

GRADUATE EDITION

Springfield Chronicles

Trust the Process - Proverbs 3:5-7



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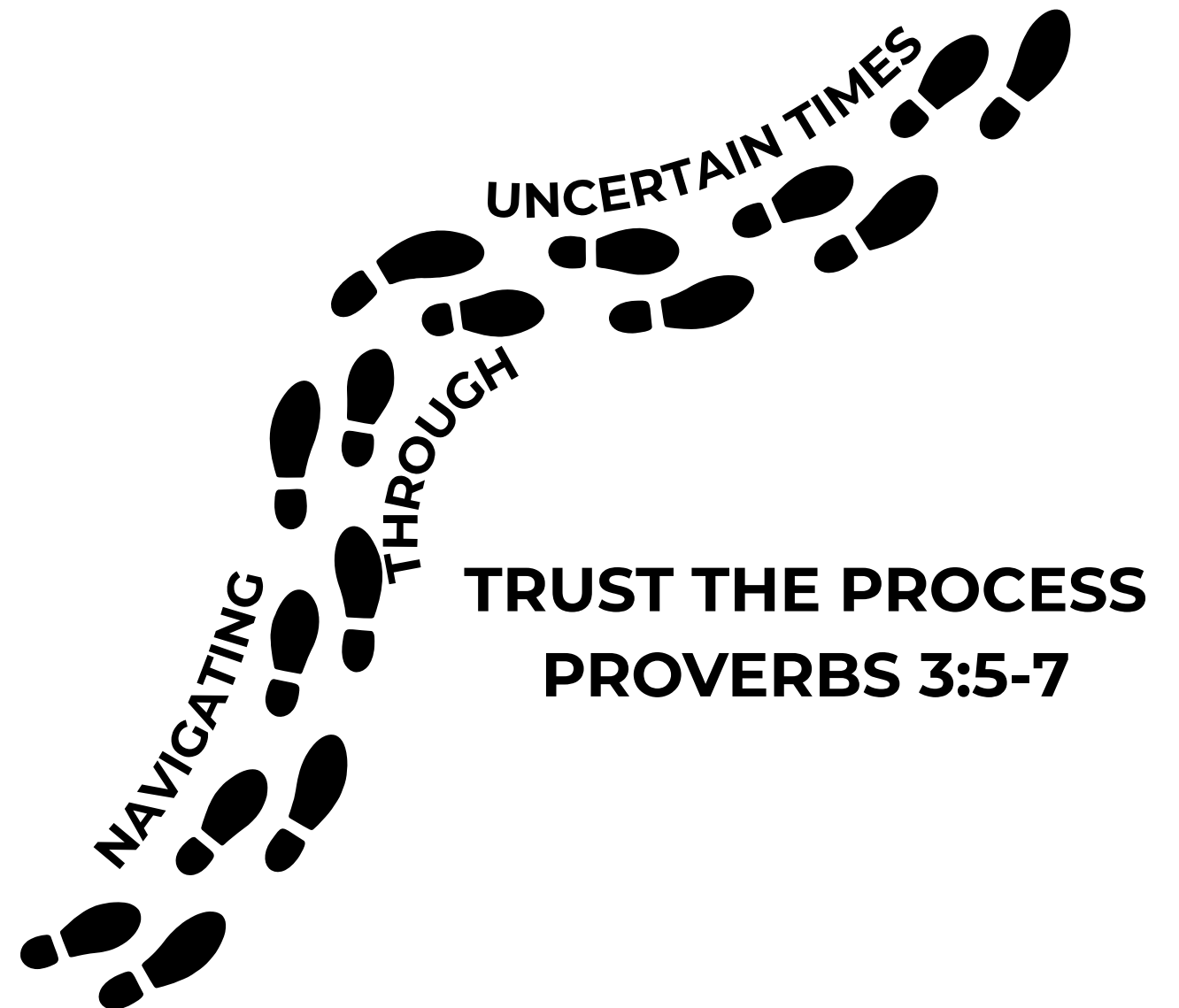
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Springfield
BAPTIST CHURCH

Navigating through Uncertain Times
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THE STURDIVANT COLUMN

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” - Matthew 6:25-26

Last year, I told some of your peers that the world as we knew it was changing.. Well, the change is now upon us. From changing policies to AI, and climate change, so much about what we thought the future would be like is different from our reality. Yet, I still have hope.

