

Our Commencement Speaker

We are honored to have **Mr. Woelke Leithart** as our graduation speaker. Mr. Leithart graduated from New Saint Andrews College (B.A.) and Duke University (M.A., J.D.). He currently serves as the Vice Chair of Veritas Academy's Board of Directors. He practices law in Savannah and coaches Veritas's Mock Trial team. Woelke and his wife Megan have four children: John, Matthias, Vivian, and Frances.

Special Thanks

To Veritas ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students and their parents for their faithful assistance with commencement and the reception.

To the faculty, staff, and board of Veritas Academy for their wise instruction and diligent nurturing of our graduates.

To the staff and members of Independent Presbyterian Church for being generous hosts to the students and families of Veritas Academy.

Especially to the parents, families, pastors, and friends, who have provided godly shepherding, biblical guidance, and loving support to Katie, Tristan, Jacob, Joshua, Anna, Wyatt, Caroline, Gabe, Griffin, Eisen, David, and Evan.

The Mission of Veritas Academy

The mission of Veritas Academy is to assist parents in the education of their children by cultivating truth, goodness, and beauty in students through a distinctly Christ-centered, classical, and covenantal education.



VERITAS ACADEMY
CLASSICAL ▼ CHRISTIAN ▼ COVENANTAL

2023 Commencement Exercises

*Friday, the Nineteenth of May,
Two thousand twenty-three,
Half past six in the evening*

Veritas Academy

2023 Commencement Exercises

Denise Winks, Pianist

Scott B. Taylor, Headmaster

- *Processional Mrs. Denise Winks
Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1, Sir Edward Elgar
- *Scripture Reading *Psalm 23* Miss Anna Hazeltine, Salutatorian
- *Invocation Mr. Doug Le Mahieu
- **Come Thou Fount* (TH #457) Nettleton
- Welcome Mr. Scott Taylor
- Valedictory Address Miss Katie Bland, Valedictorian
- Commencement Address Mr. Woelke Leithart
- **O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!* (TH #535) Ebenezer
- Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Scott Taylor & Mr. Doug Le Mahieu
- Commissioning Prayer Mr. Scott Taylor
- *Presentation of Graduates Mr. Scott Taylor
- *Veritas Academy School Song, *Non Nobis Domine* Doyle
- **The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Veritas Chorale
John Rutter and Chorale Alumni
- *Benediction Mr. Patrick Jarrett
- *Recessional Mrs. Denise Winks
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Neander
- * **Audience standing**

***Following the ceremony please join us in Telfair Hall
for a reception in honor of our graduates.***

Non Nobis

Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory.

Non nobis Domine, Domine,

Non nobis Domine,

Sed Nomine, sed Nomine,

Tuo da gloriam.

(repeat)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23

The Class of 2023

Katie Bland has attended Veritas for four years. While at Veritas, she has participated in chorale, cross country, yearbook, and the National Honor Society. She won awards at the GAPPS regional and state Spring Literary competitions. She has enjoyed dancing and teaching at Life Moves Dance Studio where she is able to share her passion for dance and Jesus with others. Katie is a recipient of the John A. Hamrick scholarship from Charleston Southern University and will continue her education there pursuing a degree in nursing.

Tristan Butler has attended Veritas for four years. During this time, he participated in chorale, drama, yearbook, varsity golf, cross country, and won first place in GAPPS Literary Quartet, and Literary Solo. He will attend Anderson University, majoring in Commercial Music.

Jacob Douberly has attended Veritas for five and a half years. Jacob has participated in archery, flag football, and varsity track. Jacob plans to take core classes at Georgia Southern University, and then transfer to Point University, in fulfillment of a calling into student ministry.

Joshua Espinosa, Jr. has attended Veritas since fifth grade. In these years, he has participated in archery, flag football, track, drama, variety show skits, mock trial. He was also a house captain, a flag football captain, and a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation he plans to work for *Grass!365*, a local artificial turf business.

Anna Hazeltine has attended Veritas for fourteen years. During her time at Veritas, she ran track three years, and played volleyball for eight years. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Anna will attend Columbia International University to study nursing.

Wyatt Newhouse has attended Veritas Academy for four years. During this time, he participated in archery, flag football, mock trial (attorney and witness), cross country, swim team, and captained the house of Athanasius. He will attend Anderson University to study marketing and finance.

Caroline Nix has attended Veritas for eight years. She has participated in volleyball, drama, chorale, and many other activities. She has been a member of the mock trial team for three years and captain of the mock trial team for two years, and the Treasurer of the National Honor Society during her senior year. Caroline plans to attend the University of South Carolina in the fall, and major in Public Relations.

Francisco "Gabe" Orellana has attended Veritas for thirteen years. He has participated in drama, chorale, archery, flag football, mock trial, spring literary quartet, and the National Honor Society with Veritas. Gabe plans to attend Geneva College in Pennsylvania.

Griffin Taylor has attended Veritas for four years. During this time, he has lettered in swimming, track, and cross country. He has also participated in Mock Trial for two years and was house captain of Augustine his senior year. He will study Exercise Science at Auburn University this fall.

Eisen Warner has attended Veritas for twelve years. During this time, he lettered in track and cross country, participated in archery, flag football, drama, art, and the National Honor Society, and coached 5th grade boys basketball. He was active in chorale winning first place in quartet three years in a row. Eisen will attend Georgia Southern University to take core classes for one year before transferring to Columbia International University to major in the arts and humanities.

David Warren has attended Veritas Academy for four years. He lettered in Archery and Flag Football. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. David plans on attending Georgia Southern in the fall.

Evan Wilson has attended Veritas Academy for four years. During that time, he participated in chorale, various drama productions, flag football, and been a captain on our Regional Champion Mock Trial team. He is also the President of the National Honor Society, a two-time Quartet State Champion, and a State Male Solo Champion. Evan plans to pursue law and politics, starting with a degree in Communications at Charleston Southern University.