## **Grace Family Graduations — Higher Education**



Jackson Drake is graduating *magna cum laude* from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sport Management. Jackson has been an active student on campus, working as a student manager for Wichita State Baseball, a marketing intern in the WSU Athletics Department, and a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Jackson is currently completing an internship for the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, a professional baseball team in Waldorf, Maryland. He will attend Belmont University in the fall where he will pursue a Master of Sport Administration degree. Jackson is the son of Kendall Price and Dan Drake.

**Brad Webster** is slated to graduate with the Spring 2021 class from Kansas State University. He is earning a BS degree from the College of Arts and Sciences in Life Sciences. He hopes to go into the field of Oceanography and will be looking for work along the Gulf Coast or Atlantic seaboard. He loves the outdoors and time spent with his buddies exploring nature. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for him as he enters the next chapter of his life. Brad is the son of Tom and Jody Webster.





**Christy Vavra** graduates *summa cum laude* from Kansas State University's Food Science Institute with a degree in Food Science and Technology. In addition to her course work, she has been an active member and Vice President of the KSU Bakery Science Club. Christy also worked with the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Kansas Sorghum Commission to design, formulate, and scale-up a gluten-free breakfast waffle sandwich, now being served at KSU dining centers. Following graduation,

she will move to Ogden, Utah to work full time with Ardent Mills with quality assurance of flour milling.

**Max McIntire** will graduate from Oklahoma City University with a BFA in Acting, minors in Directing and Costume Technology. Max has been a part of Grace Presbyterian with his mother and father, Maggie and Dave McIntire, and his older brother Spencer, for 15 years! Graduating from The Independent School in 2017, Maxwell decided to attend Oklahoma City University and pursue a BFA in Acting, quickly picking up focuses in directing and costume work as a part of his studies. While at OCU, Maxwell has performed, written plays, and directed multiple student performances. His awards include Graduating with Honors, *cum laude*; His credits include: Bernard in Arcadia, dir. Hal Kohlman; George in Women of Lockerbie, dir. Kris



Kuss; Director of OCU SNL, part of the Festival of New Works. His post-graduation plan is to stay in Oklahoma City for a few years, before moving to Chicago or Washington D.C. and continuing his work as an actor, writer, and director. He is endlessly grateful to his family for their support, and he is proud to call himself a member of Grace Presbyterian Church!

## **Grace Family Graduations — High School**

**Delaney Shaw** is a senior at East High School. Throughout high school, Delaney played violin in the school orchestra, swam on the varsity swim team, and participated in debate, forensics, and Tri-M. She has been a Girl Scout since first grade and earned her Silver Award two years ago. This summer she will be a water front counselor at Cloud Rim Girl Scout Camp in Utah. In the fall she will attend Bournemouth University in England, majoring in Forensic Science. Delaney is the daughter of Carolyn and David Shaw.





Lydia Pluenneke is a senior at Andover eAcademy. During High School she has been active in several activities; marching band, jazz band, and orchestra as a bassist. She was a member of the women's golf and swimming teams. She has been active in the GPC Girl Scout Troop and a multiple mission trip participant with the youth group. Baptized and confirmed at Grace, she is part of the Youth Praise Band. She spent her early years as part of Jacob's Learning Ladder. Currently a Grub Hub Driver and pet sitter (tips accepted), Lydia plans to attend Butler CC in the fall. She is the daughter of Stephanie Oberhelman and Hal Pluenneke and a tolerant sister of her older brother Jordan. Her summer plans are to travel (not just Grub Hub) and to work on her painting and drawing.

**Grace Stark** attends Wichita North High school where she will graduate with Honors. She is part of the Biomed and AVID programs and also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the Spanish Honors Society. She has taken CNA training, along with other medical classes, with a goal of becoming a Pediatric nurse. She plans on attending Wichita State University in the fall. She is a member of the Grace Youth Group. Grace is the daughter of Mark and Lainie Stark.



## **Grace Family Graduations — High School**



Jenna McFall is graduating from Wichita East High School. Jenna has sung with various choirs while at East. Jenna is a Girl Scout and has rowed competitively with the Wichita Rowing Association Juniors team for three years. She plans to row in college, whether at KU or elsewhere, yet to be determined, along with a major. She is part of the Grace youth group and a member of the youth band. Jenna is the daughter of Kelly and Laura McFall.

