

## Members of the class of 1988

### **Jacquelynn Herzfeld (Jones):**

Jacquelynn Herzfeld (Jones) is a 1988 graduate of Logan Elm who was class valedictorian and received the outstanding Math and Computer Science student awards as well as several other achievement awards. When in high school Jackie was a very active student being involved in volleyball, swimming (LE did not have a swim team, but she represented LE at the state swim meet her junior and senior years), track, Key Club, Math Club, and was a class officer. Jackie always wanted to go to college to study something related to math or chemistry. After graduating from LE she attended University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN where she received a degree in Chemical Engineering. She has been working in the petrochemical industry- specifically in the manufacturing of plastics - for 25 years. She has had positions as a process engineer, area supervisor, logistics and planning, and as a Health & Safety professional. She is currently an engineering supervisor at a chemical plant near Houston, TX. Her advice for those still in school hoping to follow their dreams is “don't be afraid to extend yourself beyond your comfort zone. I have learned and grown the most when I've tried to do something I wasn't sure I was capable of doing”.

## Members of the class of 1998

### **Issa Bialy (Package):**

Issa Bialy (Package) is a 1998 graduate of Logan Elm who was an active student at LE. She was involved in FCA, Track, Volleyball, and Journalism. When in high school Issa always wanted to grow up and do something related to architecture. After graduating from LE she attended The Ohio State University where she was a triple major in Transportation & Logistics, Marketing, Operations Mgmt. She has used this in the banking industry, educational publishing industry and now in the real estate development industry. Her advice for those still searching to follow their dreams is “ don't feel pressured to decide your future right now. It's ok to get out and explore and find out what makes you excited, what makes you feel alive / a sense of purpose. God designed us with passions you just have to find yours”.

## Members of the class of 2003

### **Meghan Dustin Yahn (DeLong):**

Meghan Dustin Yahn (DeLong) is a 2003 graduate of LE who graduated with honors while being a very active student in high school. She was involved in volleyball, softball. Key Club, Skandah. 4-H and was a class officer. In high school Meghan wanted to become either a teacher or social worker. She attended Capital and Otterbein Universities where she received her BSN from Capital in 2007. When graduating with this degree she worked as a bedside nurse for five years to complete her nursing internship, residency, and research fellowship. Meghan then continued her education by receiving her master's degree in education in 2012 also at Capital. When completing this degree she worked for two years at Ohio State in staff development and later transitioned to management. She then completed her post master's certificate at Otterbein in 2016 as a Family Nurse Practitioner which is the job role she is currently in with Berger Health System. Meghan's piece of advice to current students planning to follow their dream is to “work hard and stay focused! You do not have to be the #1 student in your class to achieve your

dreams and to do big things in life. If others tell you "you can't", use that as fuel to work harder” she said.

## Members of the class of 2008

### **Katie Bailey:**

Katie Bailey is a 2008 graduate who was involved in Key Club, TEAMS, Drama Club, Web Page Staff, and Art Club when in high school. When Katie was in high school she was interested in attending college to become a photojournalist. After graduating from Logan Elm she has extended her educating many times by attending Columbus State Community College (Associate of Arts Degree) Ohio State University (Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology) Texas A&M University (Master of Arts in Anthropology) and she is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University and will be graduating next year with my PhD in Anthropology. She plans to work at a university and continue to conduct research and teach with her PhD in Anthropology. Katie was asked to give us a few details on what she has been doing over the past few years other than continuing her education; her answer “I have been working on my PhD in anthropology with a specialty in primatology. I study the red-shanked douc langur in Vietnam. I have been to Vietnam four times to study their anatomy and locomotion. I just returned from a six month trip in Vietnam in April. I am expecting to graduation next year.” Katie wants high school students interested in going to college or even grad school to know “it is not about being the smartest person to go to college or grad school, you just have to be willing to work hard. Dreams are completely achievable as long as you work hard, whether that be by studying or working nights and weekends.”

### **Janie Zawacki (Waidelich):**

Janie Zawacki is a 2008 graduate whom was the salutatorian of her class. When in high school she was active in sports, band, and many extracurricular clubs. Her goal while in high school was to grow up and become a high school math teacher. After graduating from Logan Elm she attended Capital University and studied Integrated Mathematics which allowed her to become the high school math teacher she wanted to be. Her advice to students in high school hoping to follow their dreams is “hard work doesn't go unnoticed. You will get out of high school what you put into it” says Zawacki.

