

The Freshman Perspective

June 2015



The Class of 2015

Imagine: In four years, the picture of your graduating class will grace the front page of the Freshman Perspective. The year 2019 probably seems like an eternity away, but the next four years will pass more quickly than you expect. Just think about your time in high school; those years likely flew by, and now you are a graduate, awaiting the new adventures of college. As a recent IWU graduate myself, I can tell you that time flies when you're having fun! Over the summer, you will receive three issues of The Freshman Perspective — a series of JWHC devotionals, blogs posts, and helpful hints designed to help ease your transition to Indiana Wesleyan University and the John Wesley Honors College. Some articles will come to you through email, and others will be posted on the JWHC blog, jwhc.us. This month's articles introduce you to the mission and vision of the JWHC. You'll also meet several of your future classmates, and current John Wesley Scholars will share about their experiences and activities at the university. Upcoming issues will cover a variety of topics—from extra-curricular opportunities, to study abroad options, to important tips for your first year—and will introduce you to more current students, faculty, and the rest of the class of 2019. Welcome! We can't wait for your arrival.

--Melia Sneden Colwell, JWHC Program Coordinator

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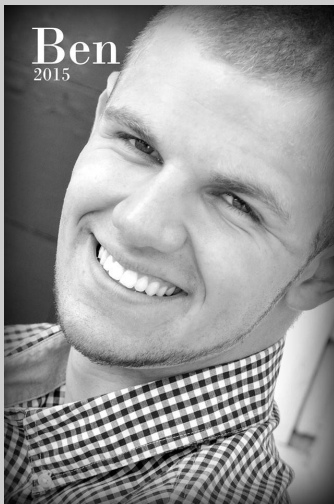
Ben Palmer

From: Portage, Michigan

Majoring in: Leadership and Christian Ministry

Favorite quote or Bible verse: 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline."

Hobbies or interests: Sports in general (specifically basketball, disc golf), reading, just picked up guitar



Best high school experience(s): Freshman basketball, camping trips with my friends, Relay for Life, mission trip to Uganda, Younglife Castaway Camp

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting/getting to know professors, having new opportunities to serve/learn.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: John Wooden. He is the best basketball

coach of all time so he obviously knows a lot about basketball, which I love, but he also is a strong Christian. I would love to talk to him about leadership and about basketball and how it has changed and hear about his beliefs and leadership philosophy and how they impacted his life. And just to watch a basketball game with him.

Strange thing I did as a child: My brother, friends, and I would take the old sectional couch in our basement and move the sections to make a big time wrestling ring.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Back to Uganda. I love the country, it's beautiful and the people there know and love God in such a unique and special way. He is truly at work and you can see it every day. Also, it's warm.

Michael Rennaker

From: Kokomo, Indiana

Majoring in: Music Composition

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Psalm 38:7 KJV

Hobbies or interests: Music composition, video shooting/editing, Netflix, cooking, percussion (performing and teaching)

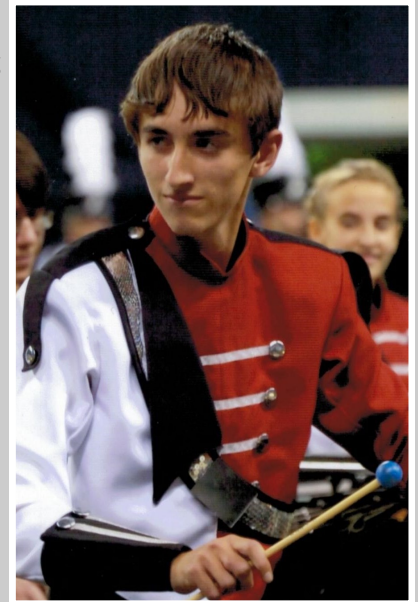
Best high school experience(s): Winning 4 marching band state titles and 1 national championship

In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting better at performing and writing music

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: I would want to meet Don Barret because he is the biggest inspiration for my music.

Strange thing I did as a child: When my family travelled to Minnesota, I would ride with my grandparents and they would give me a big Ziploc bag full of coins for toll booths. Every time we passed one I would take out the amount for the booth operator, and then take the same amount and keep it for myself.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: London because it's where the Doctor is most likely to appear.



