

2012 Graduate Recognition Wise Baptist Church

High School Graduates

Caitlin Elizabeth Adkins is the daughter of Marty and Marybeth Adkins. Caitlin is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, yearbook, and Environthon. She is a four year varsity letterman in softball and a two year varsity letterman in volleyball and received academic all district honors in both sports. Caitlin enjoys running, community service, playing guitar, and spending time with her brother, Alex. Caitlin's community service activities include speaking on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her awards include Kiwanis and Jennings Community Service, Prudential Spirit of Community Service (Commonwealth of Virginia). She received academic awards in Chemistry, Spanish, and Business. Caitlin will begin her study of biomedical chemistry at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA this fall. While Caitlin looks forward to moving on to her college career, she will miss her church family, playing in TRUTH, and most of all being Alex's taxi.

Hannah Adrianna Barnette is the daughter of Dennis and Lou Barnette and the granddaughter of George and Shirlee Barnette and Weldon and Phoebe Bland. Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society and received academic awards in Spanish, Algebra, and English. She is a four year varsity letterman in tennis and also lettered in track and volleyball. Hannah received all district honors and academic all district honors in cross country and tennis. As a junior, she was the LPD singles champion, named the 2011 LPD Player of the Year, and named to the All LPD and LPD All Academic teams. She served as captain of the tennis team both her junior and senior year. Hannah will begin her studies of biological sciences and art at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA this fall with plans to become a physician's assistant.

Israel Loren Bolling is the son of Donald and Crystal Bolling. Israel is a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in the concert band, drama, and 9:00 Club. He received academic awards in Art and English. He won first place in art competitions in 4-H and the Virginia-Kentucky District Fair. Israel participated in junior varsity basketball, junior varsity cross country, varsity cross country, and varsity baseball. He is a 4 year letterman in baseball and a member of the 2010 and 2011 LPD and Region D championship teams as well as the 2011 state runner-up team. Israel plans to attend college to further his education.

Emily Buchanan is the daughter of Eric and Lisa Buchanan. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She participated in basketball, volleyball, and track and field. Emily plans to attend the University of Virginia's College at Wise this fall and pursue a degree in nursing.

Anna Grace Clark is the daughter of Mark and Leigh Clark. Anna will graduate with honors from Central High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Yearbook, FCA, Co-Ed Hi-Y Club, and SGA (class representative for four years). Anna and her Culinary Arts classmates won the Regional Skills USA competition and finished second in the State. Anna is a four year letterman in softball and volleyball receiving Academic All-District recognition each year. In Softball she received All-District recognition as a junior. In Volleyball she received All-District honors for three years; All-Region selection two years; All-LPD Setter of the Year her junior and senior year; and AHP Sports Leadership Award Winner her senior year. She was selected to play for the FCA Virginia All-Star Volleyball team her senior year. Anna finished the season with 1,711 career assists! Anna has been an active member of the WBC Youth and TRUTH. She has participated in mission trips and various other service projects. Anna is a recipient of the Slemp Foundation Scholarship and is a Baylor Scholar Award winner. Anna will attend Baylor University, her dad's alma mater, this fall.

Olivia Collins is the daughter of Debbie Caudill. Olivia participated in volleyball, softball, and basketball. She played on basketball teams that won two district championships, three Region D championships, state runner-up and state championships throughout her career. Olivia was team leader for Relay for Life in Letcher County, KY. She was awarded a citizenship award from the City of Norton for her work with Habitat for Humanity. Olivia will attend Alice Lloyd College in the fall to study pre-veterinary medicine. She plans to attend veterinary school and eventually work in an animal hospital or a zoo.

Kevin Dotson is the son of Jeff and Kathy Dotson. Kevin is a member of the National Honor Society and has received an academic award in Geometry. He is a self-taught musician on the keyboard and guitar. He currently plays in a band at the Edge in Big Stone Gap and Lee County, Virginia as well as venues in Tennessee and Kentucky. Kevin will attend Mountain Empire Community College and study criminal justice. He plans to become a police officer.

