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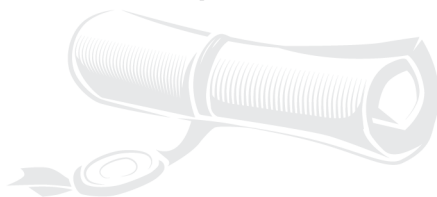
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MISSION STATEMENT

Mount Airy Christian Academy exists for the purpose of maturing its students academically, physically, spiritually, and socially.

(Luke 2:32)

CLASS OF 2023 VERSE

“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

<i>Processional</i>	<i>“Pomp and Circumstance”</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>Mr. Steve Cissel</i>
<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Dr. Mark A. Stanton</i>
<i>Salutatorian Address</i>	<i>Adam Edward Gorden</i>
<i>Valedictorian Address</i>	<i>Sophia Hope Wagner</i>
<i>Awards</i>	<i>Dr. Mark A. Stanton</i>
	<i>Dr. Patrick Korn</i>
<i>Worship in Song</i>	<i>“Promises” by Maverick City Music</i>
<i>Commencement Address</i>	<i>Pastor Everett Pope</i>
<i>Presentation of Diplomas</i>	<i>Dr. Mark A. Stanton</i>
	<i>Dr. Patrick Korn, Mr. Norm Rust</i>
<i>Charge to the Class</i>	<i>Dr. Patrick Korn</i>
<i>Changing of Tassels</i>	<i>Dr. Mark A. Stanton</i>
<i>Presentation to the Graduates</i>	<i>Faculty & Staff</i>
	<i>Harp Music by Rose Tobery</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Pastor Keith Surland</i>
<i>Passing of the Torch</i>	<i>MACA Student Council</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	

SENIOR COMMENDATIONS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

DIPLOMA RECOGNITIONS

General Diploma

College Preparatory Diploma – Light Blue Stole

Advanced College Preparatory Diploma – White Stole

ACADEMIC HONORS

cum laude (3.5 GPA) – white cord

magna cum laude (3.7 GPA) – silver cord

summa cum laude (3.9 GPA) – gold cord

STATURE AWARDS

The Colossians 3:23 Award

The 1 Corinthians 10:31 Award

The Psalm Award

FAVOR WITH GOD AWARDS

The Spiritual Growth Award

The Christian Character Award

The Wisdom Award

FAVOR WITH MAN AWARDS

The Soul Winner Award

The Compassion Award

The Hebrews 3:13 Award

The 1 Peter 2:21 Award

The Philippians 2:3 Award

THE HERITAGE AWARD

TODD HEISHMAN MEMORIAL THESIS AWARD

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Pastor Everett Pope, M.Div., is the senior pastor at United Baptist Church in New Carrollton. He also ministers to athletes at the University of Maryland through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Pastor Pope is a faithful servant of the Lord and a favorite speaker among the MACA student body.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

GENERAL DIPLOMA

Alyssa Joy Grace Dunevant

Jamie Renee Webb

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA

(Light Blue Stole)

Elijah Robert Bouwens

Juliana Lucia Herder

**Madelyn Marie Hegler*

Charlotte Anne Leonard

**Piper Cheyanne Miller*

**Mallory Christine Perfater*

Luke Francis Wehner

ADVANCED COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA

(White Stole)

**Mackenzie Grace Bowman*

Joseph Edward Clark

Curtis Steven Cissel

**Adam Edward Gorden*

Nathaniel Benjamin Jackson

Kyle Douglas Leslie

**Ashley Nicole Moran*

**Jordan Jonathan Roger Record*

William James Stanton IV

**Victoria Rose Tobery*

**Sophia Hope Wagner*

**Sarah Katherine Williams*

** National Honor Society - Medallion*

STATURE AWARDS

The Colossians 3:23 Award – “Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” This award goes to the student who strives to do things wholeheartedly for God.

The 1 Corinthians 10:31 Award – “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” This award goes to the student who uses her physical talents for the Lord.

The Psalm Award – “Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.” This award goes to the student who honors God in their fine arts calling.

FAVOR WITH GOD AWARDS

The Spiritual Growth Award – Philippians 3:13-14:
“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” This award goes to the student who tries to continually grow in the Lord.

The Christian Character Award – Colossians 1:10: “So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” This award goes to the student who can be counted on to do what is right for the Lord.

The Wisdom Award – Proverbs 4:7: “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.” This award goes to the student who hungers for biblical instruction.

FAVOR WITH MAN AWARDS

The Soul Winner Award – Proverbs 11:30: *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” This award goes to the student who desires to lead others to the Lord.*

The Compassion Award – Jude 22: *“And on some have compassion, making a distinction.” This award goes to the student who has a heart for others.*

The Hebrews 3:13 Award – *“But exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” This award goes to the student who encourages others and builds them up in the Lord.*

The 1 Peter 2:21 Award – *“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.” This award goes to the student who tries to mentor younger students and be an example to them.*

The Philippians 2:3 Award – *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” This award goes to the student who exemplifies Christlike humility.*

THE HERITAGE AWARD

This award goes to the student who has been at Mount Airy Christian Academy K-12.

TODD HEISHMAN MEMORIAL THESIS AWARD

This award goes to the senior who exemplifies the highest level of excellence in their senior thesis.