## Members of the class of 2010

### **Heather Dalessandri:**

Heather Dalessandri is a 2010 graduate of Logan Elm whom was a member of the track team in high school. Throughout high school Heather always wanted to grow up and design and decorate houses. After graduating from LE she attended Hondros college and Ohio University Chillicothe where she received a degree in Business Management/Real Estate. She hopes to someday own her own Real Estate business. “My advice to those currently in high school is to not give up on your dreams. You should always believe in yourself, even when things feel tough. You will always make it through anything with positive thoughts. Don't be afraid to ask for help, it doesn't mean you are weak. Also, don't forget the people who helped you achieve your dreams along the way. Without my family and friends who helped me along the way I wouldn't be where I am today”, said Heather.

## Members of the class of 2011

### **Emily Robinson:**

Emily Robinson is a 2011 graduate whom was the salutatorian of her class. She was a VERY active high school student while being involved in four sports; which included Golf, Basketball, Softball, and Track and Field. She was also involved in several school organizations, such as President of Student Union, President of Key Club, President of National Honor Society, Skandha (Yearbook), TEAMS, Pep Club, Varsity Club, Push-up Club, Choir, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. When in high school Emily was interested in several subjects and career paths. She never limited herself to one specific career goal, but instead focused on absorbing as much knowledge as possible during her time at Logan Elm. Emily attended Wheeling Jesuit University for her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and recently completed her Master of Science degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she was a dual track major, where she studied developmental and psychiatric disabilities. Emily am currently is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and interviewing for jobs to be a Rehabilitation Counselor in local high schools in North Carolina to help students with disabilities prepare for college and future employment. Emily's advice for current students hoping to following theirs dreams is "to step outside of your comfort zone and become involved in several different types of organizations at Logan Elm and in the community. In regards to your dreams, my advice would be to believe in yourself and stay focused on how to achieve your dreams, because with the right mindset anything is possible!"

## Members of the class of 2012

### **Anthony Vagnier:**

Anthony Vagnier is a 2012 graduate who graduated with *many* athletic achievements as well as the Mike Spangler award. He was involved in varsity football, basketball, and baseball as well as key club. When in high school and always throughout his time growing up Anthony wanted to become a professional athlete. After graduating from LE he attended Northern Kentucky University for four years where he played baseball and finished a fifth year at Ohio Christian University. He currently holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Anthony's advice to current high school students is "The harder you work and want for something in life the more successful that you are going to become In achieving those hopes and dreams."

### **Brooke Lauz (Barnes)/ Henry:**

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### **Megan Dresbach:**

Megan Dresbach is a 2012 graduate that was actively involved in FFA when in high school. When in high school Megan wanted to work for her father's company W.D. Farms LLC. They specialize in nutrient management. Within this career path she is driving semis, operating tractors and other pieces of equipment. Megan is the Vice President so her duties include everything from secretarial duties, human resources management, bookkeeper, and supervising

employees. In high school she started a trucking company, MD Ag Services LLC. Megan attended The Ohio State University where she received a minor in International Studies, an associates degree in Agronomy, and a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business and Applied Economics. Megan's advice for current high schoolers is "if someone tells you, you can't do something, do it anyway because you can accomplish anything you set your mind to."

**Michaella Delacio (Huffman):**

Michaella Delacio (Huffman) is a 2012 graduate that was active in volleyball, basketball, FCA, varsity club, and Allied Health in high school. When in high school Michaella wanted to become a physical therapist. She attended Findlay University for one semester then transferred to Ohio Christian University where she completed her undergrad. While at Findlay she was studying Physical Therapy but once transferring she switched majors to Early Childhood Education. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and is now a licensed teacher in grades PreK-3 and am currently working as a preschool teacher at Primrose Schools in Grove City. Her advice for those still in school is "don't get so invested in your expectations of what college and "adult life" is going to be like. Don't be too quick to decide what it is you want to major in, keep an open mind because what is meant to be could be something that you never expected. If you would have asked me as a high school student what I pictured myself doing in life; teaching would not have been my answer, but I can honestly say that I can't imagine myself in any other career."

**Rebecca Little:**

Rebecca Little is a 2012 graduate who was a member of the National Honor Society upon graduation. Becca was involved in cheerleading (captain), a National Honor Society (executive board member) and participated in Post-Secondary classes. Becca was asked if she knew in high school what she wanted to do when she graduated and she responded "To be honest when I was in high school I wasn't exactly sure what I wanted to do after graduation. The only thing I was sure about with regards to my future was that I wanted to be successful in whatever career path I chose. When I enrolled in college I originally went into my undergrad with my major undecided. After my first semester, I declared my major as psychology". She attended Wright State University after graduating from LE. She graduated from WSU in May of 2015 with a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology. Becca knew in college she wanted to use her degree to help with leadership roles and event planning's. She applied for many jobs post graduation and received one in an event planning at an international law firm. Becca's advice for current high school students is "My first piece of advice is to be well versed in anything you are deciding on. Whether this is your college decision, your choice of major, or career path. Always do your research and know as much as you can so you can make an informed decision. Secondly- success looks different for everyone. There is no one way to measure if someone is successful. So as difficult as it can be sometimes, do not compare yourself and your accomplishments to others. Finally, set goals but also set a path to reach them. Having goals for your life is great, but developing feasible, measurable steps to reach the end goal is just as important."

