

JWHC Featured Freshmen Class of 2017

Sam Berg

Home: Batavia, Illinois

Major: Social Work

Favorite quote or Bible verse: One of my favorite quotes is "Reach for the moon, that way if you miss, you'll still land on a star."

Hobbies or interests: I play French horn, love to sing and am involved in theater



Best high school experiences:

Probably, having to fill in for a lead part in *Great Expectations*, I had one week to learn and perform; it was a very testing and exciting experience.

In college, I am most looking forward to:

Meeting new people and truly starting my life!

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be:

Obviously Jesus then, because who doesn't have a million questions they want to be answered face-to-face with him?

Strange thing I did as a child: Whenever I was concentrating on something I always stuck my tongue out! I was pretty adorable ;)

Kelsey Evey

Servant Leader Scholarship Recipient

Home: I am from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Major: I plan on majoring in psychology with a minor in statistics.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite verse is John 16:33: "I have told you these things, so that in me you have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Hobbies or interests: I love watching the Detroit Tigers, reading, and hanging out with friends.

Best high school experiences: My best high school experience was going to Washington, D.C. with Close-up.

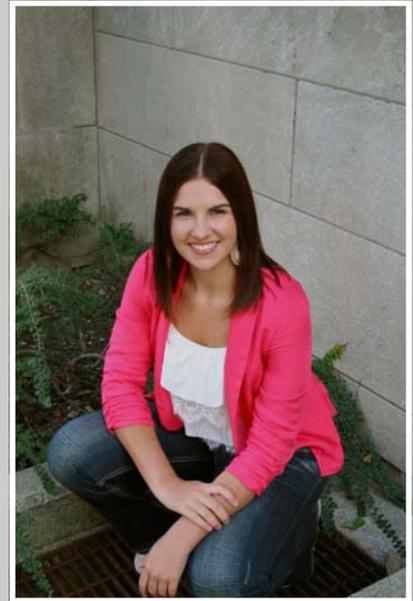
In college, I am most looking forward to:

Making new friends at IWU and getting involved in various groups.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be:

I would love to meet Martin Luther King, Jr. I love his courage and how through his fight he held to his Christian principles. He was a great example of love and conviction.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child I would walk into play places and loudly announce to everyone there, "Hi, I am Kelsey and I am here!" I have always been ready to meet new friends.



Nathan Gerick

Home: I was born in Collinsville, Illinois; however, I have lived in LaPorte, Indiana, for 14 years.

Major: I am planning on majoring in biology.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite quote is by Richard Sheridan: "The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."

Hobbies or interests: I enjoy running, hunting, and reading. I also enjoy working on our family farm.

Best high school experiences: Perhaps my best high school experience was being recognized as a co-valedictorian for this year.

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In college, I am most looking forward to: The freedom and independence that college will bring, as well as competing in cross-country on a collegiate level.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: I would



choose to meet Ben Carson. This man has provided both me and countless other individuals a source of inspiration for their aspirations. His accomplishments in the medical field are nothing short of remarkable, and I would consider myself truly blessed if I had the opportunity to meet him.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a five year old child I attempted to ride one

of our horses bareback, and as one might expect, it did not end well.

Ethan Gormong



Home: I am from Spooner, Wisconsin.

Major: I am planning to major in chemistry.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite Bible verse is 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Hobbies or interests: I enjoy playing drums and soccer.

Best high school experiences: I really enjoyed Homecoming and Prom.

In college, I am most looking forward to: I am looking forward to greater independence and meeting new people.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: I would really like to meet Sir Isaac Newton.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was little, I would always go along with every idea that popped into my head...

McKinzie Horoho

Home: Greentown, Indiana

Major: Political Science

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

Hobbies or interests: Church, Irish dancing, current events, reading, time with family and friends, traveling, and learning new things, and/or meeting new people are a few of my interests! :)



Best high school experiences: The state Distinguished Young Women program definitely made a tremendous positive impact on me, and the friendships I have from that week continue to bless me immeasurably.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Independence! Haha, now with the cliché answer out of the way, I really do look forward to increased independence, but more than that, I am ecstatic about joining such a vibrant community. I look forward to new friendships and great conversations in class and at McConn!

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If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be:

Gov. Sarah Palin, because I feel she has exhibited a remarkable faith in God throughout her life, and political career especially, and she specializes in common sense solutions and witty remarks. She also speaks up for our troops and those with disabilities.

