

Commencement Ceremony 2015



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Dr. David Taylor, *Administrator*

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Debbie Heller, *Academic Advisor*

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Prelude	Bill Nicol
Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar
Welcome/ Invocation.....	Dr. David Taylor, <i>Administrator</i>
The Star Spangled Banner	Avani Lesane
Valedictorian Address	Callan Latimer
Salutatorian Address	Paul Turner
Senior Class Profile	Debbie Heller, <i>Academic Advisor</i>
Loyalty Scholarship	Ed Durham, <i>School Board Chairman</i>
Presentation of the Light Award, Eagle Award, and the Wiley O’Neill Award	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i>
Presentation of Senior Gift	Conor McCullough
Congratulatory Remarks	Adam Turner
Video Presentation of Graduates	
Awarding of Diplomas	Jan Taylor, <i>Director</i> Terry Shelnut, <i>Principal</i>
Special Music.....	Kalyn Young, Ethan Saglimbene, Natalie Hickein
Tassel Ceremony	Aijha Lawrence
Alma Mater	(audience, please join us in song – <u>remain seated</u>)

Postlude

Audience, please refrain from inappropriate behavior during the ceremony. Please show your enthusiasm through applause only. We wish this to be a dignified evening for our graduates and families.

We welcome our guest speaker

Adam Turner
Biography

Adam Turner is the Senior Minister at Corinth Christian Church in Loganville, GA. He and his beautiful wife, Jennifer, have been married for 15 years and have two kids. Adam has been in ministry for 15 years and loves helping people and churches learn what it means to follow Christ in every aspect of their lives. When he's not preaching, Adam is counting down the days until the Missouri Tigers win the SEC championship for the first time.

Young Americans Christian School

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.*

Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

Clayton Arthur Gilchrist
Sarah Jordan Heft

Callan Kara Latimer
Russell Paul Turner Jr.

Magna Cum Laude

Lyndi Brooke Bailey
Kristen Ashley Black
Cassidy Marie Brown
Hailey Marie Garner
Adam Phillip Hudlow

Elizabeth Ann Humphrey
Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson
Kailyn Nicole Ledford
Ethan Joseph Veneziano
Kalyn Elyse Young

Diploma with Distinction

Kristen Ashley Black
Cassidy Marie Brown
Adam Phillip Hudlow
Elizabeth Ann Humphrey

Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson
Callan Kara Latimer
Russell Paul Turner Jr.
Conor Omara McCullough

Beta Club Members

Lyndi Brooke Bailey
Clayton Arthur Gilchrist
Sarah Jordan Hef
Adam Phillip Hudlow
Elizabeth Ann Humphrey

Callan Kara Latimer
Russell Paul Turner Jr.
Ethan Joseph Veneziano
Kalyn Elyse Young

Zell Miller Scholarship

Kristen Ashley Black
Clayton Arthur Gilchrist

Callan Kara Latimer
Russell Paul Turner Jr.

Cords

Summa Cum Laude - *Red*

Magna Cum Laude - *Gold*

Medals - Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Senior Beta Officers

Beta - *Black*

Zell Miller Scholarship - *Silver*

Student Accolades

Blake Davis Andrews

Varsity Soccer- 9, 10, 11, 12; Mission Trip-12.

Lyndi Brooke Bailey

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama- 12; Softball- 9; Cheerleading- 10, 11, 12; Competition Cheerleading- 11, 12; Competition Cheer Captain- 12; FCA Spirit Award- 12; Mission Trip-12.

Kristen Ashley Black

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 12; Beta Club-9, 10; National Poetry Award- 10; Student Government-9, 10; Drama- 9, 10; Basketball- 10, 12; Basketball Captain-12; Soccer- 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer Captain-12; Best Defense Award in Soccer- 11; Spanish Club- 11, 12; Secretary of Spanish Club-12; Spirit Squad-12; Volleyball- 9, 10, 12; Mission Trip-12.

Cassidy Marie Brown

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; National Science Award-11; Drama- 9; Spirit Squad- 12; Volleyball- 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball Captain-12; Volleyball All-State- 12; Basketball-12; Basketball Captain- 12; Softball- 9, 10; Yearbook-11.

