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## BCSO schools recognize 2017 graduates

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**Bethel Baptist School** graduated **Bryanna Anderson** and **Joseph Shihady II** on May 18. Pastor Russell Ellis was the commencement speaker highlighting II Kings 13:14-19 in his address entitled "*Your Arrow: God's Will for Your Life.*" The class verse was Isaiah 26:3-4.

**Cozaddale Baptist Academy** had five students walk on May 26. **Jason Stone**, **Lily Hall** (salutatorian), **Hannah Chittum** (valedictorian), **Rachel Sage** and **Chyanne Davis** were addressed by Daniel Shock who brought the message, "*Don't Ever Give Up!*" The class verse was Hebrews 6:1a.

**Elizabeth Garren** was **Fayette Christian School's** lone graduate.

The school's ceremony was held on May 26. The BCSO's legislative director, **Izaak VanderSchel**, gave the commencement address. Garren plans to attend **Waynesburg State University** in the fall where she will study forensic science.

Fifteen students from **Heritage Christian School (Brooklyn)** graduated on May 26. Dr. Al Stone, senior pastor at Bible Baptist Church (St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada) and president of *Bearing Precious Seed*, was the featured speaker. **Madeline Borke**, **Joseph Brown**, **Sarah Green** (salutatorian), **Hayden Hoffman**, **Karley Lawn** and **Sharon Miller** will all study at Pensacola Christian College (PCC) in the fall. **Alayna Klemenc** (valedictorian) has

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**"If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity."**

~ Daniel Webster

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committed to West Coast Baptist College and **Brian Yeager** will attend Crown College of the Bible. **Noah Brooks, Marissa Corley, Austin Harinarine, Andrew Linger, Lucas Price, Alex Soto, and Luke Szerszen** round out HCS's class of 2017.

Dr. David Shumate addressed nine graduates at **Heritage Christian School (Findlay)** on May 21. He referenced I Peter 1:1-9 in a message entitled "*More Precious than Gold.*" Students who walked include **Bethany Berry, Eliese Gully, Joe Oestreich, Megan Ridenour, Jonathan Sheppard, Evan Trantham, Andrew VanDenBerghe** (valedictorian), **Nydia Velasquez** (salutatorian) and **Elianna Wright**.

**Sarah Pettigrew** represented **Lima Christian Academy** as its lone graduate on May 26. The graduation service was a vesper-like program that featured various musical groups and a speech by Pettigrew.

**Mentor Christian School** graduated seven students on May 26 with Pastor Mike Goldfuss giving the

commencement address. MCS's class of 2017 includes: **Kiah Frank, Carissa Goldfuss, Sam Hixson, Madeline Hurst, Bob Marotta, Jarrett Ryan and Eric Seitz**. Frank, Hurst and Seitz were all named co-valedictorians. The class verse was Proverbs 19:21.

Pastor Steve Smith addressed **Temple Christian Academy's (Fremont)** only graduate, **Bob Gray Simmons**, on June 4. Smith shared a message entitled, "*Sowing and Reaping*" from Matthew 13:18-23.

**Temple Christian Academy (Howard)** had four students graduate on May 31. Former senior pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Temple, Bill Fennell, addressed the class. **Drew Fennell and Jackie Hale** will attend PCC this fall, while **Bethany Davis** has committed to Cedarville. Valedictorian, **Tim Noble**, will travel the country performing in piano concerts.

Pastor Aaron Samples spoke during the commencement ceremony at **Victory Christian School** on May 23. **Alexis Williams and Anna Thompson** represented VCS's class of 2017.

Williams has plans to attend Crown College of the Bible this fall.

**Cassandra Garcia, Tanner Knepp, Kenneth (Guy) Lance** (salutatorian), **Amber Lowe, Jessica McCombs** (valedictorian), **Rebecca Stoner and Hanna Stoner** graduated from **Wayside Christian School (Bucyrus)** on May 27. Ken Lance, father of Guy, gave the commencement address entitled, "*Running an Approved Race.*" The class verses were Philippians 2:3-4. Of WCS's seven graduates, five graduated with honors and three were Honor Society graduates.