**Sam Snook** is a senior at Berean Academy. Sam has been a two-time state cross-country champion, first team all-conference selection and team captain of the men's basketball team. He was named as an honorable mention for the State of Kansas 2A basketball team and an academic all-American. Sam earned the gold honor-roll all four years, graduating with honors and a 4.0 GPA. He enjoyed being a worship leader on the Berean Academy student worship team and Grace Presbyterian's student worship team. He also enjoyed learning leadership skills as STUCO president. Currently, Sam is participated in track and field, and he enjoys woodworking in his spare time. This year, he was awarded the honor of, "Mr. Berean" by his classmates and school faculty. He plans on attending John Brown University in the fall and studying Kinesiology. He will also



participate in track and field. He then plans to attend seminary to earn his Master of Divinity. Sam is the son of Geoff and Jennifer Snook and a member of Grace Presbyterian Church.



Julian David Bean was very involved at Southeast High School and recently graduated in March 2021. During High School, Julian was in the Marching Band his Freshman and Sophomore years and has enjoyed playing the trumpet since 6th grade. Julian went to Honolulu, Hawaii with the Southeast Marching Band as Ambassadors of Kansas in December 2017. The Southeast Marching Band had the wonderful opportunity to perform at the 75th Anniversary Memorial Parade of Pearl Harbor. He played basketball for four years at Southeast and worked very hard to maintain his grades and to do his best in sports. He played baseball his Freshman and Sophomore year. Julian was in the AVID program for all four years of High School and helped with

community service. Julian graduated with honors and was an Honor Roll student for most of his High School years. He plans to attend college next fall and is undecided on which college he will attend. He is very interested in Business and Entrepreneurship and is very excited about his future. Julian is the son of David and Grace Bean.

## **Grace Family Graduations — High School / College**



Jaiden Catlett graduates from Wichita High School East. While at East High he was a member of the Media club, where he helped with sound and video for sports and the annual Talent show. Jaiden is an avid skate boarder and enjoys working in the music industry. He has been a life-long member of Grace and an active participant in the youth group. He will be attending Blackbird Academy in Nashville, TN to learn sound engineering. Jaiden is the son of Heather Grannis and Jason Catlett and grandson to Jim and Merodee Grannis.

Victoria Brown has been a part of JROTC for 4 years and has obtained the position of Command Sergeant Major. Victoria has been a part of the North High family. She participated in volleyball, wrestling, swim, cheer, theater, improv, cooking club, Student Council, and choir. In the JROTC program she earned the rank of Core Commanding Sergeant Major and has participated in drill and been commander and co-commander, orienteering, compass course, Honor guard, and JCLC. She has logged over 200 hours of community service. Her plan is to go to WSU for two years, participating in the ROTC program, then transfer to K-state and major in psychology. She then



hopes to further her education while being Active duty for the US Army. Her end goal in education is to have a Doctorate in Psychology, Sociology and a major in physical therapy. Victoria dreams of becoming a research psychologist and exploring ways to help come up with a Trauma Prevention class that soldiers can take before they deploy. Victoria is the Daughter of TJ Monroe and Step-daughter to Anthony Monroe.



**Donyae Brown** attends Wichita High School East and will graduate with honors punctuated with 4.0's his Junior and Senior years. He is a four-year member of the East High choir, Men's choir, and member of the Concert choir his Junior and Senior years. He was a member of our Middle High youth group along with WYLDlife and an active High School youth group member. He is part of the Youth band, Elevators and currently part of the Senior planning team for this year's Mission Trip. Donyae is the son of Charray Pearson and Jerome Brown.

**Emma Schumann** is graduating from Kansas State University. She studied Personal Financial Planning and is graduating with honors *summa cum laude*. Her parents are Tom and Betsy Schumann and her sisters are Noelle and Alexandra; you may remember them as the Tie Dye Girls from VBS. While at K-State, she was a section leader for the piccolos in the marching band, participated in the 2019 AFCPE Knowledge Bowl, played on the women's rugby team, and studied abroad in Costa Rica. During her summers she worked as a staff member for TEAMeffort Missions. After graduation she plans to move to Jacksonville, FL where she will be working at Fidelity. Go Cats!

