



*Class of 2023*

# GRADUATES

Hill Country Christian School of Austin





# JACOB LINDSEY

*High School Principal*

Though a native Texan originally from Houston, the high school I attended in the Midwest was located in Dublin, Ohio, a town which took immense pride in pretending to be Irish, so much so that our high school mascot was the fearsome “Shamrock.” Given that The Shamrocks were not sufficiently terrifying, the name was frequently shortened to just the Dublin Coffman “Rocks”, and in that spirit, the school administration deposited an immense boulder outside of the school that became something of a gathering place for the student body.

Over the course of the years that followed, The Rock was also approved as a campus billboard, and when different sports teams, arts groups, and other student organizations wanted to advertise upcoming events to the school community, they were permitted to paint The Rock accordingly. During my high school career, I can recall painting The Rock with my friends, teammates, and classmates on numerous occasions, adding to the mysterious accumulation of innumerable paint layers contributed by students over time. Like my peers at the time, I viewed this large, craggy protrusion beside the school entrance as the literal and figurative center of student life, foundational to my understanding of what it meant to be a vaunted Shamrock.

As you reflect on your educational experience thus far, particularly as soon-to-be alumni, I hope you will humor me by thinking through what it means to be a Hill Country Knight. (Far more impressive than a lowly Shamrock!) In the midst of this reflection, I encourage you to consider the foundational people and experiences you have encountered that shaped your growth not only as students but as people. It is my sincerest hope that you have developed life-long friendships and deep connections with caring faculty and staff, while also benefiting from academic coursework and extracurricular activities that have inspired and challenged you in meaningful ways.

Yet over and above these considerations, which truly are good things, it is my prayer that the most foundational aspect of your experience at Hill Country has been an emphasis on the one and only Rock upon which we can and should center our lives. Both now as a Hill Country student and in the future as Hill Country alumni, I hope you take to heart Jesus’s closing words from the Sermon on the Mount, which emphasize the extraordinary peace and comfort we experience when we acknowledge him as Savior and follow him as Lord of our lives. As you well know, your individual circumstances will vary, and you will encounter both highs and lows as you transition into the next chapter of your life, but if you remain faithful to Jesus and view the relationships, challenges, opportunities, and blessings of your life with proper perspective, there is no storm you cannot weather.

Congratulations, Class of 2023! We delight in all that God has prepared for you in the journey ahead and pray you would seek to honor and glorify Him with your lives.

***“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” Matthew 7:24-27***



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## ASHLEIGH SUSAN NELSON | *Valedictorian*



I have been at Hill Country for 13 years, starting in kindergarten, and I will attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the fall to study chemistry and psychology. Growing up at Hill Country has prepared me for life beyond it by pushing me to my limits academically, socially, and spiritually. Whether it was Mrs. Novlan and Mrs. Seymour encouraging me to get a perfect score on an AP English essay or my softball coaches having me help run warmups, or Mr. Cauley pushing me to think just a little bit deeper about a biblical concept, all of my teachers and coaches have pushed me to be better than I thought I could be; I now have skills that will be critical to my life after high school. I will always be thankful for my experiences at Hill Country and the person they have shaped me to be.

## JOHN DANIEL CONNELL | *Salutatorian*



I've been at Hill Country since kindergarten, and I'm going to Texas A&M University to study engineering. My thirteen years at Hill Country have had a massive impact on my work ethic and were instrumental in developing my critical thinking. In particular, Mrs. Novlan vastly improved my usage of language, both written and spoken, Mrs. Sorley helped me grow in my problem-solving skills and working concepts together, and seven years of distance running pushed my mental strength and perseverance. Thanks to every single one of my teachers and classmates over the years, Hill Country has allowed me to weave these areas together around the knowledge and love of Christ for a truly well-rounded education.

