

## *Senior Class Acknowledgement*

Today, as we graduate high school, our minds and hearts are flooded by a deluge of memories from our time at Cypress Christian. We will forever be thankful for the individuals who have sacrificed in order to provide a wonderful experience for us at CCS. We are indeed blessed to recall these teachers, friends, fun experiences, and times of challenge and growth and to carry these remembrances with us into our future.

As freshmen, we were excited for a new stage in our lives, but we had little comprehension of what was to come. Although freshmen year was fun, there were lots of mistakes and times to dust ourselves off and get back in the game. We persevered through sophomore year, creating more mature friendships and bonds that will tie us together for years to come. Last year, we united with a common excitement for the great adventure ahead as we sat in this auditorium and watched the class of 2018 depart. It was now our turn—we were the leaders at Cypress Christian; we were finally seniors!

As we reflect on our time and experiences at CCS, one idea that strongly resonates is our gratitude for the people who have surrounded us and have helped us reach this milestone. To the faculty and staff, thank you for sacrificing each day to pour into us, not only allowing us to pursue academic goals, but also helping us grow in our faith. To our coaches, you have become mentors to us, pushing us to be stronger, encouraging us to keep going, and celebrating our successes along the way. Through you, our character has been tested and strengthened. Your investment in us did not go unnoticed, and we cannot thank you enough for your impact on us.

To our parents, you have always been our biggest fans. We thankfully acknowledge your constant sacrifice and unconditional love. You have allowed us to grow up and become prepared for the road that lies ahead. We will never be able to repay your immeasurable hard work, time, patience, perseverance and influence. Without your unwavering support and guidance, we cannot imagine what our lives would be like or what our future would hold. Know that we love you dearly and will sincerely miss your wisdom, full refrigerator and clean towels next year.

As this chapter of high school closes, and we disperse onto different paths and plans for our lives, we find great peace in resting in God's perfect plan for each of us, as stated in 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" (NIV).

*Senior Class of 2019*

# 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>	Chad Braun
<i>Special Song</i>	Chamber Choir
<i>Presentation of Diplomas</i>	Jeff Mudrow High School Principal  Craig Cleveland Dean of Students  Becky Fredrickson Director of Academic Advising
<i>Special Presentation</i>	Jeff Mudrow High School Principal
<i>Parent Recognition</i>	Graduates
<i>Closing Remarks &amp; Benediction</i>	Stephen Novotny Executive Director
<i>Recessional of Graduates</i>	

## 2019 SENIORS

Charlotte Achterkirch  
Melanie Alvarez  
Brayton Barber  
Sam Beckmeier  
Ben Bezner  
Halle Bittick  
Felipe Borrero  
Amanda Boyd  
Hailey Braun  
Colby Brennan  
Joseph Carbone  
Cory Chapman  
Reid Chapman  
Ashley Deskin  
Brinley Farque  
Christian Fleischhauer  
Tucker Fredrickson  
Emily Fronck  
Sam Grabowski  
Nevin Graves  
Jacob Hall  
Jason Hall  
Sarah Hawkins  
Delaney Heath  
Wesley Hong  
Jacob Hotchkiss  
Susannah Hotchkiss  
Joseph Kelly

Dini LeBrun  
Daniel Macune  
Ryan McCreary  
Charlie Mills  
Molly Mitton  
Danielle Moreira  
JT Mounce  
Emma Muehlenbrock  
Lauren Muehlenbrock  
Melinna Nguyen  
Emily Nicholson  
April Nimri  
Kara Otts  
Landen Overton  
Kayla Perrin  
Travis Poncho  
Sophia Slabic  
Regina Stankiewicz  
Estefan Steere  
Josh Stewart  
Lauren Storey  
Samantha Swan  
Collin Tate  
Garrett Townsend  
Garrett Vasek  
Beto Vasquez  
Garrett Velez  
Olivia Velez

## **HONOR CORDS AND STOLE**

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

Green Cord – Volunteer Service Award

Silver Cord – CCS Class of 2019

Rainbow Cord – National Art Honor Society Member

Navy Cord – AP Scholar

Blue & Gold Cords - Thespian Society Member

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 2019

**Charlotte Grace Achterkirch**, daughter of Christine and Ian Achterkirch, has attended CCS eight years. Her life verse is Colossians 1:10 - *Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.* Charlotte plans to attend Samford University.