Despite the challenges of this time, I have had the blessed opportunity to watch many of you matriculate from middle school to high school, and even through college, and as a witness on your journey, I am encouraged. You all are talented, your faith is deeply rooted, and, through your hard work, we can see the evidence of God’s hand upon your lives.

Regardless of what may lie in the road ahead, know that you all are made for this! You have studied, you have prepared, you have grown and - with God on your side - there is nothing that you cannot do. Things may be hard along the way, but you will make it!

So keep striving!
Keep aiming high!
Keep defying expectations!
Keep the Faith!

And see how far the Lord will take you!

Congratulations Graduates, and God Speed!
Pastor





Gifts For All Occasions,
Springfield Gear
& so much MORE!!!



Come by every 2nd & 4th Sunday after service. There is tons of Springfield gear, including, hats, tumblers, shirts, car sticker, totes, and more!! You can also find gifts for all occasions!!

Making Our Gateway To Springfield Cleaner

Each fourth Saturday at 9:00am Springfield has a very organized litter pickup effort. **This is a CHURCHWIDE event so everyone is welcome** to join in this effort to keep our roadway pristine.

What Do I Wear?

When you come out, please wear long pants and closed toe shoes.

Why Participate?

1. Make a Difference: By picking up litter, you directly contribute to a cleaner environment.
2. Connect with other church members: It’s a great opportunity to meet fellow members and work together.
3. Feel Good: There’s something satisfying about transforming a litter-strewn area into a spotless one.
4. Students can earn “community service” hours to add to their resume’ for college applications and scholarships.

Ministry News

What it looks like?

- 16 people to clean-up
- 1 person to drive the van
- Job completed in 1 hour



Let’s maintain a cleaner, more beautiful gateway to Springfield TOGETHER!
Thank you for caring about our community.
See you there!

From a current college student to a new high school grad: these are some songs that got her through, were always on your mind, OR her go-to jams.

Enjoy

1. **JOY- VOICES OF FIRE** [FT. PHARRELL]
2. **NOW I KNOW** - TED & SHERI (THE WALLS GROUP)
3. **YOU WILL WIN** - JEKALYN CARR
4. **GREATEST POWER** - CREFLO DOLLAR

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for this choir is the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday so you can sing if you are home those weekends

AUBURN-KNIGHTDALE UNIVERSITY AKU

If you are "college-aged" please join us directly after service on the 3rd Sunday of each month

SIGN-UP TODAY!!

High School Graduates do you want to keep up with what's going on at Springfield Baptist Church while you are away at college? Would you like to receive a copy of future newsletters in your email? If you answered yes to these questions, please send us an email so we can capture your email address.

QUICK / FOR GRADS TIPS

You have graduated - what's next:

We hope these "Quick Tips" below help you navigate this next phase of your journey

SBC SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY PRESENTS: Scholarship Corner

What you can expect:

We will include scholarships for students to apply.

We also want your help:

ATTENTION Students/Parents: If you would like to receive scholarship notifications, please send an email to scholarship@springfieldbaptistchurch.com with the subject line "Scholarship Notifications".

ATTENTION Congregation: Does your place of work or alma mater sponsor scholarships? If so, please let us know by emailing scholarship@springfieldbaptistchurch.com with the details.

SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Degree Chasing Scholarship www.degreechasing.com

- Awarded to different students monthly - \$2,500 cash scholarship
- any HS senior or undergrad that has been accepted into or attends a university, college, community college or technical/trade school
- ALL MAJORS, NO ESSAY, NO APP FEE
- Monthly due date of the 1st

Riding Forward Scholarship www.regions.com

- High School Senior through College Junior
- Due Date: June 30, 2025, 9-30-25 & 12-31-25 (this is quarterly AND annual)
- \$8,000

WE WANT TO KNOW: Did you join an org, get an e-board position, new job, promotion at work, new internship, etc., we'd love to feature your accomplishments in our "College Life" segment!
NEWSLETTER@SPRINGFIELDBAPTISTCHURCH.COM

"TRUST THE PROCESS"

BY JOHNNY RAY MOORE

Going through such times as these,
will test what we're about.

