

# GRADUATION SUNDAY

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## *Annslley Elise Baxley*

AnnElise is the daughter of Kim and Allen Baxley. AnnElise graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Clemson University where she will major in nursing. Her interests include cheerleading, reading, spending time with family and friends, and watching plenty of Netflix. AnnElise was involved in cheerleading, Student Council, National Honor Society, Beta Club, and the school newspaper staff during her time at North Augusta High.

Her favorite Youth Group memory was Student Life Camp the summer before senior year. The advice AnnElise leaves the underclassmen is “Enjoy every moment—time really does fly by when you are having fun.” What she loved most about her Grace family was the people that she met here. Everyone welcomed her with open arms and has supported her all through high school.

## *Katherine Elizabeth Cannon*

Katie Beth is the daughter of Jennifer and Blake Cannon. She is the granddaughter of Roseann and Keith Sexton as well as Becky and LB Cannon. Katie Beth graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Belmont University in Nashville Tennessee to major in journalism before she pursues a career in print and multimedia journalism. Her interests include journalism and writing, reading, hiking, rock climbing, Bible Studies, and hammocking. During her time at North Augusta High, Katie Beth was Senior Class President, Editor in Chief of the school newspaper (The Buzz), FBLA President, National Honor Society President and Valedictorian.

Her favorite memory from her time in the Grace UMC Youth Group was on their whitewater rafting trip in the summer of 2021. She remembers having so much fun that weekend playing late-night volleyball and growing closer together. She remembers the group being more comfortable around each other as they talked about their individual relationships with God.

The advice Katie Beth leaves the underclassmen is “Remember that even though some things seem like the end of the world, they are not. You have a whole life to live, and you are going to make mistakes. Just remember to try your best, keep moving forward, and trust that God is with you through it all.” She expressed that she loved the dedication from the staff and leadership of Grace UMC. Throughout the process of dealing with COVID and hiring a new youth pastor and navigating the world that we live in, the leadership and staff at Grace UMC has kept God at the center of their perspective and have tried to do the best thing for the congregation. She appreciates that they care so much about the people they serve.

## *Logan Strom Eidell*

Logan is the son of Kevin and Cheryl Eidell. He is the grandson of Grice and Gayle Keel, Done and Jeanne Uhr, and Gary and Alice Eidell. Logan graduated from Augusta Christian Schools and plans to attend the University of South Carolina before joining the Navy. His interests include scouting, sports, and video games. During his time at Augusta Christian, Logan was involved in NJROTC, baseball, wrestling, football, and Beta Club.

His favorite Youth Group memory was volunteering at Vacation Bible School and kayaking.

## *Cassady Langston Fortson*

Cassady is the daughter of Ashlie and Scott Fortson. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Catherin Ergle and Deloris Bodie. Cassady graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Clemson University to major in Special Education. Her interests include golfing, hanging out with friends, and volunteering with local organizations. While attending North Augusta High, Cassady was involved in varsity golf, Buddy Club, and Beta Club. She also coached the North Augusta Middle School golf team.

Cassady’s favorite youth group memories were our multiple bus rides to Carowinds and various other places. She also enjoyed the Ridgehaven trip because “it was so cool to experience, and it was very pretty where we were.” The advice Cassady leaves the underclassmen is to “Stick with it and keep coming because it’ll be worth it in the end with the family you make by attending every Sunday.” What she loves most about her Grace family is, “Their willingness to always help anyone who needs it.”

### *Sean David Fowley*

Sean is the son of Mark and Suzanne Fowley. He is the grandson of Joe and Laura Lusk. Sean graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend the University of South Carolina to major in Political Science. Upon graduation, Sean plans to attend law school to pursue a career as a criminal defense lawyer. His interests include running, reading, singing, and music. During his time at North Augusta High, Sean was Co-Editor-in-Chief of the NAHS Sandspurs Yearbook, Vice President of National Honors Society, Website manager for NAHS “The Buzz” newspaper, Student Body Vice President. Sean was also chosen for the student Hall of Fame and participated in cross country, varsity swim, FBLA, FCA, and Teacher Cadet.

