

Harvest Baptist Academy

Graduate Biographies

Sara Cothran

My name is Sara Cothran. I graduated from Harvest Baptist Academy in 2009. Right after high school, I attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC; I majored in Nursing for one semester and Special Education for another semester. After one year, I transferred to Greenville Technical College in Greenville, SC, where I completed an Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Technologies. I worked as an EMT while I was in high school, and continued to work as a paramedic for four years after I completed my first degree. In 2014, I returned to Greenville Technical College and earned an Associate's Degree in Nursing. I currently am completing my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing online. Currently, I work at Self Regional Hospital in Greenwood, SC, Cardiac Stress Lab Nurse and a Congestive Heart Failure Nurse Educator. I also still maintain my National Paramedic Certificate.

While attending Harvest Baptist Academy, I was involved in several extracurricular activities. I played on the volleyball team from 8th grade until I graduated. I participated in several musical activities as well (school choir, KCEA All-State choir, KCEA competitions, and the hand bell choir.) I was the Treasurer for my class. I also graduated as the Salutatorian of my class.

Nathaniel Skelly

I attended West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, CA. I majored in Secondary Education. I am currently working as a personal banker at Huntington National Bank. I have been married for five years with one son and another one on the way. We live in Pittsburgh, PA. I love history, basketball, politics, and travel.

Emily Gutschow

I attended Bob Jones University for my undergraduate degree. I studied business administration with a focus in marketing and a minor in Spanish. While I was at Bob Jones, I was able to serve as a resident assistant overseeing a hall of about forty women. During the summer of 2013, I served on operations staff at The Wilds Christian Camp, and in the summer of 2014, I was a camp counselor there as well. During the summer before my senior year of college, I was offered an internship with VisitGreenvilleSC, the Conventions and Visitor's Bureau of Greenville, SC, as the sales and marketing intern. I was then offered to extend my internship through my last semester. This was a fantastic opportunity, as I gained real world experience in which I could practice what I learned through the university and get college credit at the same time. I was

offered a position with TD Bank in the auto finance side of the business in January of 2016, while I was finishing up a few online courses prior to graduating. I am still currently in this position as an auto loan servicer. My future plans are get a position in marketing and grow in that area of business. If the Lord leads me to pursue further education, I'm open to that as well.

Becca Brinker

I attended college at Pensacola Christian College and graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in May of 2015. I then went on to study for my Master's of Science in Nursing degree which will be completed in May of 2017.

During college, I studied and worked hard to gain the skills and knowledge of an excellent nurse. In addition to completing nursing classes and clinical hours, I was involved in many areas of service throughout my time in college. I volunteered in several different groups to serve the community by singing to the elderly in the nursing home and the sick and dying in hospice care. I also became involved with the Miracle League, which is a local organization in Pensacola that provides the ability for special needs adults and children to play in baseball leagues. I have attended church at the Campus Church at PCC during my time here and have served in the Master Clubs ministry working to help children learn, memorize, and apply the Word of God to their lives.

During summer breaks, I was given the opportunity to serve as a camp counselor at The Wilds Christian Camp and Organization in North Carolina. I was also able to go on a medical missions trip to Papua New Guinea, where I aided a missionary nurse and her husband to spread the Gospel through the ministry of medicine.

Currently, I am working at PCC as a graduate assistant as I finish my Master's degree. I instruct nursing students in clinical at the local hospitals, and I am teaching a freshman nursing course. Once I graduate in May, I plan to go home to Pennsylvania and get a job in a local Pittsburgh hospital in order to gain experience and work my way into a position as a transplant ICU nurse.

My plans are tentative in that I am open to God's leading in my life as I continue my journey as a nurse. I absolutely love nursing and plan to use it as a tool to reach others for Christ.

Nikki Brinker

My name is Nikki Brinker. After graduating from Harvest Baptist Academy, I attended Pensacola Christian College. In May of 2016, I earned my Bachelor's degree in Accounting with a Minor in Management. During my four years as an undergraduate student, I was involved in extracurricular activities such as serving as a treasurer for my collegian and playing softball. I also worked as a desk worker in the residents' halls to greet guests and help students and guests

with any questions they had. During my summers while in school, I worked at Classic Tent Rentals as a bookkeeper and a general laborer.

Since graduating in May of 2016, I have returned to Pensacola Christian College to pursue a Master's of Business Administration degree. I am currently working for the A Beka Book Publishing department as a math editor. I am looking forward to what the Lord has for me after I graduate with my Master's degree.