**Tiffany Bise:**

Tiffany Bise is a 2012 graduate who was involved in volleyball her freshman year and softball all four years. She participated in FFA, Key Club, Community Care Day and prom committee throughout high school as well. Bise says "In high school I really wasn't 100% sure

what I wanted to do, but I knew I wanted to be in the medical field. I leaned toward Radiology when looking at colleges”. After high school she attended the University of Rio Grande and received a Bachelor's in Sports and Exercise Studies which she plans to use to further her education in Physical Therapy. Tiffany was a very busy and successful student when attending Rio Grande; 5 year member of the University of Rio Grande Softball program, Academic All-conference for three years, Champions of Character softball representative for the University, Awarded the Champion of Character for the River States Conference in the sport of Softball, Pitcher of the Week in the River States Conference, Participated in multiple research projects and was awarded the School of Health and Behavioral Science Award for Excellence in Scholarship on the research project on Concussions, Student personal Trainer, and Administrator of the Employee Wellness Program. When asked to give a piece of advice to current high school students Bise said “my advice to those who are still in high school would be to work hard and to get involved. It may not seem like a big deal at the time, but all of the little things really add up to better your future opportunities that you may run into.”

### **Victoria Meyers (Turner):**

Victoria Turner is a 2012 graduate who was involved in cross country, track and participated in key club and FCA during high school. When Victoria was asked what she thought she wanted to do when she graduated high school her answer was “I honestly had no idea what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I thought I wanted to be so many things. I thought I would be a dental hygienist for a while, and then I thought I would be a teacher, and in the end of my senior year, I decided I wanted to go to cosmetology school”. After graduating from LE Turner went on to start out in cosmetology school and realized it wasn't for her, so after 8 weeks of doing that she enrolled in classes at Ohio University. She went to OU-L for 3 years and finished out in Athens for her senior year and got a degree there. Her degree is in communications with a concentration in diversity and health. Her plan was/ is to work for nonprofit organizations that help get girls and women out of human trafficking, stripping, and prostitution. She graduated a year ago from college and still hasn't found an organization but she doesn't plan to give up on the search for one because that's what she went to school to do. Victoria's advice to current high schools students is “Don't give up on your dreams. Even if you think it's far fetched. You have your whole life to work and be an adult, so do what you love :) also, high school goes by very quickly. You only have four years to go to dances and football games so enjoy it and do all of things you want to while you can because growing up and adulthood comes way too fast and you miss picking out the perfect dress and getting your hair and makeup done and getting to dance and make memories with your friends.”

## Members of the class of 2013

### **Allie Reisinger:**

Allie Reisinger is a 2013 graduate whom graduated as a scholar athlete, on high honor roll, and with honors. Allie was an active high schooler with being involved in many clubs and sports teams (soccer, track & field, student union, prom committee and key club). When in high school Reisinger wanted to grow up to become a high school athletic trainer, so she followed her dreams and attended Miami University to study athletic training. Where she graduated in the spring of 2017. Allie said when asked ‘what piece of advice would you give to those currently in high school hoping to follow their dream?’ “If you're anything like me, you have a plan for your

life and you will do anything in your power to make sure that plan happens. Unfortunately, usually our plans don't play out the way we want them to. The one thing that I have learned that has been *so essential* in me sticking with my goals is that sometimes plans change *and that's okay*. You're friends in high school that you think will be your friends forever may not be. *That's okay*. Your career path that you decide on in high school may not be the path that you finish college on. *That's okay*. The next few years will be some of the most influential ones of your life. Always remember that change is hard but change is okay, even good most of the time. Your dreams four years from now may be completely different than they are now but roll with it! We aren't meant to stay in one place our whole lives! Just work hard and enjoy the ride.”