Strange thing I did as a child: I used to lie on the floor while *The Big Comfy Couch* TV show was on and do the clock stretch with the main character, Loonette the Clown.

Jessica McIntosh

Home: I am from Versailles, Indiana.

Major: I plan to major in vocal performance with a minor in youth ministry.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite Bible verse is John 11:35: "Jesus wept," because it shows that he really did go through the pain that we go through and that he really does understand just how hard life on this earth can be.

Hobbies or interests: I love to sing and truly enjoy music. I have a blast capturing the natural beauty that God has put on this earth through taking pictures. I am always wanting to learn more about how God made everything work, like genetics and biology.

Best high school experiences: My favorite high school experience is everything I got to do through being a Young Confederate (my high school's show choir). Just being a Young Confed helped me grow into the person that God had planned me to be as a musician. I got to perform for hundreds of people for those in nursing homes as well as with Greg Gilpin at NYC's Carnegie Hall.



In college, I am most looking forward to: Being around people who share the same passions as me for God and music.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: I would want to meet Colton Dixon. The way I see it, I'm going to meet Jesus one day when I go to heaven so I want to meet someone that I may never have a chance to meet, such as Colton Dixon. If I had the chance to meet him, I would ask him about how he handles fame and still stays true to who he is as a Christian.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was six months old, my family went on vacation up to Indiana Beach on Lake Michigan, and I was perfectly fine until my mom or dad placed my feet in the water. Once the feet touched water, I screamed bloody murder. The irony of this story is that I LOVE to swim and I LOVE to be in the water. That is one of the funniest, strangest things I ever did as a child growing up.

Adam Munshaw

Servant Leader Scholarship Recipient

Home: I am from Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Major: I plan on majoring in Christian ministries.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: In relation to sharing the Gospel, my favorite quote is from Pastor Perry Noble at Newspring Church, "Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God". My favorite Bible verse was chosen because of all of the times it provided strength and refuge to me in times of need. It's Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



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Hobbies or interests: My hobbies and interests range from music, to serving in the church, to spending time surrounded by people. Music and sharing Christ are my passions. I love listening to music and working while music plays. Serving at church is also a huge cornerstone in my life. In addition, I live surrounded by amazing friends and people who make life worth living, day in and day out.

Best high school experiences: My best high school experience has been centered in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As of my junior year, my friend Kyle and I began praying for growth in FCA. The Bible study, in a public school, had only two students for about four years. Then through God's provision and grace, Chopticon's FCA is now the largest in the Southern Maryland district, averaging 25-30 students and teachers gathering to get into God's Word. It has been such a blessing to lead and see God's will accomplished.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Forming new relationships and friendships off, while also expanding my knowledge in preparation for full-time ministry. From spending time relaxing with others to challenging myself in the classroom, I am so excited for what God plans to do with me over the next four years!

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: I would love to meet Chad Johnson, founder of Come & Live. Chad's company records various Christian artists and distributes their music for free. In addition, Come & Live aims to be "musicianaries" who travel the world spreading the Gospel, all while touring and worshipping through music.

Strange thing I did as a child: I collected as many stuffed animals as humanly possible and attempted to sleep in a bed covered by them.

Lindsay Rae Peoples

Home: Bloomington, Illinois

Major: International and Community Development

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Matthew 7:7-8: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the

one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Hobbies or interests: I love to travel, play sports, hang out with kids, and talk life over coffee.

Best high school experiences: In high school, I loved getting to be a part of the volleyball team and form intentional, meaningful relationships with each of my teammates and my coach.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Making life-long friendships and further discovering what it is that Jesus wants me to do with the life he has blessed me with.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: If I'm being honest, I would want to meet Beyoncé if I could meet any famous person. I love her so much...

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was little, I remember riding my bike down a hill in my neighborhood, and a bird flew into my face. It knocked me right off my bike.



Chelsea Phillips

Home: I am from Lexington, Michigan.

Major: I am planning on majoring in medical technology.



Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite Bible verse is Romans 12:2: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's

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will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” My favorite quote is by J. R. R. Tolkien: "Not all those who wander are lost."

Hobbies or interests: I love reading and running.