The ups and downs of daily life,
can make us scream and shout.
With all that's happening in this world,
we should look to the hills,

Because the LORD will meet us there,
and teach us to be still.

In all we do, acknowledge Him,
and He'll show us the way.

GOD understands what lies ahead,

No doubt, we still must pray.
The process is more than a thing,
Do trust it as you should.

and look to GOD as you go forth,
For it is right and good.

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduates



SHAMIK FOGG

Shamik graduated from Central Wake High School, Raleigh, NC on June 26th. She is most proud of her success in math and science classes.

Shamik's future plans are to go to college for fashion design and start a LLC for a clothing line.

Parent: Sis. Nikiya Smith

KENNEDY MACK

Kennedy graduated from West Johnston High School, Benson, NC on May 23rd. She is most proud of being part of the fine arts program during her 4 years of high school.

Kennedy's future plans are to be enrolled in a dual program at Valencia College and the University of Central Florida, with plans of attending dental school to become an oral surgeon.

Parents: Bro. Tony & Sis. Kara Mack



ETHAN OLIVER

Ethan graduated from Garner Magnet High School, Garner, NC on June 13th. He is most proud of his 3.5 GPA and being accepted to the Carnegie Hall NYO Jazz for 2 consecutive years (which allowed him to play at Carnegie Hall and tour South Africa and South America as a musical ambassador).

Ethan's future plan is to attend The Julliard School. His ultimate goal is to become a touring and recording musician

Parent: Bro. Will and Sis. Melissa Oliver



Trust The Process Proverbs 3:5-7

Congrats!

Little did I know when Frances Cummings, a former high school teacher asked me to come work for the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) as her administrative assistant to the Associate Executive Director and that it would be a 37-year journey which I have truly enjoyed. It wasn't just a job but it developed into responsibilities that I too have enjoyed. It is rewarding to see when you make a difference in individuals lives. If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living will not be in vain.

A journey in life is never meant to travel alone so I would like to thank all the individuals who come to mind as I am composing this article. These individuals over the years made a difference in my journey with challenges, their kind words of encouragement, wisdom, giving me space to vent, love, laughter, tears and keeping me spiritually grounded. Yes, thank you FAMILY (personally and spiritually) for your support. The ultimate "thank you" is to my Heavenly Father for giving me strength to endure and thinking so much of me to give me this assignment.



MUCH IS GIVEN; MUCH IS REQUIRED...

Meaning.....Individuals who have been given significant blessings, opportunities or knowledge will be held to a higher standard of accountability and responsibility. The more that is given, the more is expected in return.

Happy

RETIREMENT

January 31, 2025



DEREVANA ROBINSON LEACH

Always remember.....You are not always in control. Life is full of experiences, lessons, heartbreaks and pain. Life can also show you love, beauty, possibilities and new beginnings. You have and will continue to embrace them all because it makes you who you are and after every storm comes sunshine.

WHAT'S NEXT

This is my New Beginning to enjoy life with family and friends and to do whatever God will assign. Retired January 31, 2025. To God Be the Glory!

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 GRADUATES!