Anna Frantz

From: Perrysburg, Ohio

Majoring in: Psychology, but we will see what God has in store.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Hobbies or interests: Art, dance, music, spending time with friends, reading, LAUGHING, and working with inner city ministry

Best high school experience(s): Some of my most memorable and best high school experiences involve my amazing youth group. Youth retreats and camps and fellowship. Also missions trips both locally and globally.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Discovering

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God's will for my like and his plan for my future as I seek out what it is that I am supposed to do. Also, I'm very much looking forward to being a part of the JWHC



community as well as the IWU community as a whole and forming lasting relationships.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Either Chopin, the Disciple John, or Idina Menzel. Chopin because he was a musical genius, and I would love to learn from him. John because he was the youngest disciple, and I'd love to ask him questions about his time with Jesus. Idina

Menzel because she is extremely gifted and gives chills to anyone who hears her sing. I am a huge admirer of hers and it would be an honor to meet her. (Sorry that was a hard one)

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was little, I would set up booby traps for Santa so that I would wake up and be able to catch him.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: I would love to travel to Europe. I want to travel the world but Europe is home to the Louvre and many composers as well as beautiful cities and architecture.

Andrew Breytenbach

From: I was born in Cape Town South Africa and moved to America when I was 4. I now live in Palatine, Illinois.

Majoring in: Biology/Pre-Med

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9, and my favorite quote is "A moment of pain is worth a lifetime of glory."

Hobbies or interests: I love working out, playing baseball, playing other sports, hanging out with my friends, and watching action movies. I also like playing card

games with my family.

Best high school experience(s): Definitely playing baseball. The teammates I've played with, the things I've learned, and the bonding I've had with my teammates has been amazing. I've learned so many skills for life from my coaches, and I think it has definitely prepared me for college.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Growing in my relationship with Christ, learning academically for my future, but also being able to play baseball at IWU. I'm also looking forward to meeting all the new people and friends.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Tim Tebow. He's my favorite athlete of all time, and I just really would love to get the chance to sit down with him and ask him what it was like being a Christian athlete in the spotlight and how it felt to achieve such success at such a young age. He's been my role model since I was young, and I'd just love to meet him. I'd also like to ask him how his faith was challenged in his sports career.

Strange thing I did as a child: I shaved my eyebrows when I was 7 because I saw my Dad shaving one time and wondered what it was like.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: England. My parents lived there for a while and I've always wanted to see what it's like. It looks like a beautiful place.



Rebekah Stoltzfus

From: Tucson, Arizona.

Majoring in: History Secondary Education

Favorite quote or Bible verse: John 16:33 "In the world there will be tribulation but take heart, I have overcome the world."

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Hobbies or interests: Knitting, playing my ukulele, hiking with friends, watching documentaries and historical period drama films, and reading

Best high school experience(s): Retreats at the beginning of each year with my classmates in beautiful Northern Arizona, spending time with my best friends



exploring Tucson and laughing together, and jumping into cold water at the end of a hike with all of my friends

In college, I am most looking forward to: The different academic experience in college. I am beyond excited for classes and new challenges.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: William Wilberforce. He fascinates me, and I

would love to ask him what pushed him through his nearly 20 year campaign for the abolition of the slave trade in the United Kingdom.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child I used to eat horseradish with a spoon (don't ask why my parents allowed me to do that; it baffles me), but now I hate horseradish.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Rome. There is such an incredible, rich Biblical and relevant history there. I have loved learning about the Romans and the Trojans and all the wars and great leaders throughout my high school education, and I would love to see where everything happened.

Jessica Corbett

From: Newburgh, Indiana (This small town is a suburb of Evansville in southern Indiana.)

Majoring in: Elementary Education and Special Education

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Psalm 16:8,11

Hobbies or interests: Showing various animals in my local 4-H program, reading, and singing

Best high school experience(s): I have enjoyed meeting so many people, and making so many friends that I feel will be lifelong. I came to high school from being homeschooled all my life. This gave me a new perspective on life, and opened many opportunities for me to follow.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people, expanding my understanding of the world, and enjoying this new chapter of my life and all that it brings.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: The famous person I truly wish I could meet, may not be seen as famous to many. Yet, I have always wanted to meet my grandmother. She died before I was born, and I have heard so many stories about her, it has made me long for that connection. She may not be seen as famous to some, but she is to me, and even though I have never met her, I know I love her.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was

young, I was rather a menace, my dad always says that it was my fault he went grey. I think one of the cute stories from my preschool times was when I was getting my picture taken for our homeschool group yearbook, and I did NOT want my picture taken. Naturally, as a little girl in my adorable dress, I lifted my skirt up over my head.

