

Senior Class Acknowledgement

Today, we stand and recognize all the hours and dedication we've poured into our high school career. In some ways, it seemed it would never arrive amid the mountains of homework, yet in others, we cannot believe it is already here. Over the past four years, we have grown as individuals, succeeded in our ambitions, and learned through our shared experiences. We will take these lessons into our new adventures and opportunities and remember the advice we have been given when we reach our challenges and struggles.

Our senior year has been full of unique challenges and triumphant victories; we have seen God's love shine through people and the nation in the rebuilding of Houston, and we have celebrated state playoff victories and worked tirelessly together through our classes. These collective times have shaped and built the bonds we have with our classmates and friends.

Major transitions in our lives often cause us to pause and reflect on how we arrived at where we are. In this moment, we remember the teachers, parents, and coaches for helping us get this far. We thank our parents for providing us with every opportunity, pouring into us, and making sacrifices for our benefit.

We appreciate our coaches for being our mentors and keeping us accountable; you have taught us much more about life than just a game. You have given us standards to live up to and helped us to achieving bigger goals for ourselves. To our teachers, your dedication to our education will carry us through the rest of our lives. We cannot begin to thank you for the countless hours you have poured into furthering our minds.

And now, goodbyes are in order. The end of our senior year is now the beginning of new adventures, a new chapter in our lives. We will leave the comfort and familiarity of high school, our homes, and our friends, but in no way will any of these be forgotten. We will depart with his wisdom on our minds, "Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave and strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Senior Class of 2018

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Prelude

Academic Festival Overture,
Opus 80

Processional of Seniors

Welcome

Stephen Novotny
Executive Director

Invocation

Louis “Trey” Nicholson
President, Board of Directors

Pledges

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One nation under God, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Honor the Texas flag:
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
One state under God, one and indivisible.

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag
And to the Savior
For Whose kingdom it stands,
One Savior, crucified, buried, risen and coming again
With life and liberty for all who believe.

PLEDGE TO THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word.
I will make it a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
I will hide its words in my heart
That I might not sin against God.

<i>Presentation of Awards</i>	Jeff Mudrow High School Principal
<i>Commencement Address</i>	Tom Oliverson, M.D. Texas Rep. for District 130
<i>Class Song</i>	The CCS Chorale <i>For Good</i>
<i>Presentation of Diplomas</i>	Jeff Mudrow High School Principal
	Craig Cleveland Dean of Students
	Becky Fredrickson Academic Advisor
<i>Parent Recognition</i>	Graduates
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Stephen Novotny Executive Director
<i>Benediction</i>	Jeff Mudrow High School Principal
<i>Recessional of Graduates</i>	

2018 SENIORS

Angel Astaria
John Ethan Baldwin
Braden Barbisch
Madelynn Beckman
Gary Bittick
Tessa Bodukoglu
Brooklyn Bretz
Paul Carpenter
Adam Carr
Madeline Castello
Ryan Cotter
Jacob Curtis
Victoria Davies
Emily Ellisor
George Fereg
Gracen Fisk
Nathan Frye
Samantha Galbreath
Graciela Garza
Avery Gwyn
Shannah Hannahs
Jacob Harper
Austin Henry
Cara Hettiger
Amy Hoang
Joshua Holl

Halle Hudson
Ian Jones
Madison Kostak
Mallorie Kostak
Logan Lacaze
Tyler Landua
Noah Lee
Elizabeth McCary
Taylor Mohr
Daniel Moore
Matthew Mudrow
Ashley Newell
Lily Nguyen
Manuel Ochoa
Foster Paulsen
Isabel Pogson
Elliot Ranson
Nathaniel Richardson
Zachry Sanders
William Swan
Gabrielle Tarantino
Allison Thompson
Caroline Wax
Julia Williams
William Young
Wendy Zhang

HONOR CORDS AND STOLE

Gold Cord – All A's Each Semester Grade 9-12

Green Cord – Volunteer Service Award

Silver Cord – CCS Class of 2018

Rainbow Cord – National Art Honor Society Member

Navy Cord – AP Scholar

NHS Stole - National Honor Society Member

ALMA MATER

(To the tune *Abide With Me*)

Cypress, dear Cypress, hail the blue and white.

Warriors forever standing for what's right.

