



Kaden Drake

Sophomore at Boyce College

Class of 2024

After CCS I moved to Louisville Kentucky, where I am attending Boyce College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I am studying biblical counseling on the Sem-Track, in order to earn a bachelor's degree, as well as a Masters in Biblical Counseling. What I love most about attending Boyce is that I get to continue my education in a Christ-like atmosphere, with people who care about me and are always willing to support me.

Michael Hoehn and Dan Ghramm made the biggest impacts on my life. They taught me to never give up hope on what I believe in. They showed me that God has a plan for my life- even when I don't see it. Thanks to them and various other people I am at Boyce College today.

CCS equipped me with a Christ-like worldview by teaching me that our world is sinful, and we have a duty to spread the gospel no matter what. Our world isn't perfect and neither are we, but through Christ we can accomplish anything the world throws at us.

The education I received at CCS provided the skills I needed to help me understand the Bible more and to better discern between right and wrong. CCS also set me up for success in college and the work it brings.

I hope CCS continues to teach future generations to not be afraid to stand up for their faith, and to not back down when their faith in Christ is questioned.

Christian education matters because unlike public education, where you don't get a daily pour out of scripture and you aren't equipped to live your faith out when challenged in a non-Christian atmosphere. Christian education also allows for more of a one on one in the classroom.

My favorite chapel song would have to be *Holy Forever!*



Emma Restivo

Children's Pastor

CCS Class of 2022

After I graduated from CCS in 2022, I attended the Ohio Regional Campus of Southeastern University and began working toward a Bachelor of Science in Ministerial Leadership: Pastoral Care and

Counseling. I am on track to graduate in December 2025, as well as becoming a licensed minister in the coming months. I recently decided to finish up my final semester online. In September, I stepped into the role of kids pastor at my home church, Christian Heritage Assembly of God in Avon. I love teaching the kids about the person I love the most- Jesus. Being close to my family and CCS is definitely a bonus!

I am so grateful for spending some of my formative years surrounded by the godly teachers and staff at CCS. They encouraged me, supported me, and cheered me on as I chased after God. They taught me that nothing is worth compromising my faith in Jesus and that He is the prize at the end of the race. I am grateful for Mr. Smith, who helped teach me about worship and gave me the opportunity to share my testimony on choir tour; Mrs. Markovich, who taught me the importance physical activity and shared her wisdom and deep love for the Lord with me; all the office ladies, who gave me Band-Aids, ice packs and the warmest hugs when I got hurt during recess; Miss Wilson, for challenging me academically and preparing me for college; Mr. Hoehn, for making NHD and economics fun; all the chaperones who made trips like choir tour, retreat, and Washington, D.C. possible; and all the other teachers and staff who invested in me. Without all of these wonderful people, I would not be where I am today. I hope that the students of CCS graduate with good grades and good hearts-never compromising their faith in Jesus for anything.

Not many schools boldly declare Jesus as King while raising up leaders the way CCS does. The Gospel is in every part of a CCS student's education, and God gets all of the glory. In History we see that God orders every man's steps. Science shows that God created the world for us to enjoy. P.E. reveals to us that our bodies are a temple. Art demonstrates that everything we make is for God's glory. In Choir we realize we are called to worship Him. Care Groups show us how to love one another. Math establishes that our God is a God of order. CCS athletics reveals the importance of discipline and godly character. Chapel is a source of spiritual food each week.

My favorite song in Chapel was either My Lighthouse, Every Move I Make, or 10,000 Reasons—it's too hard to pick just one! They were all very memorable. I'm so thankful that CCS laid such a strong foundation for my life, and I pray that every student who walks through its doors leaves knowing who they are, who they belong to, and just how deeply they are loved by Jesus.



Michael Reeble

Senior at Cedarville College

CCS Class of 2022

I am currently studying Business Management and Marketing, with minors in Construction Management and Bible. Learning has been a joy, but my favorite part has been serving as an RA and now the Assistant Resident Director in my dorm. Cedarville is a place of intentional discipleship and growth, and being a part of students' lives in that way has been a blessing.

Every teacher, coach, and mentor at CCS influenced me positively in one way or another. To be specific, Mr. Smith pushed me to grow spiritually, Ms. Wilson showed me I could do more academically than I thought was possible, Coach Byler challenged me to pursue excellence in everything, not just sports, and Mr. Hoehn disciplined me and encouraged me both spiritually and academically.

CCS helped shape my faith by giving me a framework for a biblical worldview. Cedarville has helped deepen that foundation, but CCS laid the groundwork. Academically, CCS prepared me for the rigor of college. I often meet people who share very different high school experiences than I do, which makes me even more thankful for how CCS intentionally invests in students.

