

SENIORS

John Goddard Blessingame is the son of Scott and Amy Blessingame of Tupelo. John is a member of Christ Church New Albany. John is a member of the CHENM honor society and Eta Sigma Alpha (National Homeschool Honor Society). John has been a part of Excelsior Classical Community since 2011. John has been involved in several extracurricular activities including Spartan Track and Field, Spartan basketball, Mixed Free Form martial arts and TeenPact Leadership School. John enjoys hiking, traveling, playing video games, and volunteering at Helping Hands food pantry and Faithhaven Emergency Services for foster children. John plans to major in engineering and attend ICC and possibly Mississippi State University. Eta Sigma Alpha Honor Stole, Spartan Track Cord, Spartan Basketball Cord, Honor Cord, TeenPact Cord, and Black Belt in FFMA Cord.

Rebekah Hallel Brandon is the third daughter of Ron & Heather Brandon of Pontotoc. Hallel attended Excelsior Christian Community the entirety of her home school years. She has three sisters, Hannah, Ruth, and Ivy, and two brothers, Neo and Macrae. She regularly attends Parks Baptist Church. She currently works two jobs, one at Bulldog Burger as a manager and another as receptionist at Express Care West Medical Clinic. She has participated in Tupelo Spartans and Titans Soccer. Her other sports interest was air soft wars. Hallel's entire youth consisted of many hours of animal husbandry raising and processing chickens and turkeys for restaurant and farmer's market sales, being a milk maid, and working in a vegetable garden every summer. She enjoys traveling, spending mornings with her pet ferret, and weightlifting at a gym. At a young age, Hallel oversaw the care of her aging grandfather in his failing health, so subsequently gained an interest in geriatrics. After graduating, she plans to attend ICC to pursue a medical career as a nurse.

Gabriel Watts Brown is the son of Chris Brown. He is interested in all things coffee and music. So naturally, he works at a local coffeeshop in Tupelo and plays guitar. Gabe is involved in the Tupelo Spartans Track and Cross-Country team and has been for the past two years. His future plans are to attend ICC for two years getting his pre-requisites out of the way and then transfer to Ole Miss. His major is to be determined.

Rachel Christine Burleson is the daughter of Mark & Emily Burleson of Shannon, MS. Rachel is the third of four children. She enjoys cooking and baking, Bible study, painting, antiquing, traveling, athletics, being outdoors, spending time with her family, friends, and church family, and playing with her one-year-old nephew, Jay. She is a third-year varsity member of the Tupelo Spartans Cross Country and Track teams. Rachel plans to attend Itawamba Community College in the fall.

Emma Grace McConnell is the daughter of Troy and Andrea McConnell. She and her family live in Mooreville. Emma has been homeschooled since the third grade, and classical education has been a big part of her life. Emma attended Classical Conversations in Amarillo, Texas, for eight years. She joined Excelsior when her family moved from Texas to Mississippi. Emma is a member of Auburn Baptist Church in Mooreville. As a teenager, she has served as a children's ministry volunteer and has played piano in the youth band. Emma has taken private piano lessons for ten years and loves to play and sing in church. Emma has always had a heart for children and wants to pursue pediatric nursing at Itawamba Community College. She loves playing games, watching Marvel movies, and singing around the piano with her family. Emma also has an avid passion for reading, especially classic literature. We pray that she continues to surrender to Christ in the next season of her life. Honor Cord, Music Achievement Cord.

Kyleigh Raylynn McKee is the daughter of Kenny & Shannon Hall of Tupelo, MS and Kenneth & Elissa McKee of Bowie, TX. She has been involved with both Jr. Civitan and SPOT Community Service Club and has helped with numerous community service projects. She has also been a member of the Timelords Cosplay Club for the past 6 years, where she has won several awards for costumes she has made, and she is the current club President. Kyleigh has been taking art under Robbie Comer for the last 3 years where her love for art has grown and flourished. She has also been an integral part of Blessed Beyond Measure Designs, the family business. Kyleigh plans to attend ICC in the fall to pursue a degree in art & graphic design. Junior Civitan Cord, SPOT Cord, Art Cord

Avery Kathryn Mims is the daughter of Kelly and Lynn Mims of Tupelo. She is the youngest of four and sister to Parker, Carson, and Jared. She is an active member of Northeast Church of Christ. Avery enjoys spending time with family, hanging out with friends, music, traveling and is always looking for the next fun adventure. Avery has a love for soccer and has enjoyed playing for both the Spartans and Tupelo Titans. Avery's fiery and determined spirit have and will continue to help her accomplish anything she sets her mind on. Avery is currently dual enrolled at Itawamba Community College. She plans to enroll at Southern Union Community College in Auburn, AL, in the fall and earn a degree in radiologic technology and then hopes to get her certification as a diagnostic medical sonographer.