Rachel Maclean Campbell

Academic Excellence Award- 12; National Language Arts Award-11; Chapel Leadership- 11; Drama- 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading- 9, 10, 12; All American Cheerleader- 9, 10; Cross Country- 8, 9, 10; Soccer- 8, 9, 10, 12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Chelsea Joelle Forbes

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook-11; Creative Writing Club- 9, 10, 11; Literary Team- 10, 11, 12; Prom Queen- 12; Spirit Squad-12; Mission Trip- 12.

Hailey Marie Garner

Academic Excellence Award- 10; Chapel Leadership-12; Yearbook-10; Soccer- 12; Basketball- 10, 12; Volleyball- 9, 10, 11, 12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Clayton Arthur Gilchrist

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; National Science Award-11, 12; District Honor Band- 9, 10, 11, 12; John Phillip Sousa Award- 10; Pep Band- 9, 10, 11,12; Solo and Ensemble Festival- 9, 10, 11, 12; All-State Orchestra-12; Tennis Team- 9; Prom King- 12.

Jordon Victoria Hardee

Academic Excellence Award- 11; Band- 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama- 9, 12; Spanish Club- 11; Dance team- 9.

Sarah Jordan Heft

Academic Excellence Awards- 10, 11, 12; Beta Club- 10, 11, 12; Yearbook-11; ACSI Yearbook Excellence Award-11; Cheerleading- 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheer Captain- 12; All-American Cheerleader- 11, 12; Cheerleading Eagle Award-11; ICSGA State Champions in Cheerleading- 10.

Natalie Sabrina Hickein

Academic Excellence Award – 11; Chapel Worship-12; Drama- 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club- 11, 12; Spanish Club President-12; Softball- 11,12; Softball Captian- 12; Mission Trip- 12.

Adam Phillip Hudlow

Academic Excellence Award- 10, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; National Science Award- 9, 12; Chapel Band- 11, 12; Baseball- 9, 10, 11, 12; Football- 11, 12; Football Captain- 12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Elizabeth Ann Humphrey

Academic Excellence Awards- 10, 11, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club President- 12; Beta Club Secretary- 11; Class Chaplain- 11; Class President- 11, 12; Drama- 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Literary- 12; One Act - 11, 12; Student Government- 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading- 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading Co-Captain- 12; Competition Cheerleading- 8, 12; Homecoming Court- 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen- 12; Prom Committee- 11.

Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson

Academic Excellence Award- 10, 11, 12; National Science Award- 11; Drama- 9, 10, 11; Yearbook-11; Cheerleading- 9, 10, 11; Soccer- 11; Softball- 9; Yearbook- 11.

Callan Kara Latimer

Georgia Certificate of Merit Recipient- 11; Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; National Language Arts Award-12; National Science Award-10,11; Beta Club Member- 9, 10, 11, 12; ACSI Creative Writing Festival- 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Writing Club- 10, 11; Creative Writing Club President- 11; Spanish Club-12; Student Government Representative- 10, 11; Yearbook- 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Editor- 11, 12; ACSI Desktop Publishing Award in Yearbook-11; Homecoming Court-10.

Aijha Monique Lawrence

Academic Excellence Award- 10, 11, 12; Yearbook- 9, 10, 11; Basketball- 10, 12; Homecoming Court- 12; Senior Event Coordinator- 12; Spirit Squad- 12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Kailyn Nicole Ledford

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook- 9, 11.

Connor Douglas Longbottom

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11; National Science Award- 12; Concert Band- 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band- 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf- 11.

Conor Omara McCullough

Academic Excellence Award- 12; Chapel Crew-12; Drama- 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Vice President of Spanish Club- 11, 12; Senior Event Coordinator- 12; Spirit Squad- 12; Student Government- 9, 10, 11, 12; Football- 9, 10; Soccer- 9, 10; Homecoming King-12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Ajoya Chante Monell

Academic Excellence Awards- 11, 12; National Science Award- 11; ACSI Art Festival- 11; Soccer- 9; Mission Trip-12.