I hope that CCS continues to teach students to do all things according to the work Christ has called us to—whether that's through Bible classes or any other subject. Everything we do should be for the glory of Christ, no matter what it is.

Christian education is crucial—maybe now more than ever. While I do think God can use any educational setting for His glory and purpose, Christian education uniquely equips believers with a biblical framework and the knowledge to live faithfully in today's world.

The song most memorable to me from weekly Chapel is, My Lighthouse by Rend Collective



Mya Miller

Senior at Taylor University

CCS Class of 2022

I am looking forward to graduating from Taylor in May 2025 with a degree in Global Studies/ International Relations!

Karen Doane and Nancy Markovich have been hugely impactful on my life, and I am grateful for their mentorship and genuine care for my life!

The faith based education I received at CCS equipped me well for a deeper faith integration in my education now.

I hope that CCS continues to teach the kids of the kingdom song.

Christian education matters today because students need to be taught in truth and the source of wisdom.

My Lighthouse is the song I will most remember from weekly Chapel during my years at CCS.



Kat Moorman

Wedding Venue Operations Assistant

Class of 2021

After graduating from CCS, I attended Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL, where I earned a bachelor's degree with a double major in International Business and Tourism & Hospitality Management. I currently work at Adam's Estate, a beautiful wedding venue in Central Florida. I love

being a part of some of the greatest celebrations in a person's life!

I would say Mrs. Myers is someone I still think about often from CCS. Her loyalty to the school was unmatched and she truly got to know the students. When I was growing up, she served as the office admin, nurse, therapist, anything you needed. As I got older, she always checked in on me and supported my small baking business, which I appreciated.

I think it is important to have Bible-led academics in a world that has different beliefs around every corner. It's important to continue teaching students that the Bible is the truth but also that they are allowed to ask questions and encourage discussion.

It may be silly, but one song that really sticks out to me from chapels is the "I'm in the Lord's Army" one. I always loved when everyone from the kindergarten to the seniors would do the motions, and especially if Mr. Willis was leading it!



Daisy Kennedy

Culinary Arts Graduate - LCCC

CCS Class of 2021

After graduating from CCS and completing.

In June of 2025 I married my amazing husband Spencer. We attend a great church called Westlake Bible Fellowship, where we help with VBS and various other ministries.

I would have to say that Mrs.Doan and Mr.Hoehn had the biggest impact on me. They always helped my class along in our faith. I'm so grateful to have gone to CCS because I felt set up for success in Christ. I hope CCS continues to keep the entire Upper School (6-12) together for activities. I always remember being the freshman watching the seniors and wanting to be like them someday.

Christian education sets us apart from the people around us and gives us the ability to talk to people about Christ in our workplaces.

My favorite CCS song is the one we would sing at the end of each year. I still get a little teary thinking of singing it at the end of my senior year. We are the alumni! And I still love the Lord. Thank you CCS!



Brenna Barnette

Youth Minister at Highway Tabernacle

CCS Class of 2020

I attended Southeastern University's - Ohio Regional Campus in Columbus. After earning a bachelor's degree in Ministerial Leadership: Christian Ministry, I married my fellow CCS Grad, Mark Barnette in 2023. We bought a home in Youngstown, OH this year, and we have been happily serving the youth at Highway Tabernacle these past 2 years!

As far as the teachers/ staff who impacted my life, it was definitely a little bit of all of them.

My 4th teacher, Mrs. Guenther was such a blessing. Mrs. Bennett in middle school helped me build a foundation on Christ when everything's crazy, and Mrs. Smith in High School helped me to pursue the Lord and step into my calling! I really could say amazing things about each and every teacher at CCS!

Sometimes I laugh at the fact that I took Theology in 8th grade - I definitely stepped into Bible School with more knowledge than the average student! It helped me to excel in my college courses and deepen my understanding of more complex topics. Every class at CCS is so beautifully intertwined with our faith, and it helped me see everything through that lens! I strongly believe that CCS is one of the biggest reasons that I am following Christ today.

I hope that CCS continues to embrace the perspective of multiple denominations. The conversations I had with my classmates were so beautifully eye opening and showed me how we all stand under the same banner of Christ. The foundational teachings of being a Christ-follower is clearly taught from morning announcements to the 7pm end of a basketball at Kingsway.

Gaining a biblical worldview through which to navigate this world is essential to a young person's development and a good Christian education is critical. There were 10 people in my class and six or so of them are in vocations where they are serving others and saving lives! The other 4 are using what they've been taught to shine their lights for Jesus in the business world!