The woman taking the photo took some thinking I would put my skirt down, but I was going to prove how stubborn I was. I have always had a little bit of fire in me, and it was consistently showing itself in my everyday life growing up.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: The United Kingdom, I have always been intrigued by their similar yet very different culture. I would also love to see the various landmarks of that place that cannot be found in a country as young as the US.



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Courtney Dunn

From: Greenfield, Indiana.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Proverbs 31:25, which says, "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."

Hobbies or interests: playing soccer or basketball, hanging out with my family and friends, and just having a great time enjoying life!

Best high school experience(s): winning sectionals for soccer, interacting with my friends at various events, and participating in school spirit at sports games

In college, I am most looking forward to: meeting new people in college that I can go through life with, and making new memories with others!

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Jamie Grace because I love her songs.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was a child was when my brother took me across a busy street, and then he left me there and I didn't know how to get back home.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Australia because I would love to see the Great Barrier Reef and take in all of its' beauty! Plus, they have pretty great accents.



Hobbies or interests: I play competitive softball and really love going to sporting events. I also really enjoy to spend my time reading.

Best high school experience(s): My high school's boys basketball team won the state tournament my sophomore year. It was such an exciting time to go to the games and watch the team's journey. This experience really united the school, and even students who disliked sports got behind the team. Weeks later, the sense of community continued as everyone felt connected from this amazing accomplishment.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting the chance to be independent and study subjects that I am interested in.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Colton Dixon because I really enjoy his music, and he is a really good example of what a famous Christian should be. He set a very good example during his time on American Idol.

Strange thing I did as a child: I wanted to quit soccer almost as soon as I started. But, when my parents told me that we would have to take the uniform back, I decided that it was worth keeping the new clothes. Whenever I played, I simply ran behind the pack of little soccer players. When they turned around, I would run around the pack to be at the back again.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Oslo, Norway. My family is Norwegian, so it would be amazing to learn more about the culture. Also, the cities and landscape are so beautiful and unique to that part of the world.



Lauren Buckley

From: Centennial, Colorado

Majoring in: Convergent Journalism

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Connor Knapp

From: Valparaiso Indiana

Majoring in: Political Science

Favorite quote or Bible verse: 1 Corinthians 1:25 "For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

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Hobbies or interests: Reading, games, sports, and hanging out with friends. Some of my interests include politics and debate.

Best high school experience(s): The school dances. My friends and I would go out in large groups to a restaurant, then we would go to the dance. After that, one of my friends would always host an after party at her house.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Learning about my major and studying up on the things I like. I also am pretty excited to just be out of the house and living with other college students.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: My late uncle. He died shortly before I was born, and I had always really wanted to know him.

Strange thing I did as a child: I would hide bologna (Boloni) everywhere in the house, because I was always afraid I would run out.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Hawaii. I really want to see the volcanoes and islands.



Madison Routledge

From: A very small, rural town called Reading, Michigan (the best state ever)

Majoring in: Social Work and International Relations

Favorite quote or Bible verse: I love the Psalms, especially 18—because it is such an incredible description of the power and fury of our infinite God, but it still depicts His beautiful love for me.

Hobbies or interests: I adore musical theater and acting. I even went to an acting school, and I have an agency that books me auditions. If I have free time though, I love to look for adventures and spend time outdoors. To relax, a great book or Netflix could occupy me for hours with, of course, a huge cup of good coffee.

Best high school experience(s): My best high school experience was during my freshman year homecoming. I was dating the Varsity running back at the time, and I got to wear his jersey (naturally that made me feel super

cool). The dress up weeks were simply marvelous, my friends and I were so close, life was great, and my teachers were all crazy that week; I don't remember doing any work in class at all.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people and developing friendships that will last, literally, a lifetime. I look forward to growing spiritually and intellectually while developing into a woman of God.



If I could meet one famous person: I would love to sit down with C.S. Lewis. He is so incredibly articulate with his ideas. I would love to ask him all the tough questions, just sit at his feet, and bathe in the wisdom. (Plus, I'm a huge Narnia Geek).

Strange thing I did as a child: I was probably one of the weirdest kids ever, and I was always imagining crazy things.

For one entire afternoon, I pretended that our household vacuum cleaner was my mother. When my dad put it away, I screamed and cried like someone had taken away my real mother, and through the sobs I said, "You didn't even give me a chance to say goodbye!"

