

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 CELA GRADUATES!



A note to our 8th grade graduates:

Congratulations to every one of you for reaching this milestone in the journey of life! The academic excellence you have achieved has you well prepared for high school and beyond. The leadership skills you have developed will help you stand out amongst your peers and go far. The Christian values you have been practicing will continue to shape and build your character. We pray you will carry with you all you have learned while at CELA and that these lessons will guide you along the path you take.

-- from the Founders of CELA



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Presented here is an excerpt from the graduation speech that was presented on Thursday, June 4th.

You can read the full speech at CELAedu.org!

What CELA Means to Me

by Jacqui Frisbie-Teel

Throughout the nine years I have been here at CELA, I have grown closer to God and made so many lasting memories. CELA is a meaningful place to me because of the leadership opportunities, amazing academics, and most importantly, Christian values.

The leadership opportunities and skills that I have learned at my time at CELA have made me more confident and helped me become a better Christian leader. Leadership, being one of CELA's three pillars, has been a big part of my CELA experience and has prepared me for high school. One thing that required me to learn not only leadership, but also responsibility, is Chapel Buddies. Another way that CELA has taught me leadership is through leading chapel, concerts, and musicals. From when I was in 5K, our class would go up on stage and participate in chapels and concerts. Speaking in chapels and joining the musical has helped me become more confident and better at public speaking. The Leadership classes that we take as an elective have also helped me become a better leader and more prepared for high school. All these leadership opportunities and skills that CELA has taught have helped me throughout middle school and I am sure will help me throughout high school too!

Another meaningful part of CELA is the amazing academics. Advanced academics have made me excel and become prepared for high school. Smaller classes have also been really helpful at CELA. With fewer students, we are able to participate more and ask more questions. The fact that CELA is able to do advanced classes, has pushed me and will help me in high school.

CELA has taught me so many things, but the most important is growing my faith and becoming closer with God. Throughout everything in CELA, Christ is always the main focus and part of every day. At CELA, where I am surrounded by other Christians and people praying for me, it reminds me that I am not alone and I should always make God a part of my daily life. This has grown me into a stronger Christian and helped me to make my faith my own. Starting the day off with CVLD everyday for nine years, has not only helped me know the scripture, but also grown me closer to God. Going to chapel on Wednesdays is a highlight of the school week and watching younger grades on stage is a fun and meaningful way to learn about God and all He has done. I am so grateful that I have had so many years at a school where I can talk about my faith and where teachers encourage us to grow closer to God. CELA has left a mark in so many ways on me, but having God at the center of everything has definitely been the most meaningful.

With the leadership opportunities, amazing academics, and Christian values I have experienced at CELA I have also made so many lasting memories and friendships. One of my favorite parts of the school year when I was little was the last day of school and Chapel Family Relays. Most recently, and a highlight of my 8th grade year was going to Washington DC. Seeing the monuments and famous buildings with my class was so much more memorable than if I had gone by myself. Overall, my experience at CELA has been unforgettable and has taught me so much. Although I am sad that this was my last year here, CELA will always hold a place in my heart, along with the amazing teachers and friends that I have made along the way.

CELA's 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington DC



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