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# Congratulations, Graduates!

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## Henry Olivier Bourg

Henry graduates from Denver East High school. His favorite activities were playing guitar and violin. He plans to attend CU Boulder in the fall and adds: "I hope to go to med school as soon as I am finished with my undergraduate degree."

"My faith has been a comforting factor in my everyday life that has provided me with guidance in all aspects. It has also helped me become a better person by treating others with kindness and promoting healthy habits."



## Nichole Graham

Nichole will graduate from Denver South High School.

"In my free time I enjoy playing tennis, skiing, playing the piano, and volunteering at There With Care. I have always been involved in church youth choir, and previously handbells too. I'm excited to be attending Purdue University this fall where I will be studying materials engineering. My faith has always been important to me because it provides me peace when life becomes overwhelming. This is the peace that I know God is always there for me, and will be walking with me through his plan for the next chapter of my life."

## Kristin Hempelman

Kristin graduates from Legend High School in Parker where she enjoyed participating in tennis and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America).

She adds, “I will be attending Colorado State University this fall to study political science on a pre-law track, in hopes to become an attorney specializing in medical malpractice. My faith has helped shape who I am today. I know that wherever I go and no matter what I face along the way I will always have my faith to guide me. I am so excited to see where my faith will take me!”

*Our steps are made firm by the LORD,  
when he delights in our way;  
though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,  
for the LORD holds us by the hand.*

*Psalm 37:23–24*



## Anna Johnson

Anna will graduate from George Washington High School in Denver. She participated in track and field, theatre, JROTC, and flag football. She plans to become a pilot in the United States Air Force. Ann says her faith expression includes helping people whenever they need it, whether you like them or not.

## Claire Miller

Claire graduates from Northfield High School in Denver. She writes: “I have been playing piano since the age of 8, and it still is a big part of my life. I did swimming the first few years of high school and hope to continue in college. I am a part of the National Honor Society, and am in the IB diploma program. I also do art and photography often.

“I am planning to attend the University of Denver, as an undeclared major, and am looking forward to exploring my interests further.

“I have grown so much in faith over the years and look forward to continuing this journey for the rest my life. My faith is what has helped me through a lot of my worries and allowed me to gain confidence in myself. One of the biggest things I have learned in the past year is that it is important to look for God’s blessings in the unexpected, and to trust in his timing and plans, wherever it may take me. My faith will carry me into the unknown and into this next step in my life.”



## Dallas Smith

Dallas is graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver. Dallas says, “I’ve been doing Chinese Dance at Joyous Chinese Cultural Center since I was little. Photography has always been an interest of mine, and I was involved in Hispanic Latino Club freshman to senior year.

“I hope to go to college after high school somewhere in Denver and pursue photography.

“Even though I can’t see what the future has in store for me, I believe God has a plan for me and will guide me in the right direction.”



## Will Smith

Will graduates from Littleton High School in Denver.

While in high school he enjoyed marching band, jazz band, FBLA, Garden Club, making videos with friends, watching movies, playing games, hanging out with friends and family, and serving as a Project Angel Heart Volunteer, and he is an avid skier and chef.

“I hope to have a thriving business career at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. I look forward to the welcoming atmosphere of the campus and how it’ll teach me to grow as a college student.

“Faith and I have always had a good relationship with one another. I have always believed in perseverance and that the right things will happen if you believe in them. So far, I have never been proven wrong in this aspect. Yeah, I do worry occasionally about the future, but I have faith that wherever I go, good things are sure to follow.”