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: I would simply explode with joy if I ever had the opportunity to visit New Zealand. Besides the fact that I am a huge *Lord of the Rings* Nerd, I love the landscape. I wouldn't mind hanging out in a hobbit hole either...

Anthony Colangelo

From: Frankfort, Illinois

Majoring in: Social Studies Education

Favorite quote or Bible verse: James 4:10 "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Hobbies or interests: Golf and track

Best high school experience(s): Qualifying for the track state finals in high jump

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In college, I am most looking forward to: Being on the IWU track team and growing in my faith.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Walt Disney. He was a creative genius who overcame a multitude of obstacles and failures to achieve success.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child, I was known to walk around in public wearing a Peter Pan costume.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Italy. Ancient Rome is my favorite area of study because of its rich history and culture.



Emily Sheetz

From: Olmsted Falls, Ohio. It is a small-to-average sized town about 20 miles southwest of Cleveland.

Majoring in: Human Communications Studies, minor-ing in Youth Ministries

Favorite quote or Bible verse: I will give you both. My favorite quote is, "It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do" (Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*). My favorite Bible verse is John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Hobbies or interests: I love to hang out with my friends and family. When we are together we play board games, card games, and watch movies. I also love to craft, whether that is painting or creating different things with random stuff I find around my house.

Best high school experience(s): I had the opportunity to serve a school in New Orleans, Louisiana, still recovering from Hurricane Katrina during my sophomore year. We repainted a lot of their classrooms and spent some time with children from the neighborhood. I also was able to represent my school as our mascot during this past football season.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Growing closer with God and learning to live independently. I am also looking forward to making some new friends.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: I have already casually met this person, but I would love to sit down and have a conversation with Adam Hamilton, the pastor of the largest United Methodist Church in America, and pick his brain about everything. I would like to have a conversation with him because he was one of the first people who influenced me to realize God is calling me to ministry.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was about 2 or 3, I was at a church picnic, the children were making beaded bracelets with the big round beads. I managed to stick some up my nose and had to be rushed to emergency room. I guess that's strange and funny.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Liberia, West Africa. My church is connected to a mission station there and my dad and some of my friends have had the opportunity to go a few times. They bring back so many interesting stories and pictures, and I would love to experience it in real life.



Tessa VanderStel

From: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Majoring in: At the moment I am planning on majoring in Education, but who knows where God will lead me!

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Right now, my favorite Bible passage is Romans 8:37-39.

Hobbies or interests: I love to read (primarily fiction) and spend time with friends, family, and my cat. I also enjoy singing and playing the piano!

Best high school experience(s): I absolutely love being in plays and musicals. I have been in eight different performances throughout high school, and have had



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so much fun with them. My favorite one that I have been in is *Beauty and the Beast*. I played the part of Mrs. Potts, and it was so far the best experience of my life.

In college, I am most looking forward: I am looking forward to college for so many different reasons, but I think the main one is being able to explore even more what God has in store for me! High school has been fun, but I am ready to take classes that I want to take, and to hopefully be stretched in new directions.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would: I was asked this question at the Honors College interview, and I think my answer has changed now, because you only excluded Jesus. I would absolutely love to meet Paul. I would love to hear more of his life story and ask exactly what the thorn in his side was! I could just listen to him talk for hours.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child, I told my parents that I wanted to be "the person who beeps the groceries at the store" (a cashier). I was dreaming really big.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: I haven't been many places, so I'm not positive, but I think I would like to visit Spain. I took 4 years of Spanish in my high school, so maybe I could use some of it, and it just looks so beautiful!

Rachel Van Schaick

From: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Majoring in: Nursing

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "She is clothed in strength and dignity and laughs without fear of the future." Proverbs 31:25

Hobbies or interests: I enjoy playing flute, singing, babysitting, and biology.

Best high school experience(s): Those spent in marching band and spending time with friends at sporting events

In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting to know new people and growing in Christ.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Lizzie Velasquez, because even though the world sees her as the "World's Ugliest Woman" she has taken that phrase and turned it into a campaign to help

women find their beauty in Christ.

Strange thing I did as a child: Every time my parents turned on Veggie Tales I would drop what I was doing, run in front of the television, and rock back and forth and clap as I sang along with the theme song.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Ethiopia to help the people living in sheer poverty. I would also try to meet our Compassion child, Tsion.



Marissa O'Hair

From: Originally Wichita, Kansas, but I moved to Boyd, Wisconsin, when I was a toddler.

