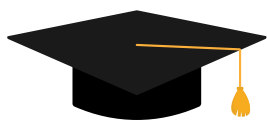


June 1, 2025

Student Sunday

Congratulations to the 2025 graduates
of Christ United Methodist Church!

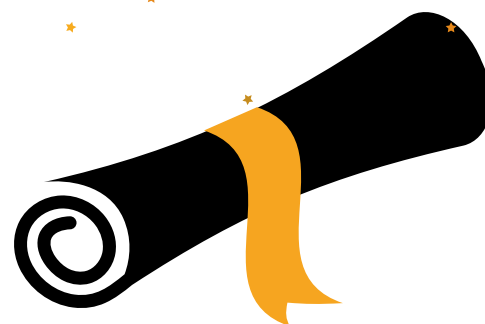


“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



Congratulations,
2025
graduates!



Grace Olson



School attended: University of Memphis

Course of study: Business Management/minor in American Sign Language

Activities/hobbies: Trying new restaurants, watching and playing sports, spending time with friends and family

Life lesson(s) learned from college: Getting out of my comfort zone, enjoying the little things, building new relationships

Future plans: On the job search and considering MBA

How the church can support me: Prayers and reminding me of my faith

Notable accomplishments during college: Graduated with honors; Supervisor of intramural sports

Connor Edwards



Schools attended: Harlem High School, University of Nebraska

Activities/hobbies: Hockey, hockey, and hockey! Plus golf, tennis, and waterskiing.

Church programs attended: Youth group, confirmation class

Plans for the summer: Attend hockey camps, work, work out, and have fun!

Plans for the fall: Playing hockey and attending RVC

Why faith is important in my life: My faith has guided me in my everyday life and reminds me to do make good choices.

Words of wisdom: Work hard and have fun!

Notable accomplishments during high school: National Honor Society, varsity golf team, varsity tennis team, hockey

Elizabeth Enderle



School attended: Saint Anthony College of Nursing

Course of study: Doctor of Nursing Practice

Activities/hobbies: Watching my kids' activities, baking, reading, walking my dog

Life lesson(s) learned from college: No matter how many years of school you attend, there's always more to learn.

Future plans: I am looking to work in a primary care office to take care of patients of all ages. I would also like to continue my involvement in the Illinois society of advanced practice nurses (ISAPN) to further the goals of nurse practitioners in Illinois to provide the best care for patients.

How the church can support me: Prayer in finding the right fit for a job and through opening their hearts and trusting their care to nurse practitioners. Healthcare is undergoing several changes and your nurses and providers appreciate your trust and input in how to best help you achieve your health goals.

Notable accomplishments during college: My DNP project was focused on cervical cancer screening. I received the honorable mention award from the Saint Anthony College of Nursing research symposium. Preventive screenings are key to maintaining health and catching diseases early.

Vivian Leppert



School attended: Saint Louis University

Course of study: Bachelor of Science in Occupational Science

Future plans: I will be continuing my education at Saint Louis University to pursue my Master of Occupational Therapy degree.

Jasmine Kim



Schools attended: Guilford High School, Rock Valley College

Activities/hobbies: Kickboxing and more studying

Church programs attended: Youth group

Plans for the summer: Move to Charlotte, North Carolina and attend university orientations.

Plans for the fall: I'll start the fall term at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in the College of Computing and Informatics studying AI and Cybersecurity.

Bronwyn Geddes



School attended: Bradley University

Course of study: Bachelors of Science double major in Business Management and Leadership as well as Spanish Language and Culture.

Activities/hobbies: Global Scholars Program, Phi Chi Theta Business Fraternity, Orchesis Dance Company, Rock Climbing Club

Life lesson(s) learned from college: Time management is the key to success, having a plan and sticking to it saves a lot of heartache and headache in the future.

Future plans: I am seeking a career in business management or consulting, with a goal to work internationally.

How the church can support me: Continue being a vibrant, loving, and always welcoming community. I love how supportive CUMC is. It's nice to know that there is a place for everyone.

Notable accomplishments during college: Completed a semester long study and internship abroad in Seville, Spain; Graduated Magna Cum Laude alongside completing the Global Scholars and Honors Programs at Bradley.

Dylan Hawes



School attended: Southeast Missouri State University

Course of study: Sports Management/Business

Activities/hobbies: Golf, pickleball, sports

Lydia Hong



School attended: Grinnell College

Course of study: Biochemistry & Classics

Future plans: Take a gap year before going back to school

How the church can support me: The Church Mouse program is amazing! It's exciting to hear that Christ UMC has a young adult group.