



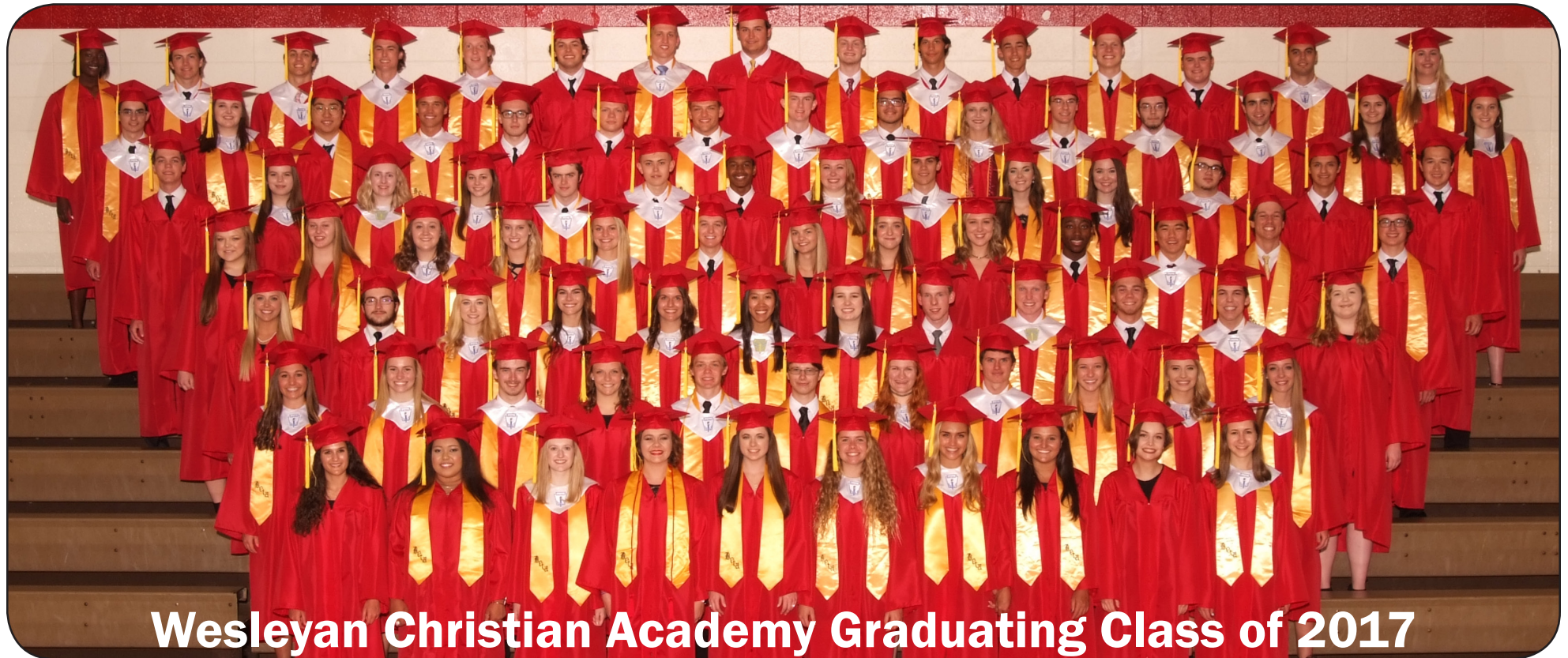
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Wesleyan Christian Academy to Hold Commencement Exercises on May 26

In a beautiful and elegant service, Wesleyan Christian Academy will hold its commencement exercises for its graduating class on Friday, May 26, 2017, at 7:30 PM, at First Wesleyan Church at Providence Place, on Westchester Drive, High Point. Dr. Colleen Derr, President of Wesley Seminary, a division of Indiana Wesleyan University, will deliver the commencement address. Student speakers, class Valedictorian Will Wright and Salutatorian Austin Cash, will be introduced by Regan Williams, Senior Class Vice-president. Other top honor graduates of the Class of 2017 include Nicholas Chrapliwy, Morgan Cavanaugh, Youssef Gobran, and Blaine Sieck.