Majoring in: Biology Pre-Medicine.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: I have a lot of quotes I absolutely love, but if I were to pick one, I'd chose Jeremiah 29:11. "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."

Hobbies or interests: I love music, I play flute in my band, am a soprano in my choir, and I take private violin and piano lessons. I also love to dance.

Best high school experience(s): The track 2 mile in which I took 7 minutes off my beginning of season time

In college, I am most looking forward to: The Christian atmosphere and the people. It's something I can't wait to experience daily.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Winston Churchill. There are many people I could choose from, but he was a military leader, historian, writer, radio personality, artist, honorary citizen of the United States, Nobel Prize winner, politician, and aristocrat, just to name a few. He was a born leader, witness to many great events in history, and

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overall good man—he left his duties for a week to stay with his dying nanny. I chose Winston Churchill because I feel he could bestow much wisdom and leadership skills, valuable things in not only today's society, but also any society.

Strange thing I did as a child: My strange thing was that as a child I would wander around at night, unable to sleep, so I'd always demand an ice chest be put by my bed with a

Sippy cup (so I'd have something to drink while I wandered).

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Europe because it is so full of history, culture, and exquisite cuisine. In addition, there are so many diverse countries located so close together, I could do much travelling in a little time.

Leah Potts

From: Gering, Nebraska

Majoring in: Pre-Med Chemistry.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Philippians 4:13.

Hobbies or interests: I enjoy playing the guitar, reading, drawing, painting, and volunteering.

Best high school experience(s): All the wonderful memories that I've made being on the speech team

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people and growing spiritually.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Marie Curie. She



made such huge contributions to the field of science that I would love to know the reasoning behind.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was younger, I had a deep love for peanut butter and cheese sandwiches.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: I would definitely travel to New Zealand because it's beautiful and *Lord of the Rings* was filmed there.

Kyle McLeland

From: Crystal Lake, Illinois

Majoring in: Accounting

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Hebrews 12:1: "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Hobbies or interests: Sports (playing and watching), hanging out with people/friends, reading, studying, school, outdoorsy stuff

Best high school experience(s): Being close with my sophomore year English teacher who helped me get through my grandma's passing away (found out he's a Christian through this experience), becoming great friends/witnessing to nonbelievers, Prom senior year, FCA bible study at my school Thursday mornings, football/track sport teams, youth group at my church on Wednesdays



In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting to further my relationship with Jesus Christ/study the word with greater depth, getting to know people on a more meaningful level/living with other people, and studying the word and my vocation in unison.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Nelson Mandela. My parents lived in South Africa dur-

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ing apartheid plus I was born there! It'd be neat to meet him and ask him how he lived through such hardships and what kinds of leadership roles he deemed integral to sustain and lead a country in turmoil.

Strange thing I did as a child: I walked to Country Donuts (a local donut shop) as a kid from my neighbor's house. My mom asked a stranger, an angel, to see if he had seen a baby walking around and he said he saw one at Country Donuts!

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: New Zealand because it is a very beautiful place. Watching the *Lord of the Rings* movies and knowing their filming was in New Zealand, I want to see the natural land features and explore the outdoors.

Erica Freise

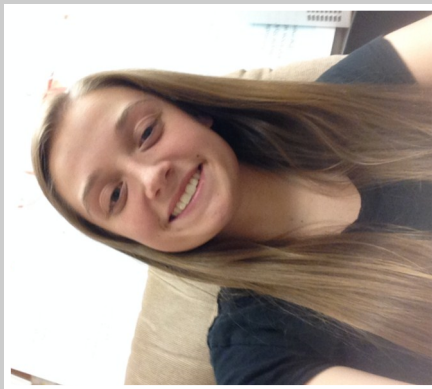
From: Huntington, Indiana

Majoring in: Criminal Justice and Psychology

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Hobbies or interests: I play softball and did gymnastics. I love to be outside and I love any kinds of sports.

Best high school experience(s): Going to state in softball with my team. Also I went on a missions trip to Florida and it was an incredible experience.



In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people and studying things that pertain to what I want to do. I'm also looking forward to the freedom it has to offer and the opportunities God will present.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Johnny Depp because he is my absolute favorite actor. He can play just about any role he wants and he's just so fun to watch.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child, I always used to do cartwheels no matter where I was. I would be in Walmart and doing cartwheels up and down the aisles.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Australia because it's warm and it looks beautiful there. I love the beach so that would be so much fun.

