

Young Americans Christian School
Conyers, Georgia

Class
of
2007



Commencement Exercises

Heritage Hills Baptist Church

Friday, May 18, 2007

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

Magna Cum Laude

Laura Kittle
Elizabeth Patterson
Gentry Terrell
Justin Shelnett

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	David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
Invocation.....	Andrew Hechavarria
Salutatorian Address	Sean Martin
Valedictorian Address.....	Faith Parnell
Special Music.....	Phil Spriggs
Presentation of Scholarships	David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
Senior Class Profile.....	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Presentation of the Light Award, Eagle Award, and the Christina Carol Vernon Memorial Scholarship.....	Terry Shelnut, <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of Senior Gift.....	Courtney Black
Congratulatory Remarks	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
Slide Presentation of Graduates	
*Awarding of Diplomas.....	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i> David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i> Terry Shelnut, <i>Principal</i> Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Special Music.....	Senior Class
Tassel Ceremony.....	Courtney Black
Alma Mater	(audience, please join us in song – <u>remain seated</u>)
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

Courtney Evan Black

Student Government Representative – 10, 11, 12; Softball – 11, 12; Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Class President – 11, 12; GASA State Cheerleader MVP – 10, 11; GASA Squad Cheerleader MVP – 12; Academic Excellence Award – 11; Mission trip – 11.

Hannah Elena Boisseau

Paul Thomas Britt

Drama – 9, 10; Football – 11, 12; Baseball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball Most Improved Player – 9; Baseball MVP – 10; Cheerleading – 10; “Out of the Box” Award – 11.

Sharla Danielle Bryant

Beta Club – 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Volleyball – 10; Student Government Representative – 9; Academic Excellence Award in Literature, Math, and Spanish – 11.

Micah Bradley Day

Victoria Michelle Evans

Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Student Government Representative – 9.

Olivia Ruth Gabriel

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government Representative – 9; Student Government President – 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball – 9, 10; Drama – 9; Mission trip – 11; Academic Excellence Award – 9, 10.

William Andrew Hechavarria

Maxwell Tucker Hunnicutt

John Michael Lindsey

Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Football – 9, 11; Soccer – 10, 12; Baseball – 9, 11; Drama – 9, 10; Student Government Representative – 9, 10; Student Government President – 11; Mission trip – 11.

Sean David Martin

Beta Club – 10, 11, 12; Beta Club President – 12; Football – 11; Mission trip – 11, 12.

Shaniqua Chanel Mercurius

Faith Angel Parnell

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club Secretary – 11; Beta Club Vice-President – 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11; Drama – 9; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball MVP – 10, 11, 12; Volleyball Co-Captain 11; Volleyball Team Captain – 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball MVP – 10, 11. Drama – 9; Mission trip – 11, 12.

Claire Catherine Pittman

James Daniel Preston

Football – 11, 12; Baseball – 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama – 10, 11; Academic Excellence Award.

Meredith Gayle Ritchie

Student Government Secretary – 11, 12; Drama – 10; Academic Excellence Awards – 11, 12.

Amanda Sikes

Volleyball – 9; Softball – 9; Drama – 9, 10; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11.

James Matthew Taylor

Beta Club - 11; Football – 9; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball Captain – 11, 12; Soccer – 12; Student Government Vice-President – 10, 11; Mission trip – 11, 12.

Carlynn Ashley Wilson

Beta Club – 11, 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball – 10; Drama – 9, 10; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 12.

Erika Marie Wilson

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball – 9; Drama – 9; Student Government Representative – 11, 12; Student Government Vice-President – 11, 12; Mission trip – 11.

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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