I loved singing "My Lighthouse" and "Every Move I Make." CCS has some really special twists that make those songs so fun! We also deeply worshiped the Lord with songs like "Worthy" and "Be Thou My Vision"



Aaron Byler

U.S. Airforce Firefighter

CCS Class of 2020

Soon after graduating from CCS, I joined the Airforce. Since 2021 I've been stationed in Great falls, Montana, at Malmstrom Airforce Base, working for Malmstrom Fire & Emergency Services. I love the community of Malmstrom and the community of Great Falls. I love being a firefighter and being part of a team of professionals dedicated to a mission. My time here has brought me a deep sense of fulfillment and joy.

I have nothing negative to say about any of the staff or teachers at CCS! They are wonderful people, with hearts to serve and honor Jesus! I loved Mr. Demchak's class. He had a wonderful gift to teach. During his lectures I would be captivated. When he spoke, I felt like I was right there in that moment of history or in any given story from the Bible he was teaching about. This was especially the case during our school trips with him to Washington D.C.

CCS is a great place to grow, wrestle with beliefs and ask hard questions without fear of criticism or persecution. It is an amazing environment and culture to learn and grow up in. However, environments and cultures like CCS are very hard to find. I would encourage students to remember the lessons they've learned, the relationships they've built, the things that God has done. The God we serve is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is the same God no matter what stage of life you are in! Press into Him and His Word when your time as a student at CCS has come to an end. Praise Him in the Highs and Lows. Lastly, choose to follow Jesus and love Jesus daily! I hope that CCS continues to teach future generations discipline and integrity, work ethics, and truth; which is the good news of Jesus Christ!

I believe Christian education is immensely important in today's world—where evil is increasingly viewed as good and good viewed as evil. The Bible declares, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil..." (Isaiah 5:20) Jesus said, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you." (John 15:18) We need to be bold and unashamed of the faith and hope we have in Jesus, even in the face of a world that hates both Jesus and we who follow him.

My most memorable Chapel songs are, Because He Lives & Kids of the Kingdom!



Lilia Moorman

Medical Assistant in a Cardiology Clinic

CCS Class of 2019

After CCS, I attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH. There I earned a Bachelors of Science in biology, with minors in statistics and marine science. After college, I married, moved to Chicago, and started a job in research. I spent a year and a half working in a psychiatric genetics lab and ended up getting published on a research article. Recently, I decided to switch to healthcare and started working as a medical assistant in a cardiology clinic. I also applied for physician assistant school with the hope of starting next year or the year after. People who know me from CCS may be surprised about this, but I actually love interacting with the patients that I see and have become more outgoing than everyone probably expected.

Miss Wilson was the biggest impact for why I decided to pursue science. The way that she taught and pushed us in class made me love the challenge of science. Mr. Byler and Mrs. Markovich were very impactful coaches for me, not just in how they taught the sports but in the life lessons that came with that, like the value of working hard and hustling. I feel like they both believed in me more than I believed in myself at the time and that it helped build confidence in me that I still rely on to this day.

CCS built a lot of foundational knowledge from the Bible that helped to strengthen my faith. I've realized that not everyone has that base to come from, like if they came to faith later in life, so I value that background a lot. I hope CCS continues to be a safe space for Christian education and allows kids to explore who they are in Christ. I also hope they continue forcing kids to wear uniforms, because it's so much harder having to pick out an outfit everyday.

I believe that Christian education matters today because it builds stronger Christians in faith, but also equips them with knowledge to go out into the world and make a difference.

The most memorable chapel song would be any of the ones with hand motions to go along with it. The one that comes to mind is the waves of mercy, waves of grace one. Obviously kids of the kingdom too, but I associate that more with the end of the year.



Elissa Croston

CCS Art Teacher

CCS Class of 2019

After graduating from CCS, I spent two years at LCCC where I earned my Associate in Liberal Arts degree. Feeling uncertain about the direction God was guiding my education and future career, I entered a period of waiting and surrendering my own desires. In a way that only God can orchestrate, I married my best friend, Koby Croston, in the summer of 2022. Just two months later, Koby and I heeded God's call and relocated to California. There, Koby built surfboards while I worked as a teacher's assistant. Assisting in an elementary classroom, I began to see God's calling for my career, which led me to enroll in GCU's online teacher program shortly thereafter.

A year later, the Lord placed a strong calling on our hearts to return to Ohio. I took a leap of faith and reached out to my favorite teacher and mentor from CCS, Karen Doane, to inquire about job opportunities. In the fall of 2023, I was thrilled to be hired at CCS to teach art alongside Karen, and the rest is history.