The Sunday School Ministry
Salutes You and Offers these Words of advice from Psalm 37:4

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalm 37:4 ESV

**Congratulations Springfield Baptist Church
2025 Graduates!**

**We are so proud of you all and excited to see
what God has planned for your future. May He
continue to guide and bless each of you on your
journey ahead.**

The Prayer Ministry

***The Finance Ministry would like to send
Blessings and well wishes to all the
Graduates of 2025!
Bonita Goffney
Margaret Whitings***

**THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE MINISTRY WOULD
LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES!!
KEEP GRINDING!!**

Congratulations, Graduates

**You did it! We pray God’s many blessings
upon you for your future. Always seek God
for His divine guidance, purpose for your
lives, and peace at all times - especially in
the midst of stormy seasons. Keep the faith
and courage to face each challenge with
hope. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**John 4:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace
I give unto you. Not as the world giveth, give
I unto you. Do not let your hearts be
troubled; neither let it be afraid.**

**Respectfully,
SBC Compassionate Ministry**

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 GRADUATES

**WE HONOR EACH OF YOU FOR ACHIEVING
THIS TREMENDOUS MILESTONE IN
YOUR INDIVIDUAL LIVES.**

**CELEBRATE, APPRECIATE, AND CHERISH
THIS SPECIAL MOMENT IN
YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY.**

**WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS
FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF
YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.**

**BLESSINGS,
THE SPRINGFIELD HISTORY MINISTRY**

Graduates,
“May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favor and give his peace.”
Numbers 6:24-26 NLT

May God continue to fill your heart with His peace and joy.
Know that He loves you and has a glorious plan for your life,
Happy Graduation!
Springfield Newsletter Ministry

**May your faith remain your foundation and
Jesus Christ your coach in every area of
your life. You are a warrior built for
victories. Go with God and finish every race
He sets before you!**

**But they that wait upon the LORD shall
renew their strength; they shall mount up
with wings as eagles; they shall run, and
not be weary; and they shall walk, and not
faint. Isaiah 40:31**

SBC Athletic Ministry

Well Wishes
**& GRADUATE
BLESSINGS**

HIGH SCHOOL *Graduates*



CHASE PERRY

Chase graduated from Clayton High School, Clayton, NC on May 23rd. He is most proud of being inducted in the National Honors Society and being a Cort Schmidlin Scholar Athlete.

Chase’s future plans are to attend the University of North Carolina Greensboro and major in Information Systems and Supply Chain Management with a Concentration in Cybersercurity. His ultimate goal is to become a Cybersecurity Analyst.

Parent: Bro. Phelen and Sis. Cher Perry

RANYAI THIGPEN

Ranyai graduated from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School, Raleigh, NC on May 22nd.

Ranyai’s future plans are to attend North Carolina Central University and major in nursing.

Parents: Sis Ladeana Thigpen



BRAEDON THOMPSON

Braedon graduated from Clayton High School, Clayton, NC on May 23rd. He is most proud of graduating Summa Cum Laude with a 4.4 GPA, being a Junior Marshall and being inducted into the National Honors Society.

Braedon has enlisted in United States Air Force seeking a career in Cybersecurity.

Parents: Bro. Brian and Sis. Carla Thompson
Grandparents: Bro. Ron and Sis. Jean Hunter

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HIGH SCHOOL

Graduates



NICHOLAS EMANUEL WILLIAMS

Nicolas graduated from Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School, Raleigh, NC on May 22nd. He is most proud of getting all A's and B's for the entire school year and getting a B in Chinese.

Nicolas' future plans are to attend North Carolina Central University and major in Cybersecurity.

Grandparent: Bro. Thomas and Valerie Lankster

PASTOR'S "SAYINGS"

Dear High School Grads & College Grads what are your favorite "sayings" that Pastor says. Please rank your TOP 5 favorites from 1 to 5 (1 being your MOST favorite)

- Imma break it down like a fraction
- Different ain't sin, it's just different
- Talk back to me if you can
- y'all don't know when to shout
- I Got Bible
- Scripture is always best understood in context
- Amen Carpet - Amen lights
- I'm done let's go
- I can't hear too good
- Y'all making me work too hard
- WRITE IN YOUR FAVORITE HERE

Trust the Process Proverbs 3:5-7

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! As you step into the next chapter of your life, let God be your guide. Lean on Him for wisdom and strength. Trust the process! May these verses bring you comfort and encouragement as you step into the future.

- Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 - Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- Wishing you success, joy, and spiritual growth in all your endeavors.