**Zanesville Christian School** recognized its only graduate on May 26. **Lana Howell**, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, will attend PCC seeking a dual concentration in Piano Performance and English. Pastor Chris Brown gave the commencement address entitled, "*Retaining Wisdom*" from Proverbs 3:1-2.

Congratulations to all our BCSO

# BCSO Elementary Fine Arts Competition

A total of 153 students from eleven member schools participated in the BCSO Elementary Fine Arts Competition on May 5, 2017. **Lima Christian School** won the General Bible Knowledge category. Final results are listed below:

Grade	Bible Memory	Mathematics	Spelling
3 <sup>rd</sup>	(1) Brendel Bower - Temple	(1) Anthony Suplita - Heritage (Brooklyn)	(1) Jacob Crichton - Fayette
	(2) Elijah Llorada - Heritage (Brooklyn)	(2) Samuel Leopold - Heritage (Brooklyn)	(2) Aubrie Van Tilburg - Temple (Mansfield)
4 <sup>th</sup>	(1) Maddie Taylor - Temple (Mansfield)	(1) Ashlyn Knepshild - Temple (Mansfield)	(1) Silas Hero - Wayside
	(2) Evan Carroll - Temple (Mansfield)	(2) Anthony Silvestro - Heritage (Brooklyn)	(2) Ashlynn Knepshild
5 <sup>th</sup>	(1) AJ Silloway - Marietta	(1) Evelyn Day - Temple (Mansfield)	(1) AJ Silloway
	(2) Colton Yugovich - Temple (Mansfield)	(2) Benjamin Mallory - Heritage (Brooklyn)	(2) Maggie Eagle
6 <sup>th</sup>	(1) Truett Howell - Zanesville	(1) Micah Barkan - Carroll County	(1) Truett Howell
	(2) Maleah Kurtz - Temple (Mansfield)	(2) Truett Howell	(2) Jana Custer

# BCSO finishes 11th at AACCS National Competition

By Paul Shaver

Students from Buckeye Christian School Organization (BCSO) competed in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual American Associations of Christian Schools (AACCS) National Competition held at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. on April 4-6, 2017. Schools representing BCSO were **Carroll County Christian Academy, Heritage Christian School (Brooklyn), Heritage Christian School (Findlay), Licking County Christian Academy, Mentor Christian School, Victory Christian**

**School, Wayside Christian School, and Zanesville Christian School.** The BCSO finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place with 20 points.

Approximately 1,800 students and sponsors from 33 states participated in the AACCS National Competition, after having captured top honors in their state competitions. The students— representing over 200 Christian high schools— competed in 76 categories in the five basic areas of Bible, music, speech, art, and academics.

The Bible competition included Bible quiz teams, preaching, and teaching. Academic competition included academic testing and a science fair. Music students challenged each other in solo and group competitions for both vocal and instrumental music. Speech contestants participated in such categories as debate, dramatic interpretation, original oratory, acting, plus other categories. Art students displayed their pieces for the art contest.

Congratulations to each student for a job well done!

## AACCS National Competition - Individual Results

<b>Matthew Bame</b>	<b>Heritage (Findlay)</b>	<b>US History</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Ida Howell</b>	<b>Zanesville</b>	<b>OT Bible Knowledge</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Lana Howell</b>	<b>Zanesville</b>	<b>NT Testament Bible Knowledge</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Lana Howell</b>	<b>Zanesville</b>	<b>Physics</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Lana Howell</b>	<b>Zanesville</b>	<b>Oral Interpretation of Poetry</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Brycen Hurst</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Mya Loparo</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Mixed Media</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>Robert Marotta</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Biology</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>Daniel Peal</b>	<b>Heritage (Brooklyn)</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Maria Jose Rojas</b>	<b>Heritage (Brooklyn)</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>3rd</b>



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