Sean’s favorite youth group memory was, “Last Summer, the youth group went on a trip to Tennessee to go white water rafting. After a long day of facing the rapids, we settled into our cabins for a good night’s rest. We slept in a cabin with bunk beds that were 5 feet plus off the ground. In the middle of the night, I fell off one of the bunk beds and laid on the floor for like 20 minutes crying and gasping for breath while half asleep. It felt like I had broken a rib. During this time, I tried calling for Andy and other boys in the cabin and nobody responded. That morning, one other camper, LB, told me he heard me gasping for help on the floor but thought he was dreaming!”

The advice Sean leaves for the underclassmen is to “Enjoy what days you have left of your high school years because this time in your life goes by fast! So, get involved, make new friends, and many special memories that you can cherish once this time is over.” Sean states that the one thing he loves most about Grace UMC is “it is members. Everybody seems more like family and close friends rather than the 'person I go to church with.' Everybody is loving, supportive, and strong in their faith which makes for the best church community to call my own.”

### *Hailey Breann Gross*

Hailey is the daughter of Bonnie Kirkland and Jeremy Smith. She is the granddaughter of Ted and Diane Banta and Lyman Kirkland. Hailey graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Aiken Technical College for nursing. During her time at North Augusta High, Hailey was involved in Student Council, Beta Club, Sandspurs yearbook staff, “The Buzz” newspaper staff, and varsity girls' tennis.

Hailey’s favorite Grace youth group memory was her first Salkehatchie. The advice Hailey leaves the underclassmen is to “Always stay true to your faith even through temptation.” Hailey states that what she loves most about Grace is that it is, “A place that feels like home and like a family.” She says, “I have always received support from everyone I have met in my years here. Glad to call Grace my church home.”

### *Evan Wright Prickett*

Evan is the son of Darren and Holly Prickett. He is the grandson of Dean and Dianne Prickett and the late Sidney and Pat Wright. Evan graduated from Fox Creek High School and plans to attend Lander University to play golf and major in nursing. His interests include golfing, hunting, fishing, archery, and traveling. While at Fox Creek, Evan was a part of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Ren Crew, the skeet shooting team, swim team, and golf team. Evan also earned All-Region Player of the Year and Region Golf Champion while at Fox Creek.

Evan’s favorite youth group memory was, “playing in the praise band and being able to bring everyone together through music.” The advice Evan leaves for the underclassmen is to “use your faith to fall back on during hard times in life.” Evan states that the one thing he loves most about Grace UMC is “is how we create amazing relationships through Gods work.”

### *Dani Slusher*

Dani is the child of Theresa Calhoun and Daniel Forman. Dani is the grandchild of Jerry and Patricia Slusher and Joanne and Paul Foreman. Dani graduated from North Augusta High School and plans to attend Full Sail University in Winter Park, Florida to study Game Design and Development. Dani is interested in gaming and music. While attending North Augusta High School, Dani was involved in the Marching Band, Choir, All-State Choir, and Orchestra.

Dani’s favorite memory or youth group was Salkehatchie. The advice Dani leaves the underclassmen is, “Keep up with obligations and assignments.” Dani also states that the best thing about Grace is that everyone here feels like family.

### *Ellis Haynes Waters*

Ellis is the son of Buff and Crissy Waters. He is the grandson of Larry and Carla Ellis and Ille Waters. Ellis graduated from Aiken Scholars Academy and plans to attend USC Aiken to major in Computer Science. Ellis is interested in computers.

His favorite youth group memory is of Salkehatchie. The advice that Ellis leaves the underclassmen is to study. Ellis also states that what he loves most about Grace UMC is Salkehatchie and AMPed student ministry.

### *Other HS Graduates:*

Wylie Brooks, Emma Daniels