

Portrait of a Graduate

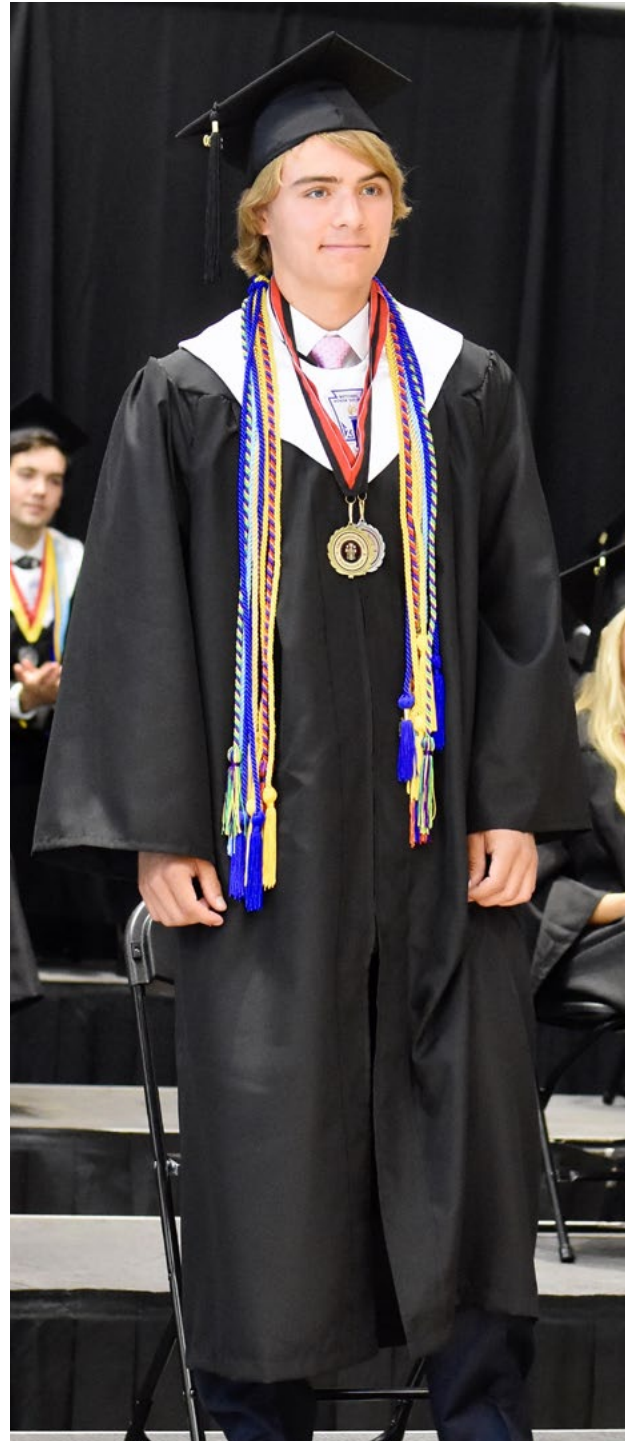
Through the course of a Covenant education, Covenant graduates have been disciplined and shepherded to pursue God, eagerly engage in learning, diligently endeavor to excel in and enjoy all areas of life, communicate in a winsome manner, and joyfully serve. It is our hope and prayer that through every student's Covenant journey, they will be equipped to recognize and pursue God's calling and to glorify Him throughout a purpose-filled life.

A Covenant graduate is primarily a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Graduates exemplify this foundational relationship with Christ through reading and knowing the Holy Scripture, communing with God in prayer, seeking God's will, serving Christ with their entire beings, and joyfully living out biblical virtues, both inside and outside the classroom. No matter what the culture around them may say, they discern the truth and will lovingly and courageously lead their community throughout life with enduring faith, hope, and love. **Psalm 1:1-3**

A Covenant graduate thinks both broadly and deeply about God's world.

Growing in wisdom, they have a posture of wonder and appreciate the process of reasoning through weighty ideas, asking thoughtful questions, and hearing the opinions of others. They love the good, the true, and the beautiful, as recognized in God's creation and providence, discerning these through a life-long interest in nature and in human history, story, and art. **Proverbs 4:5-7**



A Covenant graduate strives to excel in and enjoy all areas of life.

Amidst persecution or failure, graduates are willing to work hard and persevere, understanding that the aim is not perfection but God's glorification. They work with excellence while recognizing the need for harmony, rest, and enjoying outside interests. In humility, they cultivate all of life's areas: relationship, intellect, imagination, will, body, and spirit. **Colossians 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:8-10**

A Covenant graduate has an outward focus with care for the people and things of God.

Graduates are kind and empathetic, engaged in serving and leading their community. They seek to understand and meet neighbors' needs, pursuing the habit of active service to others. They are not self-seeking and have been thoroughly equipped for a lifetime of Kingdom service and humble servant leadership, in actively transforming the culture for the cause of Christ and for the good of humanity. **Micah 6:8**

A Covenant graduate is a winsome communicator who chooses words wisely.

In both written and oral and through both public and interpersonal communications, they convey difficult and daunting truths in a gracious, logical and persuasive manner. Able to truly listen to others, graduates are respectful, personable, and kind while still confidently and competently representing the truth. **I Peter 3:15**