Congratulations once again!
SBC Scholarship Ministry

Class of 2025 congratulations on your achievement. You did it! Enjoy your future journey as you keep your eyes on Jesus, your guide, your strength and your friend. Congratulations again. We are so proud of you!

Missions Ministry

Well Wishes & GRADUATE BLESSINGS

Dear Graduate,
On behalf of the Economic Empowerment Ministry, we extend our warmest congratulations on this momentous achievement. Your high school graduation is more than a milestone—it is a springboard into a future shaped by your values, vision, and perseverance.

As you step boldly into this new chapter, we offer both practical and spiritual guidance to help ground you through every season ahead:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." — Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)
This timeless truth serves as a powerful reminder: when you put God first, everything else—success, provision, and purpose—will align in its time.

A Few Words of Financial Wisdom for the Road Ahead:
• Start Budgeting Now: Know where your money is going so you can steer your future intentionally.
• Save Early, Save Often: Even modest savings grow over time. Make it a habit, and your future self will thank you.
• Be Credit-Conscious: Credit can open many doors—used wisely, it becomes a stepping stone, not a stumbling block.
• Invest in Yourself: Your skills, knowledge, and experiences are treasures that appreciate with time.
As you forge your path, let wisdom, faith, and sound judgment be your compass. Financial literacy and spiritual grounding are not just tools for success—they are lifelong companions.

Congratulations again on your achievement. We are excited for everything God has in store for you.

With every blessing for your journey ahead, Economic Empowerment Ministry



May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. As you step into this new chapter, may you walk boldly in your purpose, trusting that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion. Go let your light shine!
SBC Healthcare Ministry

Jalen! I am so proud of you and your accomplishments! I know some days the road was rough and the going got tough, and the hills were hard to climb, but you endured, you conquered, and you overcame many obstacles. This is a testament that with OD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! Remember what got you here this far and apply it to your next journey! Love you! Mom

Beautiful! You did it! It's been a long journey for you. I've seen up close how God has blessed you with the gift of ASL. Ever since I've known you I knew this subject was a calling for you. Through your program you went through very tough tests, but by the grace of God you made it out with a 4.0 GPA. The long nights, long drives, time away from the family, and stress paid off. I'm super proud of you and look forward to seeing more of what God has in store for you! You are meant for this! You are qualified for this! You are an advocate for the deaf community! There will be some tough times ahead, but don't get discouraged because God has you where He wants you! I love you! ~ Your Husband Josh ~

To my daughter Maya, one of the proudest moments of my life was becoming your mother. Watching you receive your degree from North Carolina A & T State University was the second proudest. I love you with all my heart and I pray God's continued blessings on you as you begin this new chapter of your life. #AGGIEPRIDE
Love Mom (Lenora Montgomery)

Well Wishes & GRADUATE BLESSINGS

**Braedon, congratulations on your graduation! We have watched you grow into an amazing young man. We are so proud of all you've accomplished. May God's favor continue to be upon you as you embark this next chapter. We love you.
Your Family**

Nicholas,
Know that Papa and I are so very proud of what you have accomplished! And, we pray that you will never forget how you got this far, "God's grace!" Cling to Him and His Promises; He will direct your path.
Love,
G-ma and Papa

Who knew God's plan for your life, besides God. More of his blessings are on the way. You can't beat God's giving no matter how hard you try.
Love You,
Mom, Blake, and Mr. Warren

College GRADUATES

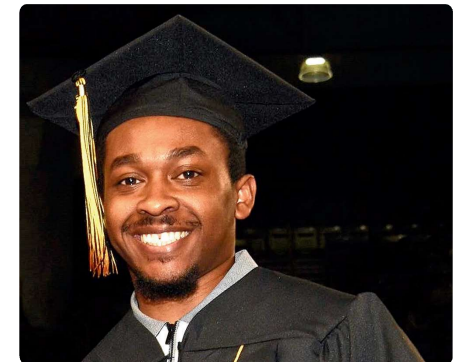
JALEN DAWES

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Jalen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Design with a Concentration in Product on May 9th from Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

Next, I plan to further develop my knowledge and skills in the sneaker industry, with a focus on designing innovative and distinctive footwear.

