with worrying about what my future will hold. I know that it is important to be prepared for my future, but in actuality, God is the only one who knows exactly what lies ahead."



Jonathan Clausing is the son of Kristin and Cory Clausing. In his high school career, Jonathan has participated in baseball, cross country, chamber choir and three spring musicals. In addition, Jonathan has been a member of the WMC Green Machine and has led small groups and tutored other students. Jonathan

attends Covenant Life Church and plans to attend Michigan State University or Calvin University to pursue a Pre-Med career path. The Bible verse that has meant the most is Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* "It is meaningful to me to know and live out being God's chosen handiwork, it encourages me to live for Him each and every day."



Joey Eastway is the son of Jamie and Paul Eastway. Joey attends Covenant Life Church. At WMC, Joey has participated in soccer, golf, track as well as the chamber choir. Joey has additionally been a camp counselor for the WMC soccer camp and volunteered with Noah Project. After graduation, Joey plans to attend Indiana Wesleyan University and major in

Business Administration. The verse that means the most to Joey is 1 Peter 3:15 *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.* "It is a reminder to always be willing and able to share the love of Christ with anyone you come into contact with."



Jessica Eenigenburg, the daughter of Carla and Matthew Eenigenburg, attends Celebration Community Church where she volunteers on the worship team. Jessica has participated in lacrosse and track and has also participated in the earth club, WMC green machine, student council, chamber choir and National Honor Society.

Jessica has also been a representative on the Youth Advisory Council of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. This fall, Jessica plans to attend Calvin University to study mechanical or electrical engineering. The Bible verse that means the most to Jess is 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 *But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* "I've struggled a lot with insecurity, body image and constant anxiety about being enough, but this verse has given me a lot of peace. Despite my weakness, despite my failures, despite my anxiety and insecurity, despite my inherent humanness, God loves me. God's power is made perfect in my lack of perfection."



Cate Garretson, the daughter of Heather and Bob Garretson, attends Bethany Christian Church. As a student at WMC, Cate has participated in cross country and soccer. In addition, Cate has been involved with the Earth Club, Student Council and the WMC Green Machine. Cate plans to attend Georgia Tech

after graduating from WMC and study engineering. The Bible verse that means the most to Cate is 1 Corinthians 15:10 *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.* "It reminds us that God's grace is the final say in what happens but that we are not to be complacent."



Naomi Huttenga is the daughter of Carmen and Daniel Huttenga. Naomi attends Ferry Memorial Reformed Church with her parents where she is on the worship team, technology team and involved with youth group. Naomi has been involved with a variety of activities at WMC including the swim team, National Honor Society

and band. Naomi plans to attend the College of Saint Mary where she will participate on their swim team and study human biology. The verse that means the most to Naomi is Romans 12:2 *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* "This verse reminds me to always be a good example and live out my faith."



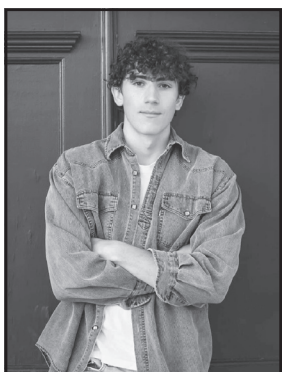
Allison Oppenhuizen is the daughter of Keith and Loreale Oppenhuizen. Ally attends Unity Reformed Church with her family where she is involved with the tech team and serves as a VBS leader and a GEMS leader. At WMC, Ally has participated in golf, soccer and volleyball. In addition, Ally has been involved with the earth

club, National Honor Society, the student leadership team and served as a yearbook editor. Ally will be attending college to pursue a degree in art education. The verse that means the most to Ally is Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* "It shows the depth of the love that God has for me."



Anh Van (Jenny) Trinh, daughter of Van Nguyen and Dao Trinh, attends Robinson Baptist Church with her host family. As a Warrior, Jenny has participated in chamber choir and basketball. Jenny plans to study nursing at Calvin University and become a nurse practitioner. Jenny has worked with First Priority of the Lakeshore

to educate students about international culture and her personal faith journey. The Bible verse that means the most is 1 Timothy 6:18-19 *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.* "It reminds me about the generosity of God that has helped me overcome every hardship of high school."



Jace VanDerWeide is the son of Melanie Guikema and Arie Vanderweide. While at WMC, Jace has been involved with the WMC jazz band and baseball. Jace will be attending college to study mechanical engineering.

Western Michigan Christian's Senior Class of 2023

Hannah Abel
Jacob Ashley
Devin Bakay
Kayla Balder
Jaden Binnendyk
Braylon Carney
Siyeon (Riley) Cha
Jonathan Clausing
Meralee Detar
Claire Doty
Adrian Richard Douglas
Joseph Eastway
Jessica Eenigenburg
Michaela Faith
Emily Fett
Cate Garretson
Casey Gould
Amaria Greer
Bradey Grimm
Sophia Hendrie
Naomi Huttenga
Vi (Ken) Huynh
Havily Jones
HyeongJun (Jun) Kim
Yunah Kim
Ashton Leffring
Isaac Luna
Matthew Lundborg
Emily Matz
Shauna McCormick
Gerrod McDaniel
Austin Meiste
Anna Morse
Aleiah Nail
Jared Olsen
Allison Oppenhuizen
Franc Ortega
Isabel Post
Gavin Scott Riksen
Jonathan Rogers
Emily Selby
Samuel Sipe
Emily Snyder
Makenna Sytsma
Nicholas Todd Taylor
Phat (Andrew) Tran
Anh Van (Jenny) Trinh
Jace VanDerWeide
Sydney Wagenmaker
Jonathan Williams
Kendal Young
Brianna Zuidema



Sydney Wagenmaker, daughter of Steve and Gail Wagenmaker, attends Second Christian Reformed Church where she has been a worship committee member and children's worship teacher. During her high school career at WMC, Sydney has been a participant in volleyball, basketball, chamber choir and regional/state choir.

Sydney has also been a small group leader and assisted with academic tutoring. Sydney's future plans are to attend Calvin University to study biology. The Bible verse that means the most to Sydney is Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* "This verse has been helpful for me to keep in mind because it reminds me that God calls me to glorify him in different ways each day, and he prepares each day for me as well. When life is chaotic, this verse helps me to focus on Christ and his importance in my life."