Knowledge and wisdom we have learned from you.

Faithful CCS, forever true.

Trained hearts and minds preparing us to be

Servants of Christ in our society.

Lifting high your banner, loyal through and through.

Faithful CCS, forever true.

Cypress Christian School Class of 2018

Alyssa Angelique Astaria, daughter of Elizabeth Wawolumaja and Agnesty Rumengan, has attended CCS one year. Her life verse is Galatians 6:2 – *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* Angel plans to attend Allegheny College.

John Ethan Baldwin, son of Lisa and Steve Baldwin, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 – *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.* John Ethan plans to attend Hillsdale College.

Braden Copeland Barbisch, son of Tammy and Brett Barbisch, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Deuteronomy 31:8 – *It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.* Braden plans to attend Texas State Technical College Waco.

Madelynn McCants Beckman, daughter of Lori and Chad Beckman, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Galatians 2:20 – *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Madelynn plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Gary Lynn Bittick, son of Mamie and Darold Bittick, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Gary plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Tessa Ann Bodukoglu, daughter of Melinda and Gary Bodukoglu, has attended CCS nine years. Her life verse is Proverbs 16:24 – *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* Tessa plans to attend St. Mary's University.

Brooklyn Paige Bretz, daughter of Veronica and Gregory Bretz, has attended CCS eleven years. Her life verse is Isaiah 41:10 – *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Brooklyn plans to attend Grand Canyon University.

Paul David Carpenter, son of Laura and Rob Carpenter, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Psalm 9:9 – *The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.* Paul plans to attend Baylor University.

Adam James Carr, son of Amy and Mike Carr, has attended CCS nine years. His life verse is Hebrews 11:1 – *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.* Adam plans to attend Samford University.

Madeline Paige Castello, daughter of Amanda and Jason Castello, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is James 1:5 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* Madeline plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler.

Ryan Patrick Cotter, son of Catherine and Michael Cotter, has attended CCS one year. His life verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 – *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.* Ryan plans to attend Liberty University.

Jacob David Curtis, son of Lynda Curtis and the late David Curtis, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Proverbs 13:20 – *He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.* Jacob plans to attend Baylor University.

Victoria Alice Davies, daughter of Cynthia and Adrian Davies, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Matthew 28:19-20 – *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* Tori plans to attend LeTourneau University.

Emily Jane Ellisor, daughter of Gretchen and John Ellisor, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* Emily plans to attend Texas A&M University.

George Fereg, son of Nermin and Talat Mikhail, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* George plans to attend Baylor University.

Gracen Emily Fisk, daughter of Jill and Todd Fisk, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Philippians 2:15 – *That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.* Gracen plans to attend Samford University.

Nathan Paul Frye, son of Cheryl and Paul Frye, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is James 1:22 – *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* Nathan plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Samantha Kate Galbreath, daughter of Kelly and Dale Galbreath, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Proverbs 19:21 – *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.* Samantha plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Graciela Lissette Garza, daughter of Vilma and Homer Garza, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Ephesians 5:8 – *For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.* Gracie plans to attend Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Avery Grace Gwyn, daughter of Lisa and David Gwyn, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is John 16:33 – *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.* Avery plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Shannah Danielle Hannahs, daughter of Gail and Dan Hannahs, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Shannah plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler.

Jacob Andrew Harper, son of Stephanie and Robert Harper, has attended CCS eleven years. His life verse is Psalm 23:4 – *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.* Jacob plans to attend Lone Star College.

Austin Lee Henry, son of Anne and Paul Henry, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Romans 1:16 – *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.* Austin plans to attend Taylor University.

Cara Jade Hettiger, daughter of Anne and Steve Hettiger, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is James 1:2-3 – *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* Cara plans to attend Odessa College.

Minh Phuong Hoang, daughter of Ngoc Quan and Vi Hoang, has attended CCS two years. Her life verse is Hosea 6:1-2 – *Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.* Amy plans to attend The University of Texas at Arlington.

Joshua Edward Holl, son of Carmela and James Holl, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Josh plans to attend Tulane University.

Halle Lauren Hudson, daughter of Gisele and Calvin Hudson, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* Halle plans to attend Howard University.

