



Portrait of a Graduate

MISSION

Helping real students find real faith by cultivating excellence in **academics, leadership, and service** in a Christ-centered environment.

A Real Life Christian Academy graduate will...

Academics

- **Understand a biblical worldview in all disciplines**
 - 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 will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
 - Colossians 17:15-17- *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*
- **Display effective communication and collaboration that asks relevant and thoughtful questions**
 - Colossians 4:6- *Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*
- **Cultivate the value of being a passionate life-long learner who thinks, writes, reads, and listens critically**
 - Proverbs 1:5- *Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.*
- **Accept and embrace academically rigorous challenges**
 - Proverbs 9:9- *Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.*
 - Proverbs. 2:6- *For the LORD gives wisdom from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.*
- **Demonstrate an independent, strong work ethic**
 - Colossians 3:23- *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*
- **Be well equipped to utilize scientific and mathematical methods to understand the world**
 - Luke 14:28- *Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?*
 - Proverbs 18:15- *The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.*
- **Embrace the risk of an innovative mindset**
 - Matthew 14:29- *"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*
 - 1 Samuel 17:45- *David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."*

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Leadership

- **Be equipped influencers as they present ideas and arguments clearly, listen respectfully, think critically, and problem solve effectively**
 - Matthew 5:13-16-*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- **Be equipped Christ-centered leaders as they develop and model core values consistent with biblical principles**
 - Ephesians 2:10-*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
- **Understand and cultivate his or her unique gifts and talents through opportunities to explore how God's design fits a specific calling**
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11-*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*
- **Analyze situations to recognize important variables and constants, use innovative thinking to anticipate problems and solutions**
 - Romans 1:19-20-*Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*
 - Acts 17:2-4-*As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.*
- **Recognize and pursue opportunities for traditional and/or non-traditional leadership roles**
 - Luke 7:8-10-*For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go," and he goes; and that one, "Come," and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this," and he does it. When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."*
 - John 13:12-*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.*

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Service

- **Understand how to humbly meet the needs of others**
 - Philippians 2:3- *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*
 - James 3:13- *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.*
- **Understand the value and impact of service**
 - Ephesians 1:18-23- *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*
- **Understand that the love of Christ is demonstrated through service to others**
 - 1 John 3:16- *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*
- **Understand that all he or she has belongs to God and use it for God's purposes**
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7- *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
 - James 1:17- *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*
- **Demonstrate a servant-leader mindset; imitating the model of Jesus Christ**
 - Micah 6:8- *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*
 - Ephesians 5:1-2- *Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children. And walk in love, as the Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.*
- **Appreciate the value of an impact on the local community**
 - Jeremiah 29:4-11- *This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."⁸ Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*
 - Psalms 92:12-13- *The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD they will flourish in the courts of our God.*

A Real Life Christian Academy graduate will...

Christ-Centered

- **Possess a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and core doctrines of the Christian faith**
 - Proverbs 4:11- *I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.*
 - 2 Timothy 3:15-16- *and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*
- **Be able to articulate the Christian faith and provide biblical insight to the challenges of a changing world**
 - 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 will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
 - Luke 2:46-47- *After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*
- **Understand that, according to biblical teaching, his or her life's purpose is found in bringing honor and glory to Jesus Christ while being devoted to the service of others.**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10- *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*
 - 1 Peter 2:12- *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*
- **Understand, according to biblical teaching, the importance of continued growth in his or her Christian walk as a life-long follower of Jesus Christ**
 - Proverbs 4:23- *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*
 - 2 Timothy 3:14- *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it.*