### **Taylor Gifford:**

Taylor Gifford graduated in 2013 with a recognition of high honors. Taylor was an active high school student being involved in varsity volleyball and basketball, FFA, Key Club, Vice President of the Varsity Club, prom committee, Skandha (yearbook), office and library TA, along with participating in many community service days. When in high school Taylor was set on going to college for dentistry. She current attends The Ohio State University where she will graduate in the winter of 2017. Taylor was asked what she is currently studying and plans to do with her major and she said; “even though I came into college and immediately started studying biology, pre-dentistry, that changed after two years of being at college. I switched to dental hygiene, and after a little set back in that field, I felt completely discouraged. After some thorough research, I switched majors and am now a Speech and Hearing Science major with a minor in Disability Studies. I have found a passion for helping others with communication disorders, and I plan to attend graduate school to become a Speech Language Pathologist. I wish to work with adults in hospital settings”. Taylor also had some great advice to give to current high school students looking into the future “a piece of advice I would give students currently in high school is to never settle, work hard, and that it's alright to change your mind. Had I not changed my mind after finishing my sophomore year of college, I would be settling in a field that I could not find a passion for. Even though changing my major set me back a semester and now requires me to go to grad school, that's ok! It's exciting to me that I found a passion and get to continue my education and better myself and my education. You can do anything you set your mind to, and do not let anyone tell you differently. If you do not have a clue about what you want to do with your life, that's ok too! When you're entering college or the workforce at the age of 18 after high school graduation, it is 100% ok if you do not know what you want to do with your life. All in all, work hard and do not let others tell you cannot achieve a goal. If you have high aspirations in life, go for it. Focus on yourself and work hard for yourself and everything else will fall into place.”

## Members of the class of 2014

### **Adam Agosta:**

Adam Agosta is a 2014 graduate whom was class Valedictorian and graduated with Highest Honors. Adam was heavily involved with the Cross Country and Track teams while at LE. He balanced out all of that running with clubs such as In The Know (academic team), National Honor Society and Key Club. Adam was asked to share what he wanted to become after graduating from LE; he answered “I knew throughout high school that I did not want to have a “normal” day-to- day job. I always became easily bored with doing the same things on a daily basis, so I knew I wanted an exciting career that would keep me on my toes. This, combined with

the educational, leadership and travel opportunities that the military provided, led me to explore options related to serving as an officer in the armed forces”. Adam now attends The Ohio State University where he plans to graduate in the Spring of 2018. He is majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at OSU. He has also been involved with the Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) as a full tuition scholarship student all three years at Ohio State. With his engineering degree, he plans on commissioning as an officer in the United States Navy, hopefully as a Student Naval Aviator (Pilot). Additionally, Adam hopes to utilize the resources available in the Navy to eventually continue my graduate education. Adams advice for those still searching to follow their dreams is “keep your options open and don’t settle. If you continually work your hardest both in and out of the classroom, make the right decisions, and keep an open mind, you’ll be able to put your priorities first and will truly have the most control over what you do with your life”.

### **Daniel Hemming:**

Daniel Hemming is a 2014 graduate whom graduated with high honors. He was involved in Football, Track & Field, Tennis, Men’s Choir, National Honor Society, Key Club, Varsity Club. Daniel was asked to share with us what he wanted to be after graduating from LE he answered “I remember exploring many careers while in high school. I took advantage of the electives the school to help me decide what would be the best career path for me. My initial plans were to go into the medical field. After finishing a semester of Anatomy I knew that wasn’t the right field for me. I then moved on and aspired to become a lawyer. Again, a short-lived stint on the school’s mock trial team and completing Mr. Fike’s Intro to Law class I found legal work wasn’t a great fit for my talents. Finally, I took Personal Finance and Accounting and fell in love with it. I was always good at math and finance made a lot of sense to me. I also really enjoyed the versatility that a business degree provided”. He now attends Ohio University and is set to graduate in April 2018. Daniel is pursuing a Bachelors of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. After graduation, he plans on moving to Austin, Texas to start his career with Dell Technologies as a Financial Analyst in their Finance Development Program. His advice for those still in high school searching to follow their dreams is “set goals and make plans on how you’ll accomplish those goals. Sitting down to outline what you want to do and how you want to do is a great first step in following your dreams. At the same time it is important to stay open minded and take advantage of opportunities you have. Constantly setting, reaching, and reevaluating your goals is a great way to develop and help you reach whatever dream you have”.

