

Young Americans Christian School
Conyers, Georgia

Class
of
2006



Commencement Exercises

Heritage Hills Baptist Church

Friday, May 19, 2006

7:30 pm

Young Americans Christian School Board

Ed Durham, *Chairman*
Tim Smith
Perry Acuff
David Taylor

Kim Dalton
Brenda Durham
Jan Taylor

Young Americans Christian School Administrators

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

Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

Allyson Dunton
Jonathan Tuttle
Lauren Hendricks
Justin Shelnett

Magna Cum Laude

Laura Kittle
Elizabeth Patterson
Gentry Terrell

Cords

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

Medals - Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Senior Beta Officers

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	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
Invocation	Gentry Terrell
Salutatorian Address	Jonathan Tuttle
Special Music.....	Mary Zehner, Channing Wagstaff
Valedictorian Address.....	Allyson Dunton
Presentation of Scholarships	Ed Durham, <i>Chairman of the Board</i>
Senior Class Profile.....	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Presentation of The Christina Carol Vernon Memorial Scholarship, Eagle and Light Awards.....	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
Presentation of Senior Gift.....	Justin Shelnutt
Congratulatory Remarks	David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
Slide Presentation of Graduates	
*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.....	Kyle Shelnutt, Jonathan Tuttle
Tassel Ceremony.....	Elizabeth Patterson
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, calling-out, etc.). We wish this to be a sophisticated evening for our graduates and families.

Student Accolades

Allyson Michelle Dunton

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; National Science League – 9; National Language Arts League – 9; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 11; Cheerleader – 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading Captain – 11, 12; CCA Cheer Scholar – 9, 10, 11, 12.

Natalie Lynn Grooms

Student Government Representative – 12; Drama – 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court – 9, 11, 12; Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading Captain – 9; Class Chaplain – 12.

Peter Michael Guinn

Academic Excellence Award – 11; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Flag Football – 9; Track – 9; Baseball – 10, 12; Soccer – 11;

Lauren Taylor Hendricks

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Secretary – 12.

Larry Joe Ross Jones

National Language Arts League Award – 10; Drama – 10, 11; Football – 9, 12; Praise Band – 11.

Laura Jeanne Kittle

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 10, 11; Class Secretary/Treasurer – 10; Student Government Representative – 10; Class Vice-President – 11, 12; Drama – 9; Homecoming Court – 10, 12; Homecoming Queen – 12; Prom Queen – 12; Cheerleader – 10, 11, 12; CCA Cheer Scholar – 10, 11, 12.

Kelly Lynn McGuire

National Science League Award – 9, 10; Drama - 9, 10.

Mattie Alline Moon

Student Government Representative – 12; A-B Honor Roll – 11, 12.

Heather Cerise Paradise

Academic Excellence Award – 10; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader - 10.

Elizabeth Nikol Patterson

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 10, 12; National Language Arts League Award; Academic Excellence Awards – 10, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Softball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball Team Captain – 11, 12; Volleyball – 11, 12; Cheerleader – 9; CCA Cheer Scholar – 9; Homecoming Court – 12; Class President – 11, 12.

Justin Daniel Shelnett

Academic Excellence Award – 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Football – 9; Baseball – 9, 11, 12; Baseball Best Offensive Player – 12; Drama – 9, 10.

Kyle Andrew Shelnett

Beta Club – 11; Creative Writing Festival Excellence Award – 11; National League of Science Award; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Team Captain – 11, 12; Soccer - 11; Soccer Team Captain – 11; Track – 9; Baseball – 9, 10, 11, 12.

Gentry Karolanne Terrell

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club President – 10; Beta Club Vice-President – 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball Co-Captain 11; Volleyball Team Captain – 12; Softball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball Team Captain – 11, 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 12; Who’s Who Among American High School Students – 12.

Jonathan David Tuttle

Star Student – 12; Beta Club – 10, 11, 12; Beta Club President – 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 10, 11, 12; Student Government – 9, 11, 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball – 9, 12; Flag Football – 10; Soccer – 11; Golf – 10, 11; Praise Band – 9, 10, 11, 12.

Steven Christopher Vineyard

Football – 9, 10, 11, 12. Football All-Region – 12; Football All-State – 12; Baseball – 12; Basketball – 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.



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