**Melanie Alvarez**, daughter of Eloisa and Juan Alvarez, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Philippians 4:6 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* Melanie plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Brayton Alan Barber**, son of Tammy and Heath Barber, has attended CCS three years. His life verse is Matthew 4:19 - *And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* Brayton plans to attend Baylor University.

**Samuel David Beckmeier**, son of Lisa and Cliff Beckmeier, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Romans 8:38-39 - *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Sam plans to attend Baylor University.

**Steven Benjamin Bezner**, son of Joy and Steve Bezner, has attended CCS four 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.* Ben plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Halle Elizabeth Bittick**, daughter of Mamie and Darold Bittick, has attended CCS eight years. Her life verse is Proverbs 31:25 - *Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.* Halle plans to attend Baylor University.

**Juan Felipe Borrero Rodriguez**, son of Elsa Cristina Rodriguez and Carlos Alberto Borrero, has attended CCS one year. His life verse is Psalm 37:5 - *Commit your way to the Lord; trust also in Him and He will do this.* Felipe plans to attend Lone Star College.

**Amanda Nicole Boyd**, daughter of Sandra and Jim Boyd, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Philippians 4:11-12 - *Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.* Amanda plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Hailey Noel Braun**, daughter of Kathy and Chad Braun, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Romans 1:16 - *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* Hailey plans to attend Baylor University.

**Colby Cyril Brennan**, son of Trish and John Josephs, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is Romans 8:18 - *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* Colby plans to attend Samford University.

**Joseph Michael Carbone**, son of Mouricia and Joseph Carbone, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.* Joseph plans to attend Louisiana Tech University.

**Cory Preston Chapman**, son of DiAnn and Kris Chapman, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Hebrews 12:1-2 - *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.* Cory plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Reid Allen Chapman**, son of DiAnn Chapman and Kris Chapman, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is John 15:13 - *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.* Reid plans to attend University of Oklahoma.

**Ashley Nicole Deskin**, daughter of Karen and Brian Deskin, has attended CCS five years. Her life verse is Psalm 46:1 - *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.* Ashley plans to attend Georgia State University.

**Brinley Grace Farque**, daughter of Amy and Bucky Farque, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Isaiah 40:31 - *For 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.* Brinley plans to attend the University of Arkansas.

**Christian Isaac Fleischhauer**, son of Jennifer and Kirk Fleischhauer, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Psalm 27:3-4 - *Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.* Christian plans to attend East Central University.

**Tucker Scott Fredrickson**, son of Becky and Scott Fredrickson, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Psalm 46:10 - *Be still and know that I am God.* Tucker plans to attend Texas State University.

**Emily Raine Fronек**, daughter of Carrie and Steve Fronек, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is 1 Corinthians 2:9 - *What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what has not entered into the heart of man, these are the things the Lord has prepared for those who love Him.* Emily plans to attend East Texas Baptist University.

**Samantha Kaylee Grabowski**, daughter of Debra Grabowski and the late Dave Grabowski, has attended CCS two years. Her life verse is Romans 12:9 - *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.* Sam plans to attend Texas State University.

**Nevin Jeremiah Graves**, son of Tanya and Jay Graves, has attended CCS two years. His life verse is Deuteronomy 31:6, 8 - *Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. 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.* Nevin plans to attend Louisiana Tech University.

**Jacob Robert Hall**, son of Debbie and Greg Hall, 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.* Jacob plans to attend Wayland Baptist University.

**Jason Thomas Hall**, son of Debbie and Greg Hall, has attended CCS eight years. His life verse is Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Jason plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

**Sarah Nicole Hawkins**, daughter of Erin and Clay Hawkins, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Isaiah 40:31 - *But 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.* Sarah plans to attend Grand Canyon University.

**Delaney Renee Heath**, daughter of Connie and Darrell Heath, has attended CCS 11 years. Her life verse is Hebrews 12:1 - *Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.* Delaney plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

**Wesley Young-Jae Hong**, son of Dana and Joshua Hong, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* Wesley plans to attend The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

**Jacob Michael Hotchkiss**, son of Molly and Ken Hotchkiss, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is Colossians 1:10 - *So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.* Jacob plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Susannah Grace Hotchkiss**, daughter of Diane and Michael Hotchkiss, has attended CCS six years. Her life verse is Psalm 37:4-5 - *Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.* Susannah plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Joseph Reagan Kelly**, son of Della and William Kelly and Brian Bibighaus, has attended CCS two years. 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.* Joseph plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University.