What I cherish about teaching art at CCS is the opportunity to help students deepen their relationship with Christ through their creative talents. God is the ultimate artist, and we are His finest creations. Assisting students in making that connection and glorifying God through their artistic expressions is truly a blessing.

Karen Doane has had the most significant influence on my life. She inspired and nurtured my love for art. As I transitioned into adulthood, she recognized my artistic talents. Above all, Karen exhibited profound spiritual insight and resilience through her prayers. Her trust in God as the supreme guide in her life continues to inspire me even now. She has truly been a blessing.

CCS played a crucial role in shaping my worldview by offering a biblical perspective on God, humanity, and the world. This has significantly impacted my character development, ethics, and my understanding of life's purpose.

CCS equipped me to become an art teacher by providing a philosophical basis for art, fostering a profound appreciation for the beauty found in creation, and instilling a mission to honor God through creativity. This foundation enables me to teach art not merely as a technical skill but as a way for students to engage with their faith and gain insight into the world.

I trust that CCS will keep educating students on the communal elements of their faith while promoting a courageous expression of their beliefs. Christian education holds significant value, combining faith with learning, promoting strong character, a solid moral foundation, and a God-centered worldview. Ultimately, it's about increasing the population of Heaven, one student at a time.

The most memorable CCS song would have to be Kids of the Kingdom.



George Rak

Hydraulic Valve Division/
Automation Engineer -
Parker Hannifin

CCS Class of 2019

I attended Ohio Northern University for mechanical engineering, with a minor in computer science and a concentration in robotics. I

joined and became president of the Robotic Football Team while at college, where I made many friends. I then Interned with Parker Hannifin in Elyria for 4 years and was hired on full time after college. I am based in Elyria, but help with robotics and other automation efforts in our division in Hicksville OH, MTY Mexico, and Forest City, NC. The thing I love the most about my job is that no day is ever what I expect. I can follow a project through all phases, from concept to project completion! As a bonus I can wave to CCS every day on the way to work as I drive by.

Teachers having the greatest impact on my life as a CCS student are Mr. Brickner and Mr. Bosworth. Both were so supportive of my STEM related activities and very helpful with incorporating them into my curriculum. Opportunities such as participating in the Professional Mentoring Internship allowed me to work with an engineering firm as an unpaid intern where I learned about the business from multiple angles. It was a great on-the-job experience in my field while still a senior in high school. The self-led STEM classes for CAD and programming helped me discover my post high school direction.

My experience at CCS helped me to better interact with people in most settings. It was at CCS where I decided who I wanted to be, and how I wanted to be perceived. I was able to leave my comfort zone and be ok with experiencing new things... every once in a while.

Something I really enjoyed were the Life Skills courses offered twice a week. I also enjoyed that we focused on more challenging topics during History and Literature. Some of them I feel might be glossed over or ignored in public school. Even if they are more controversial or difficult, it's important to have dialogue in order to promote critical thinking.

Christian education is more than merely memorizing scripture. Learning from a biblical perspective teaches us how we should act, how we should grow and how to become good leaders. We learn to be an example to others in our daily lives. CCS, in particular, allows students to develop close personal relationships with all of their teachers and classmates.

One of my favorite Chapel songs was Oceans. I loved singing that one.



Micah Doane

Airline Pilot

CCS Class of 2018

After CCS I moved to Florida and attended flight school. I married Abigail Muth (also a CCS alum), and we lived in Florida for a few years. We moved back up to Ohio in 2024, and I accepted a job as an airline pilot out of Detroit. My wife and I were able to purchase a home and reconnect with our local Church. I love experiencing new places and visiting cities that I never would have planned to visit otherwise. My job requires a lot of time away from home but the Lord has blessed me with a wife who is steadfast and understanding, and we are very excited to see what he has planned for us next!

Mike Demchak taught me the importance of discipline, curiosity and the drive to give more than just the bare minimum. Mike Hoehn taught me that learning new concepts or ideas should be both challenging and enjoyable with the correct approach. Lynn Myers and Donna Guenther are 2 universal constants in my life. They supported me through elementary school to Graduation and beyond with constant kindness and generosity.

CCS showed me the importance of surrounding myself with people who will build me up and help me along through support and prayer, as well as my responsibility to do the same for others. Honestly, one of the most important and practical things I've learned from CCS is efficiency and time management through balancing athletics, drama and a healthy dose of classwork.