Chief Marshal Grayson Shook, followed by Junior Marshals, Haley Pierce, Deanne Middleton, Matthew Jarrett, Kevin Mullen, and Jacob Kohns, will lead the procession as Mrs. Pam Haire and Mr. Kyle Auman provide the Prelude and Pomp and Circumstance. School Chaplain, the Reverend Paul Coates, will deliver an invocation. Following the by high school Principal Mr. Tim Rickman, Wesleyan's vocal ensembles will provide inspiring music under the direction of Fine Arts Director Mr. Joe Hilliard and Mrs. Sarah Haynes.

As Mr. Rickman calls the name of each senior to announce his/her candidacy for graduation, Dr. Rob Brown, Head of School, will award the diplomas. Following the awarding of diplomas as seniors turn their tassels to signify graduate status, Dr. Brown will address the graduates and their families with closing remarks. After the Reverend Jonathan Lewis, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, North Carolina East District, offers the Benediction, seniors and speakers will exit the ceremony as the Wind Ensemble plays the Recessional. In the tradition of celebration, the seniors will toss their caps into the air, signaling their successful completion of twelve years of school. As family and friends crowd in for hugs and picture taking, the exuberance will continue. Mrs. Dotty Hoots, Mrs. Sandy Bohon, and Mr. Kevin Cox, senior advisors, will coordinate and direct the service.



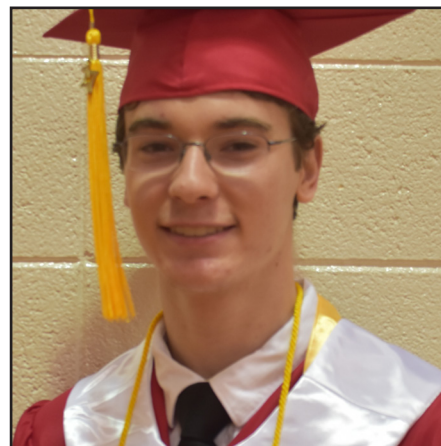
Wesleyan Christian Academy Graduating Class of 2017



**WILLIAM ALEXANDER WRIGHT
VALEDICTORIAN**

William Alexander Wright, son of Mark and Dr. Christine Wright, is recognized as the valedictorian of the Wesleyan Christian Academy class of 2017. Will has attended Wesleyan since early childcare and has participated in many scholastic and extracurricular activities during this time. He is a member of Senior Beta and National Honor Society and is an AP Scholar. He has also won various academic awards, has been part of the High IQ Bowl each year, and was recognized a Junior marshal. Athletically, Will has been

a valued member of both Varsity Track, awarded all conference during sophomore year, and Cross Country, all conference during junior and senior years as well as leading as a captain his senior year. Will also enjoyed a brief but exciting Varsity Swimming career during his senior year. Also during his senior year, Will was the president of the Breakfast Club, which provides the opportunity to grow friendships outside of class. Since the 6th grade, Will has participated in the Wesleyan Band program, playing the trumpet before switching to become the high school's only euphonium player. While the section has grown modestly, Will remains the euphonium section leader. During all four years of high school, Will has proudly served his grade as Class President. As part of this elected position, along with the rest of the leadership team, he spent numerous hours planning various homecoming-related events and service projects. Separate from this, Will has enjoyed serving in the annual Trojan Trot and the All-Sports camp. He was also honored to have been chosen as a confirmation sponsor, providing spiritual guidance to a younger member of his church, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. He will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall where he plans to major in economics.



