

JWHC 2014 Featured Freshmen

Rachel Price

Home: I was born in North Carolina and have moved four times since. I currently live in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Intended Major: Christian Ministries

Favorite Bible Verse (well, passage): Lamentations 3:21-33

“I’ll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness,
the taste of ashes, the poison I’ve swallowed.
I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—
the feeling of hitting the bottom.
But there’s one other thing I remember,
and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:
God’s loyal love couldn’t have run out,
his merciful love couldn’t have dried up.
They’re created new every morning.
How great your faithfulness!
I’m sticking with God (I say it over and over).
He’s all I’ve got left.
God proves to be good to the man who passionately waits,
to the woman who diligently seeks.
It’s a good thing to quietly hope,
quietly hope for help from God.
It’s a good thing when you’re young
to stick it out through the hard times.
When life is heavy and hard to take,
go off by yourself. Enter the silence.
Bow in prayer. Don’t ask questions:
Wait for hope to appear.
Don’t run from trouble. Take it full-face.
The “worst” is never the worst.
Why? Because the Master won’t ever
walk out and fail to return.
If he works severely, he also works tenderly.
His stockpiles of loyal love are immense.
He takes no pleasure in making life hard,
in throwing roadblocks in the way.”



Hobbies/Interests: Singing, leading worship, playing ukulele, mandolin, guitar, alto saxophone, handbells, hand chimes, and piano. I also love working with kids ages five to nine. I occasionally arrange or compose music.

Best high school experiences: My best friend and I were accepted into the State Honors Choir. We got to stay at a very fancy hotel for three days and our rehearsals were so much fun. I also got to meet my all-time favorite composer Dr. Z Randall Stroope. I talked to him, and he thought I was really cool. That was one of the best days of my entire life.

What I'm most looking forward to in college: I'm very excited to be in an encouraging Christian environment. I'm ready for a different school and area than I've been at for the past three years.

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Candace Cameron Bure. Even though she's been an actress on TV for the majority of her life, she still puts God first.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was 12, I went to my grandma's bed and breakfast for two weeks. I helped set the table and serve the guests in the morning, but in the afternoon and evening, I had very little to do. The only things I had brought were clothes, my journal, and my Bible. I decided I would spend my time reading my Bible. It was late at night and I was reading Isaiah 6. I got to the sixth verse which read: "Then one of the angels flew to me. In his hand was a burning coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, 'This has touched your lips. Your guilt has been taken away, and your sin has been forgiven.'" I was instantly filled with fear. All my life I had been going to church but no one had told me about the burning coals that were to come. I instantly bowed in prayer. I told God that if that was what it took, to just get it over with. I couldn't sleep because I was anxiously awaiting the second that the angels would come down, and I would have to endure the pain of the coals. Every minute that nothing happened, I saw as a minute closer to the agony that would come upon me. Eventually, I was so sleep deprived that I was able to rest. When I woke up, I looked at that same page I had read about the coals and noticed a text box next to it. The first sentence in the text box read: "Jesus is our burning coals!" I was so relieved, and I'm happy to say that to this day, I have never been burned with coals.

Where I want to travel and why: Armenia. My mom's side of the family is Armenian, and it'd be nice to actually see it for myself.

Lauren Zaeske

Home: Sheridan, Illinois

Major: Exercise Science

Favorite Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11

Hobbies or interests: Running, knitting, singing, reading

Best high school experience: Going to state in both cheerleading and track. They are memories that I will never forget.

In college, I am most looking forward to: I am really excited to be in a Christian learning environment, as well as meeting new people and making new friends!

If I could meet one famous person, dead or alive, it would be: Laura Ingalls Wilder. My dad read me all of her books when I was a little girl, and my family took trips to visit all of her houses. She was a special part of my childhood, so it would be amazing to actually get to meet her.

Strange or funny thing I did as a child: I used to have birthday parties for my imaginary friends once a week, and my mom would bake cakes!

If I could travel anywhere: I would love to go to Austria. I befriended an Austrian exchange student when she came to my school, and I would love the opportunity to visit her and experience life in her shoes.

