

*Young Americans Christian School*  
*Conyers, Georgia*

*Class*  
*of*  
*2008*



*Commencement Exercises*

*Heritage Hills Baptist Church*

*Friday, May 16, 2008*

*7:30 pm*

## Young Americans Christian School Board

Ed Durham, <i>Chairman</i>	Kim Dalton
Tim Smith	Brenda Durham
Perry Acuff	Jan Taylor
David Taylor	

## Young Americans Christian School Administrators

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

## Honor Graduates

### Magna Cum Laude

Ashton Crisco  
Sabrina Worrell-Fraser

### Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Bray  
Caitlin Burau  
Aaron Hodgins  
Christina Buchholz  
Kendra Johnston  
Max Gayler

## Cords

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

**Medals** - Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Senior Beta Officers

## Alma Mater

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

Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar
Welcome	Terry Shelnutt, <i>Principal</i>
Invocation	Kendra Johnston
Salutatorian Address	Amanda Bray
Valedictorian Address	Sabrina Worrell-Fraser
Special Music	Mary Zehner
Presentation of Scholarships	Ed Durham, <i>Board Chairman</i>
Senior Class Profile	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Presentation of the Light Award, Eagle Award, and the Christina Carol Vernon Memorial Scholarship,	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
Presentation of Senior Gift	Cooper Morgan
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	Senior Girls Ensemble
Tassel Ceremony	Cooper Morgan
Alma Mater <u>remain seated</u> )	(audience, please join us in song –
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**

### **Nicholas James Archambault**

Soccer – 9, 11; Cheerleading – 10; Basketball – 9, 11, 12; Academic Excellence Award – 12; Mission trip – 11, 12.

### **Cera Beth Bond**

Volleyball – 9, Academic Excellence Award – 12.

### **Amanda Nicole Bray**

Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Varsity Cheerleader – 9, 10; CCA Cheer Scholar – 9, 10; Mission Trip – 11; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Secretary – 11; Class Vice-President – 12; Congressional Student Leadership Conference on Medicine & Healthcare – 11; National Society of High School Scholars – 11, 12; Joint Enrollment at Georgia Perimeter College – 11, 12.

### **Christina Camille Buchholz**

Track – 9; Homecoming Court – 9, 10; Volleyball – 11; Mission trip – 11; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 12.

### **Caitlin Elizabeth Burau**

Beta Club – 10, 11, 12; Beta Club Secretary – 11; Beta Club President – 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; ICSGA All Star Selection for Volleyball – 9, 10; Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball – 9, 10, 11; Homecoming Court – 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen – 12; Class Vice-President – 11; Class Secretary – 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 11, 12; Mission Trip – 11, 12; Hugh O'Brien Youth Ambassador - 11; Georgia Certificate of Merit – 11.

### **Wesley Lucius Burke IV**

Baseball - 11; Football – 12.

### **Christina Collette Clifton**

Student Government Representative – 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball – 9; Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheer Co-Captain – 11; Cheer Captain – 12; Allstate Cheerleader – 10; Mission trip – 11; Academic Excellence Award – 10, 11.

### **Sarah Ashton Crisco**

Student Class Treasurer – 11, 12; Beta Club – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Basketball – 9, 10,

### **Sarah Ashton Crisco (continued)**

11, 12; ICSGA All-Region Basketball Award – 9; National Society of High School Scholars – 11, 12; Hugh O'Brien Youth Community Leadership Workshop – 10; Academic Excellence Award – 10, 12;

### **Jessica McCall Davis**

Varsity Golf – 9; Varsity Volleyball – 12; Soccer – 12; Journalism – 9, 10, 11;

### **James Max Gayler**

Varsity Baseball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Football 10, 11, 12; Varsity Basketball – 11, 12; Drama – 9, 10; Beta Club – 10, 11; Mission trip – 11.

### **Alan Thomas Guinn**

Student Government – 9, 10, 11; Drama – 9, 10, 11; Soccer – 9, 11, 12; Mission trip – 11, 12; Prom King - 12.

### **Steven Zachary Hall**

Varsity Baseball – 9, 11, 12; Varsity Football – 9, 10, 11, 12; Football Captain – 11; Football MVP – 11; Football Coach's Award – 9, 10, 12; Student Government Officer – 12; Mission trip – 11, 12.

### **Aaron Thomas Hodgkin**

Beta Club – 9; JV Basketball – 9; Christian Character Award – 10, 11; Chapel Band – 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government – 9; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Joint Enrollment at Georgia Perimeter College – 11; Mission trips (Mexico and Ghana) – 9, 10, 11, 12; Star Student – 12.

### **Taylor Lynn Howard**

Concert Choir – 9, 10; Concert Choir Spirit Award – 10; Freshman of the Year for Fine Arts Department; Drama – 9, 10, 12; Mission Trip – 11; Academic Excellence Award – 11, 12.

**Kendra Lyn Johnston**

Student Government – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball – 9, 10; Drama – 9, 10; Academic Excellence Award – 9, 10, 11; Mission Trip - 11; Debate Team Captain and Co-Founder – 12; People to People Leadership Participant – 10; Hugh O’Brien Youth Community Leadership Workshop – 10.

**Emily Lauren Mayes**

Varsity Girls Soccer – 12; Advanced Ballet & Pointe - 9, 10, 11.

**James Cooper Morgan**

Golf – 9; Football – 10; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11; Mission Trip – 11; Class President – 11, 12.

**Blake Phillip Parker**

Baseball – 10, 12; Basketball – 11, 12; Basketball Coaches Award – 12; Academic Excellence Award – 11; Mission trip – 11, 12.

**Olivia Grace Parrott**

Varsity Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Competition Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheer Co-Captain – 11; Cheer Captain – 12; National Cheer Champion – 12; Varsity Volleyball – 11; Drama – 9, 10; Mission trip – 11.

**Kayla Beth Peters**

Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball MVP – 10, 12; Basketball All Region – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball MVP – 10, 11; Volleyball All-Region – 10, 11, 12; Volleyball All State – 12; Volleyball All-Star Team – 12; Drama – 9; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Mission trip – 11, 12; Homecoming Court – 12; Prom Queen – 12.

**Craig Jordan Raines Jr.**

Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Football – 12; Football Most Valuable Offensive Player Award – 12; German – I, II, III; Culture Club – 11; Logo Contest Winner – 11; Mission trip – 11;

**Brandi Nicole Tweedell**

Basketball – 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball JV Captain - 9; Varsity Basketball Co-Captain – 10; Softball – 11; Track – 9; Best Sprinter Award – 9; FCA 9; Mission trip – 11.

**Sabrina Rose Worrell-Fraser**

Beta Club – 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader – 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Competition Cheerleader – 10, 11, 12; National Cheer Individuals 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 11, 12; Cheer Co-Captain – 11; Cheer Captain – 12; Academic Excellence Awards – 9, 10, 11, 12; Hugh O’Brien Youth Community Leadership Workshop – 10, 11; Georgia Certificate of Merit – 11; Mission Trip – 11; Homecoming Court – 12; Valedictorian – 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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