Best high school experiences: My best high school experiences would be going to the state meets for both track and field and cross-country.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting and becoming friends with people who are as passionate about learning as I am.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: If I could meet one famous person, I would choose John Green. He is, in my opinion, a literary genius, along with being really funny and seemingly down-to-earth. I think he would be a fun person to be around.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was in kindergarten, I used to cry on Saturdays because I couldn't go to school. I don't do this anymore.

Whitney Renfroe

Home: Both Kenya, East Africa, and Wilmore, Kentucky; I have lived about ten years in Africa and almost eight in Kentucky.



Major: Not totally sure yet, but I am looking at exercise science so that I can go on to occupational or physical therapy.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened." –Dr. Seuss

Hobbies or interests: I really enjoy theater. Acting is one of my favorite things to do, but I like to sing and dance as well. I also enjoy running with my friends. It's great to have time to talk and socialize while at the same time getting my exercise!

Best high school experiences: Probably my favorite year of high school was my freshman year. I attended an American international school called Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya. It was there that I first fell in love with theater after I participated in their production of *Seussical*.

In college, I am most looking forward to:

Living in the dorm, making new friends, and having new experiences. I am also excited about getting into my major.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be:

Hmmm...that's a tough question. I would really like to meet Martin Luther King, Jr. I admire how he took a stand for what he believed was right and how he recognized that violence against violence would only worsen relations between blacks and whites. I am also curious of what he would think our racial and equality issues today.

Strange thing I did as a child: It took me a really long time to learn how to walk because I learned to get around by bouncing on my bottom. I just sat Indian style and used my legs to scoot me around. I was pretty efficient at it.

Lindsay Rogan

Servant Leader Scholarship Recipient

Home: Champaign, Illinois

Major: Business/Marketing

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Hobbies or interests: I play volleyball and LOVE Pinterest!

Best high school experiences: Getting to 3A State for volleyball my senior year and getting 3rd!

In college, I am most looking forward to: Figuring out the future that God has in store for me.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be:

Johnny Depp or Jennifer Lawrence because they are two of the most interesting actors/actresses who can become any character given to them.

Strange thing I did as a child: I would cut the hair off most of my toys that had any kind of hair on it, i.e. Barbie Head, rocking horse, etc.



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Joanna Ruhl

Home: I am proud to say that I was born in Midland, Michigan; however, I spent most of my life in Central Pennsylvania near Altoona.



Major: Theatre

Favorite quote or Bible verse:

Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." My favorite quote is from Corrie Ten Boom when asked what she did with compliments: "I just gather them all up like a bouquet of flowers at the end of the day and give them to Jesus."

Hobbies or interests: Reading, writing, drawing, theater, spending time with family, and random odd projects that include making just about anything out of just about anything. :)

Best high school experiences: Being in the musicals, directing *The Diary of Anne Frank*, having great teachers and really small class sizes.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting to do what I love in a community that loves God and the people he made.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: This is that question that I've never really known how to answer. At the moment I suppose running into Paul (with a translator) would be cool. He was a great apologist of his day, and with his conversion story and writing most of the New Testament, I'm sure it would not be a boring conversation!

Strange thing I did as a child: My mom says we never got through a game of Candy Land because I would take all of the pieces to tell stories with.

Megan Sanchez

Home: I am from the small town of Hudsonville, Michigan.

Major: I plan to major in Nursing and Spanish.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: One of my favorite quotes is from C. S. Lewis: "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God forgave the inexcusable in you."

Hobbies or interests: Some of my hobbies include running, swing dancing, singing, reading, and going to the beach.

Best high school experiences: The majority of my favorite high school experiences come from running on the cross-country and track teams for four years and the adventures I had with my team. Also, I loved playing in the powder puff football game during homecoming week this year.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people, running cross country and track, and starting a brand new chapter in my life. I also look forward to all the new adventures college will bring.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: If I could meet one famous person it would be Queen Esther. I would love to sit and talk with her about how she saved her people. She is one of the most courageous women in history, to be able to hear her story, and how she felt and listen to any advice she could give me would be one of the greatest experiences ever.

Strange thing I did as a child: One of the funniest things I did as a child occurred when I was about four or five years old. I was standing in the front row on the steps in front of the church sanctuary while all



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of us little kids sang Christmas songs for the church Christmas program. For some reason I decided I didn't want to sing anymore, so instead of standing there like any normal stubborn child, I turned to the boy next to me and tackled him to the floor. We started wrestling in the middle of the program right in front of the church and God and everyone. Best of all my parents caught it every minute on camera and have never let me forget about it since.

