

WESTERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL TOP TEN SCHOLARS, CLASS OF 2026



Reuben Anderson is the son of Carrie and Joel Anderson and attends Harvest (Grand Haven campus). While a student at WMC, Reuben has participated in Cross Country, Track, Chamber Choir and National Honor Society.

After graduation Reuben will be attending the University of Michigan (College of Engineering) to study aerospace engineering. The verse that means the most to Reuben is 2 Timothy 1:7 *“for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self control”* as it is a constant reminder that the same God that created the universe also created and loves us. As people created by God, our hearts should never be fearful, but rather strive to honor him.



Annalise Bonnema attends Ferrysburg Community church with her parents Stacy and Dirk Bonnema. At her church, Annalise volunteers with the children’s ministry and VBS. Annalise also participates in the Youth Advisory Council of the

Community Foundation for Muskegon County. While at WMC, Annalise participated in Varsity Golf, Varsity Tennis, Student Council, National Honor Society, Earth Club, Model UN and is the Senior Class Vice-President. After graduating from high school, Annalise plans to attend the University of Michigan to study Neuroscience. Isaiah 43:2 *“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you”* is a reminder to Annalise that the Lord is always walking alongside her, no matter what she experiences.



Autumn Brown attends Ambassadors Church and is the daughter of Meisha and Eddie Brown. At Ambassadors Church, Autumn helps with Vacation Bible School and also helps with organizing files at the Boys and Girls Club of

the Lakeshore. After graduation, Autumn plans to attend New York University to study global liberal studies. The verse that means the most to Autumn is Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope”* because it offers comfort when the future feels uncertain.



Audrey Detar is the daughter of Debbie Detar and attends Watermark Church where she helps with monthly baking. Audrey also helps with Middle School Camp counseling and volunteers at the Christian Reformed

Conference Grounds. After graduation, Audrey will attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management with a minor in Human Resources. The verse that means the most to Audrey is Psalm 16:8-11 *“I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”* This verse reminds Audrey that whatever she faces, the Lord’s presence is always with her.



Annabelle Dykstra attends Blythefield Christian Reformed Church and is the daughter of Jennifer and Scott Dykstra. While at WMC, Annabelle has participated in band, JV Basketball and National Honor Society, serving as the

NHS Vice President her senior year. After High School, Annabelle will be attending Spring Arbor University to study secondary math education. The verse that is most meaningful to Annabelle is Joshua 1:9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”* as it reminds her that she doesn’t need to be afraid or discouraged because God is always with her.



Kaitlyn Gould is the daughter of Betty and Mike Gould and attends Forest Park Covenant Church. At WMC, Kaitlyn was a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation, Kaitlyn plans to attend Calvin University to study

Spanish education. The verse that means the most to Kaitlyn is Ephesians 3:20 *“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us”* as it reminds her that God is capable of so much more than what we think or ask.



Natalee Tyink attends Reeman Christian Reformed Church in Fremont and is the daughter of Robin and Scott Tyink. At WMC, Natalee has been a member of the Earth Club, Student Council and National Honor Society. After High School, Natalee

will be attending Calvin University to study Environmental Health and Conservation. Matthew 6:34 *“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”* is meaningful to Natalee as it reminds her that God has a plan for her and to trust God with her worries.



Meaghan Van Bruggen attends Harvest (Fruitport / Grand Haven Campuses) with her parents Gina and Thomas Van Bruggen. At Harvest, Meaghan serves on the Youth Group leadership team and also volunteers for Vertical Adventures. At

WMC, Meaghan has been involved in Varsity Tennis, Chamber Choir, Student Council, Earth Club, National Honor Society, and Model UN. Meaghan plans to attend the University of Michigan to study mathematics and follow a pre-med pathway. The verse that means the most to Meaghan is Romans 5:6-8 *“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,”* as it shows us how vast God’s love is for us and how we can rely on Him. It is also a testament to the free gift of salvation that is available to all people through Christ.



Noah VanWoerkom is the son of Wendy and Greg VanWoerkom and attends Covenant Life Church where he has served during Sunday services. At WMC, Noah was involved with Varsity Tennis and Student Council. After graduation, Noah plans

to attend Michigan Technological University to study Materials Science. Noah’s favorite verse is Exodus 35:31-32 *“and he filled them with the spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic design, to work in gold and silver and bronze”* because it speaks to his creativity and through God he can make beautiful works.



Zach Weare is the son of Julie and Justin Weare and attends Harvest (Fruitport Campus). Zach has participated on both the Basketball and Golf teams while at WMC and been inducted as a National Honor Society member. Zach’s future plans involve

attending Muskegon Community College in the fall to study finance. Zach’s favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:38-39 *“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”* as it encourages him that God’s love is unconditional and powerful.

WESTERN MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

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| Reuben Anderson | Annabelle Dykstra | Lauren Olsen |
| Isaiah Bach | Brynn Evans | Grey Patterson |
| Henry Bailey | Kasey Folkema | Bao Anh Phan |
| Taylor Balder | Kaitlyn Gould | Luke Proctor |
| Annalise Bonnema | Jack Gravelyn | Jack Sipe |
| Autumn Brown | Hunter Johnston | Reid Staal |
| Paige Chapel | Arin Kim | Jamee Towers |
| Elaina Clapp | Audrey Kingshott | Natalee Tyink |
| Arianna Cole | Boaz Leiter | Meaghan Van Bruggen |
| Drew Coleman | YanXuan Li | Noah VanWoerkom |
| Mia DeJonge | Grace MacNeil | Anh Nguyen Tram Vu |
| Rafael Delgado-Lopez | Lucas Matz | Bjorn Warp |
| Audrey Detar | Quint Menefee | Zachary Weare |
| Megann Dexter | Gavriel Modderman | Jacob Weesies |
| Jakin Doornbos | Noah Noonan | Evangeline Zenz |