**Jardine Marie LeBrun**, daughter of Reka Colion and Matthew LeBrun and Meredith LeBrun and Claudio Colion, has attended CCS four years. Her life verse is Psalm 37:23-24 - *The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when He delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.* Dini plans to attend Texas State University.

**Daniel Charles Macune**, son of Melissa and Chuck Macune, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is Daniel 12:3 - *And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.* Daniel plans to attend The United States Military Academy at West Point.

**Ryan Conor McCreary**, son of Tiffany and Kyle McCreary, has attended CCS 12 years. His life verse is Hebrews 9:15 - *Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.* Ryan plans to attend LeTourneau University.

**Charles David Mills**, son of Lori and Nelson Mills, has attended CCS one year. His life verse is 2 Timothy 4:7 - *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* Charlie plans to attend The United States Military Academy at West Point.

**Molly Grace Mitton**, daughter of Amy and Jon Mitton, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is John 8:12 - *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* Molly plans to attend Texas Tech University.

**Danielle Moreira**, daughter of Mabell and Alexander Moreira, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9 - *But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* Dani plans to attend Baylor University.

**John Tyler Mounce**, son of Laurie and Tray Mounce, has attended CCS six years. His life verse is John 3:30 - *He must increase, but I must decrease.* JT plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

**Emma Taylor Muehlenbrock**, daughter of Deanna and Ron Muehlenbrock, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Psalm 46:5,7 - *God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.* Emma plans to attend Texas Tech University.

**Lauren Lee Muehlenbrock**, daughter of Deanna and Ron Muehlenbrock, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is 1 Corinthians 10:13 - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.* Lauren plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

**Tra Dang Huong Nguyen**, daughter of Diep Dang and Tam Nguyen, has attended CCS two years. Her life verse is John 15:12 - *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.* Melinna plans to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara.

**Emily Adell Nicholson**, daughter of Kara and Trey Nicholson, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is 1 Peter 5:7 -  *Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.* Emily plans to attend Texas Christian University.

**April Mamoun Al-Nimri**, daughter of Ola Al-Nimri and Mamoun Nimri, has attended CCS three years. Her life verse is Psalm 23:4 -  *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* April plans to attend the University of Houston.

**Kara Elise Otts**, daughter of Tammy and Russell Otts, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is Isaiah 43:2 -  *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.* Kara plans to attend Baylor University.

**Landen Philip Overton**, son of Tania and Chad Overton, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is Psalm 37:4-5 -  *Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this.* Landen plans to attend Dallas Baptist University.

**Kayla Dawn Perrin**, daughter of Staci and Todd Perrin, has attended CCS seven 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.* Kayla plans to attend Houston Baptist University.

**Travis Poncho III**, son of Judith and Travis Poncho, has attended CCS 10 years. His life verse is Hebrews 12:28-29 -  *Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.* Travis plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

**Sophia Bryn Slabic**, daughter of Cristina and Michael Slabic, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 -  *But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ,*

*then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* Sophia plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Regina Anne Stankiewicz**, daughter of Lauren and Paul Stankiewicz, has attended CCS two years. Her life verse is Phillipians 1:25 - *Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith.* Regina plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

**Estefan Antonio Steere**, son of Toni Steere, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Psalm 139:4-5 - *Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and You lay Your hand upon me.* Estefan plans to attend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

**Joshua Alan Stewart**, son of Traci and Jed Stewart, has attended CCS 11 year. His life verse is Psalm 16:8 - *I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.* Josh plans to attend the University of Houston.

**Lauren Claire Storey**, daughter of Julie and Daniel Storey, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. Her life verse is Lamentations 3:22-23 - *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.* Lauren plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Samantha Leigh Swan**, daughter of Angie and David Swan, has attended CCS seven years. Her life verse is John 15:11 - *These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.* Samantha plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Collin Wayne Tate**, son of Jennifer and Chisholm Tate, has attended CCS four years. His life verse is Romans 8:31 - *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* Collin plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Garrett Markham Townsend**, son of April and Scott Townsend, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is John 15:13 - *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.* Garrett plans to attend Texas A&M University.