Ian David Jones, son of Jill Kear-Jones and David Jones, has attended CCS ten years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. Ian plans to attend Southwestern University.

Madison Paige Kostak, daughter of Connie and Mike Kostak, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Proverbs 4:23 – *Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life*. Madison plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Mallorie Rae Kostak, daughter of Connie and Mike Kostak, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Romans 8:18 – *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us*. Mallorie plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Logan James Lacaze, son of Kristi and Lex Lacaze, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Isaiah 40:31 – *They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint*. Logan plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

Tyler Royce Landua, son of Jayne and Royce Landua, has attended CCS nine years. His life verse is Philippians 2:10-11 – *So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*. Tyler plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

Noah David Lee, son of Nancy and David Lee, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*. Noah plans to attend The University of Alabama.

Elizabeth Renee McCary, daughter of Lorena and Martin McCary, has attended CCS nine years. Her life verse is Psalm 121:7-8 – *The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore*. Elizabeth plans to attend Texas State University.

Taylor Elizabeth Mohr, daughter of Sarah and Cable Oliver and Jamie and Chris Mohr, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Isaiah 41:10 – *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* Taylor plans to attend Lone Star College.

Daniel Edward Moore, son of Judith Moore, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is James 1:12 – *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.* Daniel plans to attend The University of Alabama.

Richard Matthew Mudrow, son of Teresa and Jeff Mudrow, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Proverbs 27:11 – *My son, be wise, and make my heart glad.* Matthew plans to attend Grand Canyon University.

Ashley Marie Newell, daughter of Pamela and Arthur Newell, has attended CCS ten years. Her life verse is Zephaniah 3:17 – *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.* Ashley plans to attend Baylor University.

Lily Vo Nguyen, daughter of Laura Vo and Leon Nguyen, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* Lily plans to attend Baylor University.

Manuel Jesus Ochoa, son of Erika and Manuel Ochoa, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 – *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.* Manuel plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Foster Reed Paulsen, son of Teri and Scott Paulsen, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is Psalm 144:1 – *Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.* Foster plans to attend Lone Star College.

Isabel Miranda Pogson, daughter of Sylvia and Mike Pogson, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Jeremiah 29:11 – *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* Isabel plans to attend Grand Canyon University.

Elliot Patrick Ranson, son of Tara Ranson and Jennifer and Patrick Leonard, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6 – *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.* Elliot plans to attend Western Texas College.

George Nathaniel Richardson IV, son of Jennifer and George Richardson, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is 2 Timothy 1:7 – *For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.* Nathaniel plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Zachry Aaron Sanders, son of Nora Sanders and Kim and Larry Sanders, has attended CCS five years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 – *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Zach plans to attend the University of Houston.

William Leon Swan, son of Christine Swan, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is John 1:12-13 – *Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.* William plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University.

Gabrielle Coe Tarantino, daughter of Gianna and Gerard Tarantino, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* Gabrielle plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

Allison Leah Thompson, daughter of Leigh Ann and Gene Thompson, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Psalm 73:26 – *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.* Allison plans to attend Baylor University.

Caroline Elaine Wax, daughter of Brandi and Brandon Wax, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Ephesians 2:10 – *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Caroline plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin.

Julia Dibrell Williams, daughter of Laura and Lyle Williams, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Romans 15:13 – *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* Julia plans to attend Baylor University.

William Thomas Young, son of Caroline and Stephen Young, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is 2 Timothy 4:7 – *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* Will plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

Wenyue Zhang, daughter of Yu Qin and Ying Li and Sansheng Zhang, has attended CCS one year. Her life verse is Luke 15: 31-32 – *And he said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.* Wendy plans to attend The University of Texas at Arlington.

