

Young Americans Christian School
Conyers, Georgia

Class
of
2005



Commencement Exercises

Heritage Hills Baptist Church

Friday, May 27, 2005

7:30 pm

Young Americans Christian School Board

Ed Durham, *Chairman*
Jim McGuire
Perry Acuff
David Taylor

Kris Talley
Brenda Durham
Jan Taylor

Young Americans Christian School Administrators

Terry Shelnett, *Principal*
Jan Taylor, *Director*
David Taylor, *Administrator*
Angie Haynes, *Assistant Principal*
Debbie Heller, *Academic Advisor*

Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

Stephanie Brown
Meghan Lott
Keeli Ramsey

Magna Cum Laude

Michael Hand
Channing Wagstaff
Mary Zehner

Cords

Summa Cum Laude - *Red*
Magna Cum Laude - *Gold*
Beta - *Black*

Medals - Valedictorian, Salutatorian

Alma Mater

O, Young Americans Christian School, Forever are we bound by love
Our Alma Mater hail. With dearest thoughts of you.
Our loyalty to thee we pledge O, may we stand for all you've
As we go on from here. taught
United in our love for Christ And live a life that's true.
And dedication too, Now ever will we think of you,
Our Young Americans School.

Commencement Ceremony

Prelude	Joanie Grimm
Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar
Welcome	David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
Invocation	Channing Wagstaff
Salutatorian Address	Meghan Lott
Slide Presentation of Graduates	
Valedictorian Address	Keeli Ramsey
Presentation of Scholarships	Ed Durham, <i>Chairman of the Board</i>
Senior Class Profile	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Presentation of Eagle and Light Awards	Terry Shelnutt, <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of Senior Gift	Amanda White
Special Music.....	Jessica Newton
Congratulatory Remarks	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
*Awarding of Diplomas	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
	David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
	Terry Shelnutt, <i>Principal</i>
	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Special Music.....	Mary Zehner, Channing Wagstaff
Tassel Ceremony	Debra McNeill
Alma Mater	(audience, please join us in song – remain seated)
Postlude	

All are invited to join our seniors for the hall of memories and the reception.

*Parents of graduates, please stand after your child has been awarded their diploma and are at the bottom of the stairs.

***Audience, please remember to refrain from inappropriate behavior (such as whistling, cat-calling, etc.). We wish this to be a sophisticated evening for our graduates and families.

Student Accolades

Stephanie Danielle Brown

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Freshman Class Vice-President; Student Government – 9; Y-Club – 9; Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11; Softball – 9, 10, 11,12; Track - 9; Basketball - 10; Drama - 10; Georgia Certificate of Merit - 11; Region Science Fair - 2nd place; Algebra I Achievement Award - 9; National Achievement Academic Award - 9; Coaches Award: Varsity Softball - 10; CCA Cheer Scholar - 10,11.

Robert Blaine Burchfield

Beta Club – 9; Basketball – 10; Baseball – 10, 11; Drama – 10; Outstanding Bible Student - 11; Outstanding History Student - 11; Senior Class Treasurer; Cheerleading - 12.

Evan Matthew Goddard

Drama - 9; Praise Band - 9; Golf - 11, 12; Prom King - 12.

Michael Jeffrey Hand

Beta Club - 9, 10, 11; Praise Band - 9; Basketball - 9; Drama – 10; Junior Vice-President; Student Government - 11; Chemistry Award -11; Bible Award - 11; Golf - 11, 12.

Elizabeth Anne Hechavarría

Drama – 9, 10, 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball - 9, 10, 11, 12; MVP Volleyball - 9; Volleyball Hustle Award – 11, 12; Track - 9, 10; Beta Club - 11; Spanish Scholastic Award – 11; Math Scholastic Award – 12.

Meghan Kimberley Lott

Basketball – 10; Drama - 11; Beta Club - 11, 12; Junior Class Treasurer; National Merit Finalist – 11; Star Student – 12.

Debra Anne McNeill

YACS Acts - 10; Cheerleading - 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading Captain -12; Track - 9; Drama - 9, 11, 12; Softball - 10,12; Most Improved Player – Softball - 12; Senior Class President - 12; Prom Queen - 12.

Keeli Marie Ramsey

Beta Club - 10, 11, 12; Beta Club Vice-President - 11; Beta Club President - 12; Junior Class President; Student Government - 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government President - 12; Basketball - 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball All Star - 9, 10, 11; Basketball Coach's Award – 10; Basketball Best Offense – 11; Basketball MVP – 12; Volleyball - 9, 10, 11; Softball - 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball MVP – 10; MVP of GACAC Softball Tournament – 10; Softball Coaches Award – 11; Softball MVP- 12; Homecoming Queen - 12; AP US Scholastic Award; AP Pre-Calculus Scholastic Award; Georgia Certificate of Merit.

Andrew Cameron Tarrh

Beta Club – 9; Y-Club Chaplain – 11; Baseball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Hustle Award – 9; Christian Character – 11; Drama – 12; Praise Band – 12; Competition Cheerleading – 12;

William Channing Wagstaff

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Best Offensive Player – 12; Basketball MVP – 12; Football – 9, 10; Baseball – 10, 11, 12; Baseball Best Offensive Player – 12; Drama – 9, 10.

Amanda Dea White

Volleyball – 9, 10, 11; Basketball – 9, 10, 11; Softball Manager – 11; Senior Vice-President.

Mary Christine Zehner

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball – 9; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball All Star – 9; Basketball Best Defensive Player – 12; All-Tournament player – 9, Most Improved – 9, 10; Drama – 9, 10; Student Government – 12; Homecoming Court – 12; Spanish Award; English Composition Award – 11, 12; Bible Award -12.

Description of Awards

Loyalty Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to reward one or more graduating seniors who have demonstrated, throughout their longevity in attendance, outstanding loyalty and support to Young Americans Christian School. The recipients are selected by the Board of Directors, with the primary emphasis on years in attendance at Young Americans Christian School.

Eagle Award

The significance of this award is in the area of service to Young Americans Christian School. The staff looks for one or more students that have greatly impacted Young Americans Christian School and have attended three or more years. These students are chosen for outstanding service to the school. The recipients of the Eagle Award are chosen by the high school staff. These students made a difference at Young Americans Christian School through involvement and leadership roles in activities such as:

- Strong Spiritual Stance
- Student Government
- Drama
- Sports
- School Sponsored Bible Studies
- School Trips
- Chapel Involvement
- School Assistance
- Discipleship Leader
- Mission Trip Leader
- Christian Walk
- A-B Academic Average

A student that has gone above and beyond in service for YACS

Light Award

The criteria for the recipients of the Light Award are the students who best exemplify Christ in their daily walks. Students are selected by the high school teachers, who evaluate students' involvement in spiritual activities during their years here at YACS. Teachers look for students who have attended three or more years and exemplify Christ-like behavior in their classrooms, school activities, and outside the school.

MISSION STATEMENT

Young Americans Christian School is a college preparatory school working hand in hand with the family to raise up students who will be academically successful and will grow to be a light in the world for Christ.

Young Americans Christian School

1701 Honey Creek Road SE

Conyers, GA 30013

Phone 770-760-7902

Fax 770-760-7981

www.yacs.us