**AUSTIN CASH
SALUTATORIAN**

Austin Cash, son of Hadley and Deborah Cash, is recognized as the salutatorian for Wesleyan Christian Academy's class of 2017. Austin has attended Wesleyan since the second grade and progressed both academically and athletically over his many years at Wesleyan. As a member of the Senior Beta and National Honor Society, Austin has displayed both his intellect and his strong desire to help others. Throughout his high school years, Austin has

received the Honor Roll Award, as well various distinctions in his subject classes. During each of his four years in high school, Austin has participated on the Men's Varsity Tennis team and played as the first seed in his senior year. At the middle of his Sophomore year, Austin acted as the assistant stage manager for his high school's production of *Mary Poppins*. The year after, Austin was invited to act in the same position for the play "Glory and Majesty of Christmas" at the High Point theater. Over the summer of 2015, Austin joined a student ambassador program, known as People to People, and learned about the cultures of the countries that compose the British Isles. In addition, Austin served as a counselor in training at Camp Hanes that same year, and later acted as a Junior Counselor the following year. During his Junior year, Austin attended life guard training for over two weeks and received certifications for AED, first aid, CPR, and life guarding. Although his achievements in and out of school are numerous, his strong determination to excel and love of God are what have carried him so far in life and are what will continue to push him even further for years to come.



**YOUSSEF SHADY GOBRAN
HONOR GRADUATE**

Youssef Shady Gobran, son of Shady and Nancy Gobran, is graduating with honors from the Wesleyan Christian Academy class of 2017. Youssef has attended Wesleyan since seventh grade and has received numerous academic honors throughout his career. Youssef has been recognized as a Jefferson scholar nominee as well as a Morehead-Cain scholar nominee. Youssef is orator of the National Honor Society as well as a member of both the National Honor Society and Senior Beta Club. Youssef is a Junior Marshal and has been recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar with Honor. Youssef has exhibited a strong pattern for academic excellence by receiving all "A" Honor Roll recognition all four years of high school, as well as several awards for excellence in specific courses including AP Government and AP Chemistry. Furthermore, Youssef has represented his class annually in the High IQ Bowl.

Outside the classroom, Youssef enjoys many extracurricular activities. Youssef has been a member of the Class of 2017 Leadership team all four years of high school and has consistently been involved in the Red Cross Club in which he has been named an officer. Additionally Youssef is on the leadership team for Wesleyan's division of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Youssef has been deeply involved with the Wesleyan Theatre Tech Team and has produced all Wesleyan videos for the past four years. Youssef has also run tech for four Wesleyan musicals, and starred in this year's production of *Hello, Dolly!* as Mr. Horace Vandergelder.

Youssef has also been deeply involved in the community through tutoring fellow students at Wesleyan. During his high school career, Youssef has spent several hours volunteering with First Wesleyan Church, Red Cross, and BATL Basketball Camp. Youssef will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.



**BLAINE MICHAEL SIECK
HONOR GRADUATE**

Blaine Michael Sieck, son of Rusty and Tina Sieck, is graduating with honors from the Wesleyan Christian Academy class of 2017. Blaine has attended Wesleyan since the seventh grade and has received academic honors throughout his academic career. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Senior Beta Club and is also an AP Scholar. In addition to these honors, Blaine demonstrated a strong pattern of academic excellence by receiving all "A" Honor Roll recognition each of his four years of high school and several awards for excellence in specific courses. Furthermore, Blaine served as a scribe for the National Honor Society, a member of the Leadership branch of Student Council, and was named a Junior Marshal.

In addition to his academic success, Blaine has been a member of the Wesleyan Tech Team since the eighth grade. Over the years, he has devoted much of his time to filming and editing various videos for Wesleyan, including Senior, Homecoming, and the AGG campaign videos. He has thoroughly enjoyed his time working with Pastor Paul and will miss all the late nights editing, striking stage, and bonding with the rest of the Tech Team.

Blaine participated in the JV Basketball and Varsity Cross Country programs during his freshman and sophomore years. He was also chosen as a Merriwood Senior to mentor and disciple a small group of eighth graders and serves as Co-President of the Breakfast Club. Additionally, Blaine has volunteered as a video technician at his church as well as various community outreach events.

Blaine is thrilled to move back to his home state of Texas and will attend Texas Tech University in the fall where he plans to major in Computer Science.