Board of Directors

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Secondary Administration

Stephen Novotny (2009)	Executive Director
J.D., Baylor University School of Law	
B.S., Liberty University	
Jeff Mudrow (2015)	High School Principal
M.S., Walden University	
B.S., Warner Pacific College	
Craig Cleveland (2003)	Dean of Students
B.A., Houston Baptist University	
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Ed.D., University of Houston	
M.Ed., University of Houston	
B.A., University of Michigan	
Becky Fredrickson (2007)	Academic Advisor
M.Ed., Grand Canyon University	
B.S., University of Texas	
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B.S., Oklahoma State University	
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M.S.Ed., Capella University	
B.A., West Coast Christian College	
Marsha Martin (1996)	Athletic Director
B.S., Lamar University	
Iva Nell Rhea (2003)	Middle School Principal
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	
M.S., Prairie View A&M University	
B.S., Carson-Newman College	

Faculty

Albers, Will (2013) B.A., Texas A&M University	Bible
Andrews, Tanya (2014) B.S., University of Central Oklahoma	Math
Bretz, Greg (2007) B.S., Oral Roberts University	Electives
Brown, Linwood (2004) B.S., Liberty University	Math
Brubaker, Beth (2013) B.S., Baylor University	Art
Davis, Jonathan (2017) M.S., Texas A&M University B.S., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Spanish
Everett, Karrie (2016) M.S., Sam Houston State University B.A., Sam Houston State University	Math
Galbreath, Kelly (2005) B.A., University of Texas	Spanish/Journalism
Hakala, Lindsey (2016) B.A., Texas A&M University	History
Keim, Kami (2015) B.S., University of Texas	Science
Lambert, Donna (2012) M.L.A., Houston Baptist University B.S., Texas A&M University	English
Lechman, Rachael (2010) B.S., College of Biblical Studies	Bible/Photography
Leiendecker, Julie (2017) M.Sc., University of Oxford B.A., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	English
Leonard, Patrick (2012) M.F.A., The School of the Art Institute of Chicago B.A., Augustana College	English
Longridge, Lisa (2007) Ph.D., Texas A&M University B.A., Texas A&M University	Chemistry

Mayes-Alsoobrooks, Susan (2015)	Independent Studies
M.Ed., Texas A&M University	
B.S., Texas A&M University	
Nance, John (2017)	Drama/Choir
M.Mus.Ed, Boston University	
B.S., Boston University	
Nugent, Tom (2011)	Bible/History
M.Ed., Houston Baptist University	
B.S., University of Houston	
Spenn, Jacob (2010)	Math/Electives
M.S., University of Illinois	
B.S., Taylor University	
Teague, Lori (2011)	Biology
B.S., Lamar University	
Towle, Megan (2015)	History
M.Ed., Northern Arizona University	
B.S., Northern Arizona University	
Witherspoon, Brittany (2017)	Math
B.S., Texas Tech University	

Parenthesis denotes year joining CCS secondary staff.

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Commencement Speaker

Tom Oliverson, M.D. Texas Representative for District 130

Dr. Tom Oliverson represents Texas's 130th State House District in northwest Harris County, including the communities of Tomball, Cypress, Waller, and Hockley. During his first term in the legislature, he served on three House Committees: Public Health, Insurance, and House Administration. He was also one of only two freshmen chosen by the House Republican Caucus to serve as Deputy Floor Leader. He has authored legislation dealing with surprise medical billing, scoliosis screening, flood control, voter fraud, and telepharmacy. His successful first session culminated with Dr. Oliverson being chosen by his Republican colleagues as "Best Freshman Legislator" of the 85th legislative session.

In his professional career, Dr. Oliverson is a managing partner and practicing anesthesiologist in US Anesthesia Partners, the largest anesthesia group in Texas with over 1100 anesthesia providers. A tireless advocate for patients and their safety, Dr. Oliverson is recognized as an expert in office-based anesthesia and consults with doctors and dentists throughout the state to make office surgery safer for patients.

An unapologetic defender of life and a small government conservative, Dr. Oliverson staunchly opposes abortion and advocates for free markets and limited government regulations. He is also active in many 2nd Amendment organizations, such as the National Rifle Association and Texas State Rifle Association. As a small business owner, Dr. Oliverson understands that small businesses are the engines of the economy. His experience has taught him that American prosperity is best served through small business ownership and a spirit of volunteerism.

A grateful Christian, Dr. Oliverson accepted Christ as his Lord in February of 1990, and since that time has walked many hills and valleys with his Lord. He has been a choir member, children's Sunday school teacher, a lay youth leader, a youth Sunday school teacher, a small group/Bible study leader, and more recently, an adult Sunday school teacher. Dr. Oliverson and his wife Jennifer, a teacher, are active members of Jersey Village Baptist Church and live in Cypress where they raise their three children.