Parents: Deacon William and Sis. Donna Dawes



I am most proud of being on the Dean's List during my time at Appalachian State and being a part of the Industrial Design Society of America (IDSA)

JAHNERA HARRINGTON

WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jahnera graduated with an Associate of Arts degree on May 10th from Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC.

Next, I plan to attend North Carolina Central University and get my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Parent: Sis. Nikiya Smith



I am most proud of making the Dean's List and graduating.

MARGARETT HERDER-HILL

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA- GREENSBORO

Margarett graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in American Sign Language (Interpreting) on December 31st from University of North Carolina - Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

Currently, I work as a professional American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter in the K-12 and post-secondary settings. My goal is to become nationally certified within the next 5 years.

Spouse: Bro. Joshua Hill - Children: Eden, Zora, Murl
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. James K. Herder



I am most proud of graduating summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA and singing the National Anthem at commencement.

GRADUATES

MAYA MONTGOMERY

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

Maya graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology on December 14th from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, NC.

Next, I plan to return to school to obtain my master's degree and pursue a career in Forensic Psychiatry.

Parent: Sis. Lenora Montgomery



I am most proud of being inducted into the Psi Chi honor society as well as making the Chancellor's List.

AHKIYLA WIGGINS

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Ahkiyla graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology on May 10th from North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

Next, I plan to obtain a master's degree in Clinical Psychology and continue the path of becoming a behavioral therapist for adolescents.

Parents: Ashley Curtis, Coty Wiggins
Grandparents: Bro. Gilbert and Sis. Judy Wiggins
Bro. Mike and Sis. Paulette Curtis



I am most proud of making the Honor Roll x3 and being the founder of B.L.O.O.M. mental health club

KENDALL WILLIAMS

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

Kendall graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Med Biology on May 10th from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Greensboro, NC.

Currently, I am a certified clinical medical assistant and next I plan to become a PA specializing in dermatology.

Parents: Bro. Warren & Antonia Davis



I am most proud of graduating Magna Cum Laude and obtaining a 3.51 GPA

Congratulations Kennedy! We are so proud of you! We're looking forward to watching you continue your journey.

-Dad, Mom, Tony, Carrington & Madison

Jalen, I am so proud of you for staying the course and accomplishing your goal and you are such a inspirational big brother!
Jessica

Congratulations Chase,
We are so proud of the kind, hardworking, and well-rounded young man you've become. Your dedication, character, and faith have been a blessing to witness. As you graduate and begin your next chapter at UNCG, majoring in Computer Science, we pray that God continues to guide your steps and bless your journey.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Kendall, the day you started this journey, you allowed your highs and lows to help shape you to become this awesome young lady. We are so proud of you!

Dads, Mom, brother, and sisters

Well Wishes & GRADUATE BLESSINGS

Dear Ethan, Congratulations on your High School graduation! We are beyond proud of you and all that God has allowed you to accomplish. Your hard work, dedication, and unwavering focus have truly paid off - and being accepted into Juilliard School is a remarkable achievement that reflects your extraordinary talent and determination. Earning a place at Juilliard is an exceptional accomplishment. It's one of the most competitive and prestigious institutions in the world, and through your self-motivation, perseverance and continued faith in God you now have a spot among the very best. This is just the beginning of an exciting new chapter, and we cannot wait to see how you continue to grow and shine.

As you step into this next season, remember to stay grounded, remain focused, and keep your heart and mind open to God's guidance. Trust in His timing and direction - He has amazing plans for you.

We love you so much and will always be cheering you on.

We love you!

Mom and Dad

Will & Melissa Oliver

Ahkiyla as your grandparents we have loved and prayed for you from day one. For you we wish for you to walk in your God ordained purpose knowing that you are not perfect, but our perfect God loves you like no other. Trust in the Lord...is not just a catchy saying but stand on His word and you will be amazed at what He can do for and through you.

We love you...

*Grandparents: Mike & Paulette Curtis
Gilbert & Judy Wiggins*