



GRADUATION CEREMONY

Crown Leadership Academy
Class of 2023

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PROGRAM OF THE CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

School Board and Graduates

WELCOME

Lathan Carey, Co-Founder & Head of School,
and Tenayzia Jones, Senior

WORSHIP

Crown Worship Team

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS

Introduction by Sara Carey, Co-Founder
Lily Goforth

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

Introduction by Sara Carey
Isaac Lopez

PRAYER

Introduction by Lathan Carey
Mark and Patricia Estes, John and Cathy Mart, Alex Bonilla,
Mike and Angela Powers

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

Lathan and Sara Carey and School Board

CLOSING REMARKS

Sara Carey





SONG LYRICS



Take You At Your Word

by Benjamin William Hastings & Cody Carnes

Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your way is the only way for me
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I wanna be on it
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide
'Cause You're good on Your promise

Chorus - I'll take You at Your word
If You said it, I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it, You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word

You spoke and the chaos fell in line
Oh, I know 'cause I've seen it in my life
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I wanna be on it, yeah
It's a narrow road and the tide is high
But You parted the water

(repeat Chorus)

You're good on Your promise
You said Your love will never give up
You said Your grace is always enough
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me
You said I'm saved, You call me Yours
You said my future's full of Your hope
You've never failed so I know that You'll never fail me

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Awake My Soul

by Brooke Ligertwood

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

CHORUS - Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud
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There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

And when He moves
And when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen
And when He moves
Make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

Hey oh
Oh let the King of glory enter in
Hey oh
Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Hey oh
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

JOSEPHINE BENDELL

What clubs or teams did Josie participate in at Crown?

Equestrian Team

What are Josie's plans after graduation? Continuing to work at area horse farms.

What does Josie's teacher say about her? Josie has grown so much since she first came to Crown. I've loved watching her find her voice and engage in class. I will miss her sense of humor, but look forward to seeing her future unfold.



OLIVER CAMINOS

What was the highlight of Oli's Crown Experience? All of our field trips

What was Oli's favorite project? The boat building project in Physics. (The students were required to build a boat out of duct tape and cardboard that could hold a student to float across a swimming pool.)

What are Oli's plans after graduation? I plan to attend college and study computer science.

What does Oli's teacher say about him? I have so enjoyed getting to know Oli! He has a quiet gentle strength that can always bring calm to those around him. Oli's intelligence and ability to consider all the complexities of a situation is outstanding. I know that his future will be incredibly bright! -Mrs. Beth Ann Dillion, Physics



LILY GOFORTH

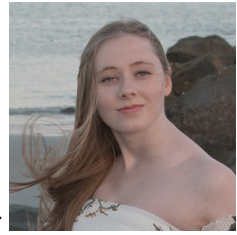
What was the highlight of her Crown experience?

Meeting all the nice people and making many new friends.

What was Lily's favorite project? We made boats with cardboard and duct tape and we rode them across a pool.

What are Lily's plans after graduation? Becoming an airline pilot.

What does Lily's teacher say about her? Lily has been an absolute lifesaver in my classroom this year as my Teacher Assistant. She has a special presence about her that somehow gets our crazy middle schoolers to calm down and do their work. She is helpful, encouraging, intentional and willing to help me with anything I ask. She is going to do amazing things in this world and I wish her nothing but the best :) - Ms. Hallie Jensen, Middle School English



TENAYZIA JONES

What was the highlight of Tenayzia's Crown Experience? OMG! Everything!!! I have had the best school experience for the last four years. I've done things at Crown that I never even imagined doing.



What was Tenayzia's favorite project? All of my English projects from my Junior year.

What clubs or teams did Tenayzia participate in at Crown? Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Worship Team. I also travelled to Wales and London on the 2023 Missions Team and was selected by my peers as Prom Queen.

What are Tenayzia's plans after graduation? I will work over the summer and in the fall I will start my first college year at Trident Tech before transferring to Southeastern University in 2024.