Ryan Smith

Home: I'm from Kokomo, Indiana.



Major: I'm majoring in biology/pre-med.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: My favorite

verse is John 13:34-35: "A

new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Hobbies or interests: I love to play soccer. I love service. I like singing. I like hanging out with friends.

Best high school experiences: I loved watching our FCA grow at school. I also loved scoring a game-tying goal in one of my senior soccer games.

In college, I am most looking forward to: I want to grow, I want to learn, and I want to experience the community and make new relationships.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: It would be fun to meet Lionel Messi. He is my favorite soccer player, and it would be fun to play with him.

Strange thing I did as a child: I used to (and still do) a bunch of magic and card tricks.

Shelley Spillman

Servant Leader Scholarship Recipient

Home: I am from a small, one-stoplight town in Indiana called Osgood.

Major: I plan on majoring in a foreign language and/or teaching English as a second language.

Favorite quote or Bible verse: One of my favorite biblical chapters is chapter 14 in the book of Romans. My favorite verse is verse 8. It says, "If we live, we live to the Lord: and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

Hobbies or interests: My current hobby is restoring a 1952 8N Ford tractor that my grandfather gave me. It is relaxing of an evening to go downstairs and tinker on the engine. I am excited for the weather to warm up so that I can sandblast it and then give it a few fresh coats of paint. Also, I enjoy reading and taking hikes with my family at the local state park.

Best high school experiences: My greatest high school experiences have been the moments I have spent with friends. Just getting together and hanging out have created memories that will last for a lifetime. Also, I have greatly enjoyed traveling abroad. My favorite trip was studying abroad in Leon, Spain, last summer.



In college, I am most looking forward to: I am excited for college because I will be studying subjects that not only interest me but also challenge me. High School has been very fun. However, I am ready for a new chapter in my life to begin.

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: If I could meet someone famous I would like to meet Abraham Lincoln. He was a very wise man who had his own unique flaws. It would be interesting to talk to him about some of the decisions he made as the president. Also, I would love to get some perspective about his views on life.

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Strange thing I did as a child: When I was very little, around the age of three or four, my mother liked to grill hamburgers out on the back porch. One day, the grill caught on fire and she had to call 911. Well, of course, a policeman showed up at our door. I remember watching the policeman walk into the backyard and start talking with my mother. I was so scared that I ran into my sisters arms and started yelling, "Please don't let them take Mommy away." I was convinced that the policeman was there to arrest my mom, although he was only there to make sure that she was okay!

Nathan York

Home: Greenwood, Indiana (just south of Indianapolis)

Major: Major in Youth Ministries and minor in Christian Ministries

Favorite quote or Bible verse: Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

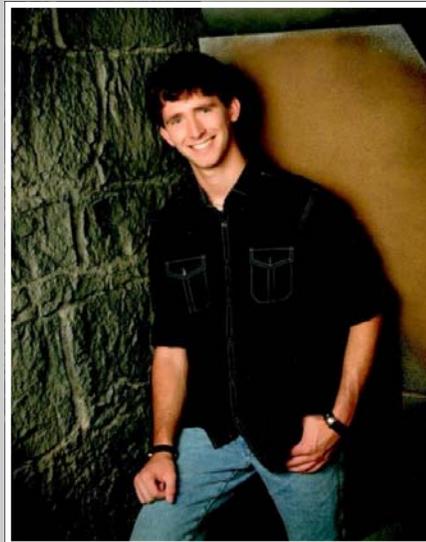
Hobbies or interests: Basketball and drumming

Best high school experiences: Hanging out with friends

In college, I am most looking forward to: Building a firm foundation for my ministry and meeting some great new friends

If I could meet any famous person, dead or alive (and excluding Jesus), it would be: King Solomon because of his great wisdom

Strange thing I did as a child: Once as a kid I lived by a creek and I loved to go down and catch fish with my friends. One day I caught seven fish and brought them home to add to my aquarium, which consisted of only one surviving pet-store fish that was blue. The next morning I looked in for the fish and all that was left of the pet fish was a piece of skin floating at the top. I got real angry and upset with the creek fish for eating my pet so I took them back to the creek and released them so I didn't have to look at them anymore.



Haven't submitted your picture and responses yet? It's not too late! Turn them in by June 14 to be included in the next issue.