My hope for CCS is that it continues to be bold, respectful to others and trust that things will work out as God intends. I believe CCS offers students the ability to establish a firm foundation of faith in a world that is becoming increasingly less forgiving and in some cases more hostile toward Christian ideology.

The song I loved most at CCS was, In the Garden.



Maddie Duncan (Markovich)
Hairstylist & CCS Varsity Volleyball Coach

CCS Class of 2018

After CCS I studied at LCCC where I played volleyball for 2 years and earned my Associates Degree in Science. I decided to then switch career paths in 2020 by attending Brown Aveda where I earned a cosmetology license. For the past 3 years I have worked as a hairstylist. I love cultivating relationships with my clients, as well as with my coworkers. But there's nothing I love more than my husband, family and all my nieces and nephews. They are easily the best part of life right now!

As a student at CCS from K-12th grade, I remember so many positive influences on my life. The teacher that left a huge impact on me was Mr. Demchak. Although the subject he taught was history- what stuck with me most were critical thinking skills, research skills, and seeking truth. My volleyball & basketball coach at CCS, who also happens to be my mom, was also one of the most influential people in my life as a CCS student. She taught me how important it is to be committed in all I do by working hard and giving all the glory to God. I am now the varsity volleyball coach at CCS, seeking to instill in the lives of these young female athletes the value of commitment and making their motivation to honor Jesus.

Every employee at CCS pointed everything back to God and what the Bible says. This biblical foundation is the reason I am able to be in the world today and endure whatever may come my way. I know God holds my future.

I hope CCS continues to teach future generations the importance of family and that a biblical marriage is between one male and one female. I think it is crucial to invest adequate educational time on the biblical family, especially as the world wanes away from the nuclear family. Christian education is extremely critical. Kids have the whole world in their hands via their smart phones. They are exposed to way too much. There is spiritual warfare going on in our youth. Having them at a biblically sound school, like CCS, surrounded by teachers and fellow students who know how to support one another in prayer, is the best thing that we can do for them.

my most memorable chapel songs were, "Days of Elijah" and "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)."



Trevor Doeringer

Business Owner

CCS Class of 2018

After CCS I attended CSU and graduated in 2022 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Marketing. During my senior year I started a small business and have

been doing that full time ever since. I married fellow CCS alumni, Emma Johnson. Together we have a 15 month old daughter named Juniper and are expecting baby number two in April 2026.

At CCS my History teacher, Mike Demchak, was a big inspiration to me, specifically for his mentorship throughout the NHD (National History Day) process. Attending CCS was instrumental in laying the foundation of my Christian life. With the Bible as the bedrock of everything taught, we were educated with Christ at the center of everything.

One of my favorite things about CCS was the ability to take part in all the extra curricular activities . I encourage everyone to take part in the team sports and drama department.

My most memorable chapel song was, "How He Loves".



Micah Nelson

Software Engineer

CCS Class of 2017

Shortly after graduation, I married my best friend and fellow CCS alum, Madeleine Dakters. I began a career in accounting and eventually worked up to an associate controller role. Since then, I've transitioned into software engineering, where I now help build a streamlined case and evidence management platform for law enforcement and prosecutors across the country. I love

solving complex problems and creating tools that have a real impact on communities.

The teacher who made the biggest impact on my life was Mr. Demchak. His intentional approach to digging deep into topics and encouraging us to seek truth for ourselves rather than relying solely on others' opinions has stayed with me to this day. His class taught me that hard work and curiosity bring great reward — a lesson that still drives me to pursue excellence in everything I do.

(Proverbs 18:15 — “An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”)

CCS gave me a foundation rooted in truth — not just academic truth, but biblical truth. I learned to think critically, to ask questions, and to filter what I hear through the lens of Scripture. Embracing that mindset has been invaluable, both in my career and in my personal life, especially in a world where discernment is more important than ever.

I hope that CCS continues to promote that true wisdom only comes from seeking God, being students of the Bible and prayer. I also hope that CCS continues to include ministry opportunities for students. These opportunities help students grow spiritually by stepping out of their comfort zones. My hope is that CCS continues to equip students to become more like Christ, serving others with humility, integrity, and love.

(Philippians 2:4–5)

Christian education has always mattered, but perhaps now more than ever. I believe we're seeing the effects of what happens when biblical standards and truth are watered down or forgotten. A true Christian education isn't just about knowing Bible stories — it's about cultivating a genuine relationship with Christ and learning how to live out our faith daily, with conviction and grace.

A memorable song we sang in Chapel is, “Oceans”. It was one of those songs that deeply reminded me of the power of faith and trust when stepping into the unknown.