

# CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GRADUATE TESTIMONIALS

I am a Nurse Practitioner and College Professor in Little Rock, Arkansas. I graduated in 2006 as a second-generation graduate of Calvary Academy (CA), the educational ministry of the First Pentecostal Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Calvary Academy is one of the oldest private schools in the area and well-known for its academic excellence. I credit all of my success to the educational foundation that I received at CA. My experience at CA not only taught me English, Math, Science, Grammar, History, and Literature, but also how to treat everyone whom I encounter with respect, no matter their socioeconomic background, their ethnicity, or their political or spiritual beliefs. The smaller teacher to student ratio at CA allowed me to reap from personal investments that my teachers there put into me. Because of the great faculty, I never doubted that I could reach my dreams and be a success. The dual college credits made the transition to full-time College much smoother than it could have been. Celebrations throughout the year always involved students and their families, so when graduation came around we all felt like we were a large family.

**Lyndi Mullinax, DNP, FNP-C, APRN**



I have had the opportunity to attend public schools, be homeschooled, and attend a Christian school. I can honestly say that the benefits of a Christian education are worth the investment. While I was in public school, teachers were constantly trying to help students that were behind and were not able to help me reach my full potential. However, Christian education offered an alternative that challenged me in my studies and allowed Godly principles to be instilled in me daily. The daily prayer time and Bible classes deepened my relationship with God. In addition, the smaller number of students allowed me to deepen my friendships and make memories that I will never forget. I was also able to be dually-enrolled in college classes my senior year of high school, better preparing me for my college experience. I know what to expect and am ahead in my studies to obtain my B.S. in Information Systems Analytics.

**Kaitlyn Hill, 2023 ACA Graduate**



I was blessed to start Christian education in my 8th grade year. I graduated from my church's Christian school in 1999. Attending a Christian school advanced me spiritually and naturally. Daily prayer with education wrapped with a Christlike theme, equipped me with a strong foundation when I began higher education. The teachers cared about my well-being and encouraged my walk with the Lord. The covering and shielding that I received from the distractions in this world that normally attracts young people, produced a focus on the tools I needed to reach my highest potential. I received my Doctor in Physical Therapy in 2009. I am so thankful for the strong foundation that I received in Christian education.

**Dr. Roshonda Bell-Pete**



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I believe that I have a very unique perspective on the value of Christian education, one that I have never seen effectively described in writing by anyone I know. As is obvious, Christian education teaches many critical values uncommon to secular education, and the essential spiritual characteristics, including salvation and protection from the satanic ideologies of public school teaching, are so self-evident that I imagine plenty has been written on that subject, and deservedly so. What I have yet to hear anyone articulate, but I have found fascinating for many years, is that Christian Biblical training causes a deep paradigm shift. Specifically, it is my observation that a disproportionate number of Christian school graduates develop entrepreneurial ventures at a rate uncommon to their public-school counterparts, and I have long thought about why that is. It is my conclusion that spiritual training causes one of the single most critical shifts in how Christians think, and that is the idea of self-motivated independence. I believe, from a business perspective, that the Bible teaches that we have a personal responsibility to take action for our own success and well-being, a spirit fully contrary to that of victimhood and dependency taught as a part of secular ideology. I believe this message is so deeply ingrained that many Christians do not want to experience the feelings of dependency that come from traditional employment; rather, their Christian worldview inspires them to strive to take care of themselves in a financial sense, which spurs their entrepreneurial capacity. Speaking from personal experience, I share this ideology. Though the majority of my own income is from traditional employment, I have many other minor streams of income that begin from that same desire to have something fully my own, not dependent upon a single employer's whims, in part because I believe God calls many of us to build our own business, to become a sort of "You, Incorporated" where we take full responsibility for ourselves. I can say with great confidence, as someone who transitioned from public to Christian education, that there is a very low chance I would have become motivated to explore as many entrepreneurial ventures as I do today had I not been a part of a Christian education culture, as the mindset taught in public education is highly to primarily excelling in employment alone.

**Cedean Kematick, FSA, MBA, MAAA, ChFC**



As a 2023 graduate of Apostolic Christian Academy (ACA), I am blessed to say I was able to attend Christian school throughout my entire educational journey. Christian education goes way beyond learning English, science, math, or history. While all of these are important, nothing compares to having strong spiritual foundations taught to you starting at such a young age. As a result, I received the gift of the Holy Ghost during a school assembly while in kindergarten. Christian education encourages you to push beyond your limitations whether it be a speech or language impairment, ADD, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, or socioeconomic factors and excel in academics and your future. Christian education teaches you how to live in God's truth and cares about EVERYONE reaching their OWN maximum potential. I'm so thankful that God allowed me to attend Calvary Academy and ACA!

**Delaney Motes, 2023 ACA Graduate**