### **Jessy Thomas:**

Jessy Thomas is a 2014 graduate whom graduated with highest honors and was a very involved student. She was involved in National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, prom committee and Battle of the Book's, Key Club, Art Club, and co-editor of the yearbook (Skandha). She also played volleyball for three years and soccer for one. Jessy was asked to tell us what she wanted to grow up and do throughout her high school years; her answer was “I wanted to be an artist from the age of five all the way up until my Sophomore year of high school. I then had the privilege of being taught by an amazing science teacher, Mrs. Sykes, who inspired me to explore a future in science. Her courses along with my personal experience witnessing the effects of Alzheimer’s, inspired me to want to pursue a path in neuroscience”. She now attends The Ohio State University where she will receive her degree in Bachelors of Science in Neuroscience. She wants to then go on to graduate school to

pursue a doctorate in neuropsychology and work with people who have disorders within the brain and nervous system. “The best piece of advice I can give to young students is to NEVER settle. Envision your dream and remember it is YOURS and no one else’s. No matter how much it scares you, go for it. Even if everyone thinks you’re in over your head, go for it. Even if you don’t think you’re smart enough, good enough, have the right skills and qualities for whatever dream you want to pursue, go for it. Don’t get distracted by the pressures of the world around you or even the pressures you put on yourself. Always remember YOUR dream and keep pushing forward. No matter the end result, you will be happy with the person you have become and the place you ended up”.

**Joe Miller:**

Joe Miller was a 2014 graduate whom graduated with High Honors, an Honors Diploma, National Honor Society distinction, the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, and the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Joe was involved in Student Government, National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Key club, In the Know, Weightlifting club, Football, Buckeye Boys State, 4-H, volunteered at Berger hospital, and volunteered at the Logan Elm Health Care center. Since the age of 11 Joe has wanted to become a physician and even throughout high school that thought stayed with him. After LE he attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he is pursuing a B.S. degree in Biology with a co-major in Premedical Studies and an Ethics minor. This degree and minor have prepared him to pursue medical school and to become a physician. His advice for those still searching to follow their dreams is “I think one of the things that has helped me the most in pursuing my dreams is having a great work ethic. If you’re willing to work hard for opportunities and do your absolute best for those who are offering opportunities, then these individuals will be much more likely to open future opportunities for you. This has allowed me to participate in clinical research positions at The Ohio State University hospitals during my sophomore year summer and The University of Chicago hospitals during my junior year summer. So, it’s extremely important to work hard if you want to fully realize your dreams because this will show others that you’re serious about pursuing your dreams”.

**Lindsay Downs (Goeglein):**

Lindsay Downs (Goeglein) is a 2014 graduate whom was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors. Lindsay was involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes for all four years of high school. She was a member of NHS, played volleyball, softball and was a varsity cheerleader. Throughout high school Lindsay always wanted to become a nurse. After graduating from LE she went on to follow her dreams and now attends Mount Carmel College of Nursing where she will graduate in the spring of 2018. Her advice for those still in high school hoping to follow their dreams is “give is to take school seriously and do the best you possibly can in high school. Most colleges look at how well you did in high school and I think that really impacts you in the future”.

**Members of the class of 2015**

**Alivia Butler:**

Alivia Butler is a 2015 graduate who graduated on the honor roll and as her class Vice President. Alivia was involved in Student Union, volleyball, track and National Honor Society within her high school years. While in high school Alivia wanted to go to college to become a



nurse (RN/BSN). She currently attends Mount Carmel College of Nursing and is leaning towards becoming a pediatric nurse and going back to school to become a nurse practitioner. “My advice would be to set your goals high for yourself because you are capable of more than you realize and can accomplish whatever it is you set your mind to. Don’t be afraid to go to others and ask for advice/help to get you where you want to be in life. Never lose sight of what your dreams are because as long as you work hard you can make your dreams become a reality” says Alivia.

**Daija Joseph:**

Daija Joseph is a 2015 graduate who graduated as a Congressional Student of the Month her senior year. She was involved in Volleyball (freshman and sophomore year), track (freshman year), FFA (sophomore, junior and senior year-president), 4H, Student Union, Skandha (senior year). Daija was asked to share what she wanted to grow up and do after graduating high school; she said “during my freshman year of high school and beginning of my sophomore year I wanted to go to school to become a physical therapist. During these two years is when PT programs became a doctorate degree no matter what college you attended. I knew my academic abilities and getting my doctorate for PT was something that I would struggle with. Knowing this and while I had just joined the FFA my sophomore year and had always been active in 4H I realized I had a passion and love for agriculture. This then led me into looking at colleges that had agriculture programs”. She now attends Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio where she plans to graduate a year early in the Spring of 2018. At Wilmington she will be receiving her Bachelor’s of Science in Agriculture Business in May 2018. After her undergrad she plans to go onto graduate school for her Master’s in Business Administration. After getting her bachelors and masters she hopes to someday work for a seed sales company or a crop insurance company. Her advice for those still in high school is “partake in College Credit Plus classes.; these classes will help you in the future whether it’s just prepping for college or taking advantage of the credits transferring to where you may end up going and it allowing you to graduate early. Remember college is EXPENSIVE and College Credit Plus classes are FREE”!