What does Tenayzia's teacher say about her? Tenayzia has grown so much in every way over the short two years that I've known her. She loves Jesus with her whole heart and it shows every day. She has blossomed in her worship, classwork, and attitude; Tenayzia always shares a smile or a hug whenever someone needs it the most. I can't wait to see where this journey sends her. -Ms. Becky Wallick, English

REAGAN LITTELL

What was the highlight of Reagan's Crown Experience?

Teachers genuinely caring about my success and being willing to work with me

What was Reagan's favorite project? An insurance brochure project for Mr. Marcel's Personal Finance class

What clubs or teams did Reagan participate in at Crown? Helped coach Crown's elementary cheerleading team

What are Reagan's plans after graduation? I plan to attend Trident Technical College for two years then transfer to a nearby university.

What does Reagan's teacher say about her? Reagan is always prepared for class. She is dependable, strong, and resilient. Her straightforward, honest approach to life has helped shape our students and school, even in her brief time with us. -Mrs. Carmen Knox, Guidance Counselor



ISAAC LOPEZ

What was the highlight of Isaac's Crown Experience?

The community and friendships

What was Isaac's favorite project? A marine biology project where we created our own "Pokémon" cards based on different sea creatures. Then we held a tournament based on the cards.

What clubs or teams did Isaac participate in at Crown? National Honor Society, Basketball and Worship Team

What are Isaac's plans after graduation? Attending Trident Tech and eventually becoming an engineer.

What does Isaac's teacher say about him? Isaac has a "quiet thunder" about him that will make him a great leader! He is an exceptionally hard worker and strives to do his best in everything he does. I am excited for Isaac's future and know that the sky is the limit for him! Ms. Becky Wallick, English



DIEGO MONROY

What was the highlight of Diego's Crown Experience?

Learning English (Diego moved to the US from Guatemala his Freshman year.)

What was Diego's favorite project? Any of my

Probability and Statistics projects

What are Diego's plans after graduation? Become a Spanish/English translator

What clubs or teams did Diego participate in at Crown? Soccer Team

What does Diego's teacher say about him? Diego loves to have fun! He brings laughter and joy to everyone around. He's a very talented young man who asks deep, perceptive questions about his faith. -Mr. Lathan Carey, Bible



AIDAN POCH

What was the highlight of Aidan's Crown Experience?

My renewed faith in Christ and the friends I've made

What was Aidan's favorite project? The short story

project in my junior year

What clubs or teams did Aidan participate in at Crown? Basketball Team

What are Aidan's plans after graduation? Go to college and become a civil engineer.

What does Aidan's teacher say about him? Aidan is so refreshing! His laughter is infectious, and he just always makes me smile. Aidan is such an amazing, confident, and independent guy! His tenacity and self motivation will take him far in life. He has a bright future ahead! -Mrs. Beth Ann Dillion, Physics



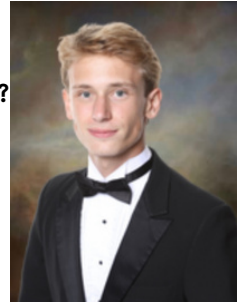
CANNON SMOAK

What was the highlight of Cannon's Crown Experience?

The family-like bond between teachers and students.

What was Cannon's favorite project? The Physics' Boat

What clubs or teams did Cannon participate in at Crown? Golf Team



What are Cannon's plans after graduation? Work, play golf, attend Midlands Tech before transferring to Clemson

What does Cannon's teacher say about him? Cannon is an example of resilience! He always has a smile on his face and has such a positive attitude! I have been blown away many times by his encouragement and compassion with other students. He goes out of his way to say an encouraging word or give a helping hand. I know that he will be a world changer!--Mrs. Beth Ann Dillion, Physics



SEAN TCHORZEWSKI

What was the highlight of Sean's Crown Experience?

Getting closer to God

What clubs or teams did Sean participate in at Crown?

Basketball Team and voted by his peers as Prom King

What are Sean's plans after graduation? Start working

What does Sean's teacher say about him? Sean has worked diligently this year to hide God's word in His heart and I know he honors its place in his life. -Mr. Lathan Carey, Bible