Hunter Farmer is the grandson of Don and Bobbi Farmer. Hunter participated in basketball, baseball, and football during high school. In baseball, he was team captain and named to the all district team two years. In football, he was named to the all district team for both offense and defense. Hunter studied welding at the Wise County Career Technical School. Hunter will attend Mountain Empire Community College to study nursing.

Kara Blake Kennedy is the daughter of Marty and Rose Kennedy. Kara is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, president of her senior class, and an Aims Scholar. She participated in track and field, cross country, and was a varsity cheerleader. Kara is a 13-year member of the Rainbow Gymnastics All Stars and was recently crowned prom queen. Kara will attend the University of Virginia's College at Wise in the fall where she will participate in cheerleading and major in biology to pursue a career in medicine.

Kaitlin Faith Ponish is the daughter of John and Karen Ponish. Kaitlin is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, yearbook staff, and Co-Ed Hi-Y. She received academic awards in Science, Spanish, Pre-Calculus, and English. She is a four year varsity letterman in tennis and also lettered in volleyball. As a junior, she served as captain of the tennis team. Kaitlin will begin her studies at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC this fall with plans to become a nurse.

College Graduates

Rebekah Adkins is the daughter of Jeff and Lee Ann Adkins. Rebekah received her Master of Education degree from King College. Since graduating, she has worked at Norton Elementary and Middle School as a long-term substitute in Kindergarten, assisted with the afterschool program, and substituted in various grades. Rebekah plans to pursue employment as a teacher in the upcoming school year. Her immediate plan is to marry Brandon Ison in six days!

Jennifer Lynne Odle Allio is the daughter-in-law of David and Lin Allio and granddaughter-in-law of Grace Allio. Jenny received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine. She served as Vice-President, Secretary, and Mission Trip Leader for the University of Illinois Christian Veterinary Missions Fellowship. She has participated in two mission trips to Honduras. Jenny plans to pursue employment at a veterinary hospital.

Linsay Allio is the daughter of David and Lin Allio and the granddaughter of Grace Allio. Linsay received her Juris Doctorate from Charleston School of Law. She was a member of the Charleston Law Review, Honor Council, and Military Law Society. Linsay served as a law clerk for two firms. Linsay plans to pursue employment as an associate attorney at a law firm in Charleston, SC.

Pamela Jennings Collie received her MBA in Marketing from King College. She is currently employed at the University of Virginia's College at Wise as Alumni Relations Director. She has two sons—Lance (10) in 4th grade and Luke (6) in kindergarten.

Rick and Caryn Johnson both received their MBA degree from King College.

Sydney Johnson is the daughter of Rick and Caryn Johnson. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.

Griffin Kopp is the son of Jim and Michelle Kopp. Griffin received his bachelor's degree in nursing from Radford University.

Jade Bolling McDaniel is the daughter of Donald and Crystal Bolling. Jade received her MA in English Literature and a certificate in Women's Studies from Wright State University in Dayton, OH. While completing her master's degree, she was a teaching assistant in English 101 & 102. This summer, Jade will be teaching a Writing Academy for freshmen. Jade teaches guitar and ukulele lessons at McCutcheon Music in Centerville. Jade and her husband, Scott, will reside in Dayton while he completes his Doctorate in Theology.

Brittany Osborne is the daughter of Tim and Kathy Osborne. She received her masters degree in Accounting from East Tennessee State University. She continues to work at Appalachian Technical Services in Wise, VA.

Courtney Beth Sturgill received her BA degree in Communications with a double major in Advertising and Public Relations and a minor in Psychology from Florida Southern College. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, named to "Who's Who Among College and University Students", and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega Honor Societies. She also served in the ambassador program giving tours of the college to potential students and their parents. Courtney participated in cheerleading, and intramural tennis and golf. Courtney will spend the remainder of her year traveling for the title she won that past October as the 2011 Congress Queen. After her reign, she plans to pursue a career in the fields of marketing and public relations.