Paige Marie Oglesby

Academic Excellence Award – 9, 12; National Science Award- 11; ACSI Desktop Publishing Award- 11; Yearbook- 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Court- 12; Mission Trip-12.

Corban Blake Rainwater

Academic Excellence Award- 11, 12; Beta Club- 9, Soccer- 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer Captain- 12; Soccer Defensive Player of the Year- 9; Soccer Co-region Champs- 9; Soccer Region Champs- 10; Football- 11; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Zachary Rampy Rankin

Academic Excellence Award- 11; Band- 9, 10, 11; Creative Writing Club- 11, 12; Cross Country- 10, 11.

Ethan Nathanael Saglimbene

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 12; Chapel Crew- 11, 12; Drama- 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Government- 12. Basketball- 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer- 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country- 9, 10, 11; Missions- 11, 12.

Julian Connor Sisk

ACSI Art Festival- 12; Football- 11, 12; Football Captain- 12; Soccer-12; Mission Trip-12.

Russell Paul Turner Jr.

STAR Student- 12; GA Certificate of Merit- 11; Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; National Language Arts Award-12; National Science Award- 9, 11, 12; Chapel Band- 11, 12; Concert Band- 9, 10; Drama- 11, 12; Pep Band- 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer- 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country- 10, 11, 12; Cross Country Captain- 12; Student Government- 12; Mission Trip- 12.

Ethan Joseph Veneziano

Academic Excellence Award- 10, 12; Beta Club-9, 10, 11, 12; Band- 9, 10; Drama- 11, 12; Mission Trip- 12.

James Timothy Wages

Academic Excellence Award- 10; ACSI Visual Arts Award- 9, 10, 11; Creative Writing Festival- 11, 12; Drama- 12.

Charles Alan Wills

Academic Excellence Award- 10, 12; Basketball-12; Football- 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer- 9, 10, 11.

Kyra Alexandria Winley

Girls Basketball Manager- 12.

Kayln Elyse Young

Academic Excellence Award- 9, 10, 12; Beta Club- 9, 10, 11, 12; Creative Writing Festival-12; Chapel Worship- 11, 12; Concert Band- 9, 10; Drama- 11, 12; Pep Band- 9, 10, 11; Soccer- 11; Softball- 9; Homecoming Court- 11, 12; Mission Trip- 11, 12.

Zachary Paul Young

Chapel Crew- 11, 12; Drama- 9, 11; Soccer- 9, 10, 11, 12; All-State Soccer- 9; Soccer Captain – 12; Mission Trip- 12.

Julie Janiece Zehner

Academic Excellence Award- 12; Cheerleading-12; Creative Writing Club-12; Mock Trial- 9, 10, 11; Captain of Mock Trial- 11; Drama- 9; Actress of The Year Award- 9; Mission Trip- 12.

*Colleges Attended
by Young Americans Christian School Graduates*

Young Americans Christian School has provided educational excellence for 26 years. Graduates of the school have attended and graduated from numerous and various colleges and universities, both public and private. These schools include:

Abraham Baldwin Agri. College
Athens Technical College
Auburn University
Berry College
Brewton Parker College
Clayton State University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Columbus State University
Covenant College
DeKalb Technical College
DeVry University
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Faulkner University
Florida Atlantic University
Gainesville State College
Georgia College & State Univ.
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College

Georgia Perimeter College
Georgia Regents University
Georgia Southwestern State Univ.
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gordon College
Harding University
High Point University
Johnson Bible College
Johnson & Wales Univ., NC
Kennesaw State University
Kentucky Christian College
Lee University
Liberty University
Luther Rice College
Mercer University
Mercer School of Nursing
Middle Georgia College
Milligan College
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University

Oxford College of Emory
Piedmont College
Point University
Reinhart University
Shorter College
Southern Polytechnic State Univ.
Spelman College.
Stamford University
Toccoa Falls College
Trevecca Nazarene University
Tuskegee University
Union University
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of North Georgia
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University
Wake Forest Sch. of Medicine
Young Harris College



Description of Scholarships and 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 and must have attended Young Americans Christian School from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

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.

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



Mission Statement

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

*Young Americans Christian School is fully accredited by the
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).*