Megan Welch

From: Dacula, Georgia

Majoring in: Business Finance

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Fortune favors the bold."

Hobbies or interests: I play soccer and love everything outdoors.

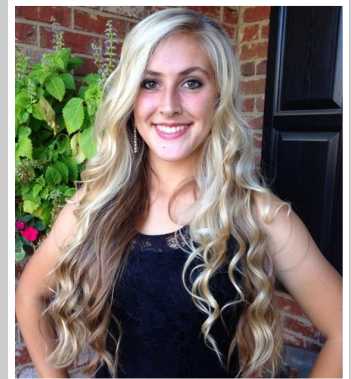
Best high school experience(s): Riding bikes on the beach in Seaside with my best friends.

In college, I am most looking forward to: A new environment and playing college soccer.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: William Wilberforce, because he was an ordinary man who was passionate about a cause and sparked the abolition of slavery in Europe and eventually the US.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a kid while my mom was grocery shopping at Walmart I would find loose change and buy fish and hide them in my room for weeks.

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: Greece, because I really appreciate their unique culture and I have heard it is beautiful!



Country Miller

From: a town south of Fort Wayne, Indiana called Bluffton.

Majoring in: Design for Social Innovation

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite quote is from a poem by a spoken poet: "Who we are and who we are meant to become is a collection of constant creation and revision . . . I am still a work in progress."

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Hobbies or interests: My favorite hobby is dance, more specifically hip-hop, but I also do enjoy contemporary, modern, jazz, lyrical, and tap. I'm definitely an outdoors person - unless it's uber cold. I really enjoy biking and hiking. Hanging out with my friends and traveling are hobbies of mine.

Best high school experience(s): Personally, my best high school experiences have all been created by my friends. I really enjoyed a few trips to Orlando and Honduras, a trip to Jamaica, a trip to Mexico, and a few Caribbean Islands with my friends. Another string of memorable high school experiences have come from playing a game with my friends called "hostage."

In college, I am most looking forward to: What I'm looking forward to most is the new experience that college brings. I'm excited to be a part of something brand new to my life.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: I've never really had one specific person that I would love to meet, but I guess I would probably say Andy Hull due to my appreciation of the art in his music. I would also love to know where his inspiration comes from as well as more as about the way he perceives emotion.



Strange thing I did as a child: Apparently as a child I used to hide or sit in baskets and cabinets all the time. I'm not sure why!?!

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: If I could travel anywhere I would say Italy but I'm actually going to be visiting Italy for a few weeks this summer! I would choose Italy because of its geography, culture, food, music, art, and ancient architecture. If not Italy, then the United Kingdom or Ireland for landscape and culture reasons.

Kristin Derflinger

From: Mount Jackson VA

Majoring in: International and Community Development



Favorite quote or Bible verse: Philipians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Hobbies or interests: I play alto saxophone and piano and raise and show goats. I also love enjoying nature by going on easy hikes and picnics.

Best high school experience(s): We started a Champions Together track team at our school this year (Special Olympics for high school students). I was one of the coaches and it was so wonderful to be able to watch the athletes become more confident in their abilities and encourage each other. At our first meet there were so many people cheering for them; it was surreal. Our team has been invited to the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics in Virginia!

In college, I am most looking forward to: I'm looking forward to meeting lots of people and experiencing new things!

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: I would love to meet C.S. Lewis. His books that he wrote have had a big impact on my life. I like how he puts things into a different perspective and I think he would be a fun person to be around.

Strange thing I did as a child: I always built forts out of tree limbs and blankets in the woods. My friends and I would then make meals out of things we could find and pretend to eat them. We really had a great time though!

If I could travel anywhere, it would be: I would travel around Europe because it is so beautiful and to try Italian food!

JWHC Featured Freshmen Class of 2019

If you haven't sent us your information yet, don't worry!

We'll be sending out other installments of incoming students throughout the summer!

Please email your responses to the following questions and **send a picture** to jwhc.admissions@indwes.edu!

- **Where are you from?**
- **What are you planning to major in?**
- **What is your favorite quote or Bible verse?**
- **What are your hobbies or interests?**
- **What is/are your best high school experience(s)?**
- **What are you most looking forward to in college?**
- **If you could meet one famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus, since wouldn't we all love to see him face-to-face?!), who would it be, and why?**
- **What was a strange or funny thing you did as a child?**
- **If you could travel anywhere, where would it be, and why?**