ELIJAH ROBERT BOUWENS

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My friends, my teachers, parents, God

Plans After MACA: *Attend Capitol Technical University, get a job, never stop learning*

Favorite MACA Memory: *High school retreats, baseball*





MACKENZIE GRACE BOWMAN

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Soul Winners Award

Proverbs 11:30

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Korn, my friends, and my siblings

Plans After MACA: *Attend the University of Delaware to major in nursing and work as a pediatric nurse*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Junior year retreat, reaching 500 kills my senior year volleyball season, the dances*



CURTIS STEVEN CISSEL

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Spiritual Growth Award

Philippians 3:13-14

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

Mom, Dad, Mr. Rust, Mr. Sweigert

Plans After MACA:

Attend Cedarville University and get a STEM degree, hopefully fly for the Air Force

Favorite MACA Memory:

Monkeying around with people during free time on the high school retreats





JOSEPH EDWARD CLARK

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, Mrs. Bronner, Mr. Schuetz, my pastors

Plans After MACA: *Attend Cedarville University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree*

Favorite MACA Memory: *The 2019 Retreat*





ALYSSA JOY GRACE DUNEVANT

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

General

AWARDS:

The 1 Peter 2:21 Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

Mrs. Harman, My parents, My brother, Katie Espey

Plans After MACA: Attend community college and transfer to an art school

Favorite MACA Memory: Senior mission trip to Kentucky, 2022 retreat





ADAM EDWARD GORDEN

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude
Salutatorian

AWARDS:

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most: My parents, Nate Jackson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Burrall

Plans After MACA: Attend Cedarville University and get an engineering degree

Favorite MACA Memory: Karaoke with Mrs. Dibert





MADLYN MARIE HEGLER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Christian Character Award

Colossians 1:10

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted you Most:

My mom, my friends, and Mrs. Bronner

Plans After MACA: *Attend Frederick Community College to pursue a nursing degree*

Favorite MACA Memory: *Senior high school retreat and soccer*





JULIANA LUCIA HERDER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, Mrs. Bronner, my best friends

Plans After MACA: Attend Frederick Community College and grow in my walk with the Lord



Favorite MACA Memory: Junior and senior year retreats, senior mission trip, junior hike



NATHANIEL BENJAMIN JACKSON

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, my siblings, Mr. Sweigert, Mrs. Smith

Plans After MACA: *Practice drums every day, learn more about music engineering from my studio job*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Second day of junior hike*



CHARLOTTE ANNE LEONARD

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

Mrs Bronner, Mrs. Hoefler

Plans After MACA: Attend Palm Beach Atlantic University and major in cinema arts



Favorite MACA Memory: 8th grade Hershey Park trip, senior year retreat, soccer seasons



KYLE DOUGLAS LESLIE

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Magna Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, my friends Ashley Moran, Mr. Sweigert, Mrs. Cook

Plans After MACA: Attend two years at Frederick Community College then transfer to a four-year school



Favorite MACA Memory: Junior hike antics



PIPER CHEYANNE MILLER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Compassion Award

Jude 22



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My family and my teachers

Plans After MACA: Attend Coastal Carolina University

Favorite MACA Memory: Senior retreat and sports





ASHLEY NICOLE MORAN

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

*My parents, my sisters, my friends,
Kyle Leslie, Mrs. Bronner, Mrs. Cook,
Mr. Rust*

Plans After MACA: *Attend Frederick
Community College and see where
the Lord leads me*



Favorite MACA Memory: *High
school retreats, junior hike, mission
trip, senior basketball season*



MALLORY CHRISTINE PERFATER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The 1 Corinthians 10:31 Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My family, my friends, Mr. Brethauer, Mrs. Bronner

Plans After MACA: *Continue working and explore possibilities in interior design*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Retreats, junior hike, mission trip, and hanging out with my friends*



JORDAN JONATHAN ROGER RECORD

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Colossians 3:23 Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents and my brother, my teachers and mentors, my friends

Plans After MACA: *Attend Carroll Community College for engineering*

Favorite MACA Memory: *The high school retreats*





WILLIAM JAMES STANTON IV

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Wisdom Award

Proverbs 4:7



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

*My parents, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Burrall,
Mr. Sweigert*

Plans After MACA: *Make it out of
the high school trenches and attend
Grove City College*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Senior
basketball season, karaoke with
Mrs. Dibert*



VICTORIA ROSE TOBERY

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My family, Mr. Rust, Mrs. Bronner

Plans After MACA: *Attend West Virginia University's Honors college and double major in civil engineering and harp performance*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Becoming close to my class during the retreat the past couple of years*



SOPHIA HOPE WAGNER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude
Valedictorian

AWARDS:

The Philippians 2:3 Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

Mr. Rust, Mrs. Smith, and my family

Plans After MACA: Attend Cedarville University

Favorite MACA Memory: Retreats and junior hike





JAMIE RENEE WEBB

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

General

AWARDS:

The Hebrews 3:13 Award

The Heritage Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, my friends, and Mrs. Bronner

Plans After MACA: *Attend Frederick Community College with my friends and see where God leads me*



Favorite MACA Memory: *Junior year retreat, playing sports with my friends, and making new friends*

LUKE FRANCIS WEHNER

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Cum Laude



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, my friends, Mr. Sweigert

Plans After MACA: *Attend Cedarville University, get a job, get married, start a family*

Favorite MACA Memory: *Senior basketball season, senior mission trip, junior hike*





SARAH KATHERINE WILLIAMS

TYPE OF DIPLOMA:

Advanced College Preparatory

ACADEMIC HONOR:

Summa Cum Laude

AWARDS:

The Psalm Award



People Who Have Impacted You Most:

My parents, grandparents, and Mr. Rust

Plans After MACA: *Attend Messiah University and major in criminal justice*

Favorite MACA Memory: *Senior high school retreat*





CONGRATULATIONS
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& Mount Airy Bible Church*

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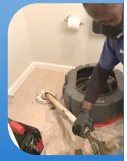
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