# SENIOR WALK







**EMILY GRAY BECKER**  
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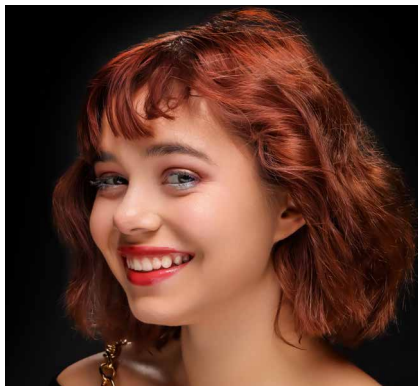
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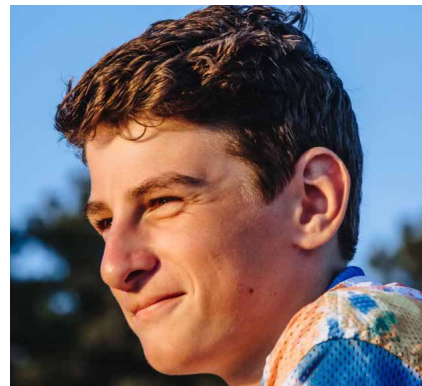
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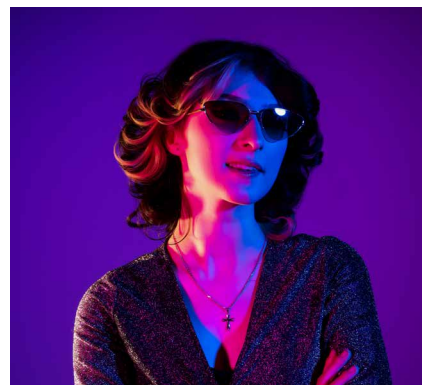
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AMERICAN MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ACADEMY



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**KIMO DANIEL HORVATH**  
*MAGNA CUM LAUDE | NHS*  
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**KARSEN NOEL WALLACE**  
UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR

*The Lord* **BLESS YOU** and keep you;  
*the Lord* make his face shine on you and **BE GRACIOUS TO YOU**;  
*the Lord* turn his face toward you and **GIVE YOU PEACE.**

NUMBERS 6:24-26



# ALPHA OMEGA

## Graduates

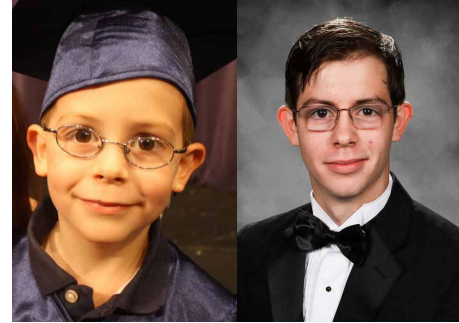
# Class of 2023 ACCEPTANCES



Elyssa Burseson



Mia Cline



John Connell



Emma Gilmore



Kimo Horvath



Anna Hudgens



Luke McSpadden



Ashleigh Nelson



Emory Rhoden



Nathan Snapp



Miriam Vacek

Alpha Omegas are students who have attended Hill Country Christian School for 12 consecutive years.

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 Angelo State University • Arizona State University-Tempe • Auburn University • Baylor University • Belmont University • Berry College  
 Biola College • Blinn College • Bradley University • California Lutheran University • Cedarville University • Clemson University  
 Colorado Christian University • Colorado Mesa University • Colorado State University • Concordia University Texas  
 Dallas Baptist University • Drake University • Elon University • Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach & Prescott)  
 Grand Canyon University • Houston Christian University • Kent State University • Liberty University • Louisiana State University  
 Marymount Manhattan College • Mississippi State University • New Mexico State University • Northern Arizona University  
 The Ohio State University • Ohio University • Pepperdine University • Purdue University • Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
 Sam Houston State University • Samford University • Savannah College of Art and Design • Southern Illinois University, Carbondale  
 Southern Methodist University • Stephen F. Austin State University • Texas A&M University • Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi  
 Texas A&M University, Galveston • Texas Christian University • Texas State University • Texas Tech University • Texas Woman's University  
 The King's College • The Master's University and Seminary • The University of Alabama • University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 The University of Texas at Arlington • The University of Texas at Austin • The University of Texas at Dallas  
 The University of Texas at San Antonio • Tiffin University • Trinity University • University of Arizona • University of Arkansas  
 University of Colorado Boulder • University of Colorado Colorado Springs • University of Houston • University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor • University of Mississippi • University of Nebraska-Lincoln • University of North Texas  
 University of Rochester • University of the Incarnate Word • University of Tulsa • University of Wyoming • Virginia Tech  
 West Texas A&M University • Westmont College • Wheaton College



The Class of 2023 has been offered merit scholarships in excess of

**\$5,500,000**





# CONGRATULATIONS, *Class of 2023*



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