**Garrett Alexander Vasek**, son of Geraldine and Joseph Vasek, has attended CCS seven years. His life verse is John 15:13 - *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.* Garrett plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio.

**Carlos Alberto Vasquez**, son of Patty Vasquez and the late Alberto Vasquez, has attended CCS kindergarten-12 grade. His life verse is Matthew 6:34 - *So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* Beto plans to attend Baylor University.

**Garrett Scott Louis Velez**, son of Jane and Lawrence Velez, has attended CCS 11 years. His life verse is Deuteronomy 31:8 - *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.* Garrett plans to attend the University of Houston.

**Olivia Gene Velez**, daughter of Jane and Lawrence Velez, has attended CCS 11 years. Her life verse is Isaiah 40:28 - *The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.* Olivia plans to attend Baylor University.

## **Board of Directors**

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## **Secondary Administration**

Cleveland, Craig (2003)	Dean of Students
B.A., Houston Baptist University	
Davis, Julie (2018)	Secondary Curriculum Director
M.Ed., Southwestern Assemblies of God University	
B.A., Evangel University	
Fredrickson, Becky (2007)	Director of Academic Advising
M.Ed., Grand Canyon University	
B.S., University of Texas	
Hill, Jim (2018)	Athletics General Manager
M.S.Ed., Capella University	
B.A., West Coast Christian College	
Martin, Marsha (1996)	Athletic Director
B.S., Lamar University	
Mudrow, Jeff (2015)	High School Principal
M.S., Walden University	
B.S., Warner Pacific College	
Novotny, Stephen (2009)	Executive Director
J.D., Baylor University School of Law	
B.S., Liberty University	
Rhea, Iva Nell (2003)	Middle School Principal
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	
M.S., Prairie View A&M University	
B.S., Carson-Newman College	
Witschonke, Christopher (2013)	Dean of Instructional Development
Ed.D., University of Houston	
M.Ed., University of Houston	
B.A., University of Michigan	

## Faculty

Albers, Will (2013) B.A., Texas A&M University	Bible/Math
Andrews, Tanya (2014) B.S., University of Central Oklahoma	Math
Brown, Linwood (2004) B.S., Liberty University	Math
Brubaker, Beth (2013) B.S., Baylor University	Art
Dubon, Helmuth (2018) M.A., Texas State University B.A., University of El Salvador	Spanish
Galbreath, Kelly (2005) B.A., University of Texas	Spanish/Journalism
Hakala, Lindsey (2016) B.A., Texas A&M University	History
Harris, Kiley (2018) B.A., Baylor University	Drama
Johnson, Heidi (2018) B.Mus., Cairn University B.S., Cairn University	Bible/Choir
Keim, Kami (2015) B.S., University of Texas	Physics
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-Alsobrooks, Susan (2015)	Learning Center Dir.
M.Ed., P.C.E.T. Texas A&M University	
B.S., Texas A&M University	
Morales, Antonio (2018)	History
Ed. D., Liberty University	
M.A. Lay Ministry, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	
B.B.A., University of Houston	
Nugent, Tom (2011)	Bible/History
M.Ed., Houston Baptist University	
B.S., University of Houston	
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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*Spirit of Paul Scholarship*

# Commencement Speaker

## Chad Braun

A native Houstonian who grew up in Cy-Fair, Chad Braun obtained a B.B.A., majoring in accounting and finance, from Hardin-Simmons University. In 2014, the university awarded him Outstanding Young Alumni.

Chad is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas. He began his career in real estate consulting with Kenneth Leventhal & Co. Chad joined AmREIT, a local real estate investment trust, in 1999 serving as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. He took the company public on the New York Stock Exchange and grew it to \$1.5 Billion in assets. AmREIT was sold in 2015. In 2017, he founded Fifth Corner, a private equity real estate investment firm.

Chad has served on the Board of Directors of Cypress Christian School from 2011 to 2017. He was Board Chair from 2012 to 2015. Chad co-chaired our Advancing Excellence Capital Campaign and building committee and is a former Board member of Uptown Improvement District #1. He currently serves as an Elder of The Metropolitan Baptist Church, Board of Trustee for Hardin-Simmons University and member of the Finance Committee, and Advisory Board Member for Pathways for Little Feet, a local adoption ministry.

Chad and Kathy Braun have been married for 25 years and have two daughters: Hannah (CCS Class of 2016) and Hailey (CCS Class of 2019).