**MORGAN MARIE CAVANAUGH
HONOR GRADUATE**

Morgan Marie Cavanaugh, daughter of Mike and Karin Cavanaugh, is graduating with honors from the Wesleyan Christian Academy class of 2017. Morgan has attended Wesleyan since kindergarten and has maintained excellence in her academics and extracurricular activities. Morgan is a member of the National Honor Society and Senior Beta Club and has been named an AP Scholar with Honors, as well as a Junior Marshal. In addition to these honors, Morgan has achieved all "A" Honor Roll recognition all four years of high school, participated in the annual High IQ Bowl for three years, and has received numerous awards for various academic subjects.

Additionally, Morgan has participated in many extracurricular activities, including running for Wesleyan's Varsity Track team and Varsity Cross Country team. She has been a state qualifier for cross country since her sophomore year and has been named a Scholar Athlete all four years of high school. Along with her athletic achievements, Morgan has enjoyed volunteering for Moses Cone Hospital for the past two years in the oncology, pediatrics, and emergency departments. She has also participated in the Breakfast Buddies program as a mentor to underprivileged students and has been an active member and officer of the Red Cross Club. Morgan has actively served on student council as class secretary and treasurer this past year. Although Morgan has maintained dedication to her academics and extracurricular endeavors, she has also held a part-time job as a cashier at Harris Teeter since March of 2016.

Morgan will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall as an Environmental Health Science major with a concentration in Public Health. She plans to pursue a doctor of medicine in addition to making lifelong friendships with her fellow Tar Heels.



**NICHOLAS AARON CHRAPLIWY
HONOR GRADUATE**

Nicholas Aaron Chrapliwy, son of Amy Horton, is named an honor graduate of the Wesleyan Christian Academy class of 2017. Attending Wesleyan since kindergarten, Nicholas has participated as a member of Wesleyan's student body in many ways. President of the Senior Beta Club and the National Honor Society his senior year, since his sophomore year, Nicholas has also served as the President of the Tea Drinking Society. Nicholas has actively participated in the High IQ Bowl since 6th grade, and has also represented Wesleyan's Quiz Bowl team at several NAQT competitions. Nicholas performs as a first trumpet in WCA's Wind Ensemble, and in addition has been a cast member of six musical productions at Wesleyan, from *The Sound of Music* to this year's *Hello! Dolly!* He is an officer of the Red Cross Club, and has also been named an AP Scholar with Distinction.

In addition to his academic interests, Nicholas has pursued his passion in neuroscience since seventh grade. He has assisted in over a hundred hours of neuroscience research at Duke University in the labs of Drs. Staci Bilbo and Greg Applebaum. He will be credited with co-authorship in a publication of the latter forthcoming this spring. Nicholas has competed in local Brain Bee's since freshman year, earning first place his junior year to compete at the National Brain Bee in Baltimore, MD. There, he and others who share his passion founded the International Youth Neuroscience Association, a student-led international non-profit that connects students interested in neuroscience to opportunities for them to further their interests.

Nicholas has been named a Junior Member of the New York Academy of Sciences, where he worked with a team of other passionate high school students this past fall to create a system of measuring micronutrient deficiencies in dataless populations that uses an app to determine deficient status from a urine sample.

Nicholas also enjoys playing music. He has been a member of the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra, the Triad Chamber Music Society's Youth Ensembles, the High Point University Orchestra, the Westover Church Orchestra, and the North Carolina Youth Brass Band playing either piano, violin, or trumpet. Nicholas has also pursued his interest in musical theatre by joining the cast of High Point Community Theatre's *Sweeney Todd*.

Nicholas has enjoyed running cross-country since his sophomore year, as well as track since his freshman year. Nicholas has also run track for the Greensboro Pacesetters in the Junior Olympics 2000m Steeplechase since his sophomore year.

Nicholas plans to attend Duke University in the fall as a Trinity Scholar, where he intends to study Neuroscience and Linguistics with a minor in music.



2017 JUNIOR MARSHALLS

Charles Edwards, Kevin Mullen, Deanna Middleton, Grayson Shook, Haley Pierce, Matthew Jarrett, Jacob Kohen