

# Unity Christian High School

## Homecoming 2020

### Friday, January 24

#### Schedule of Events

1:00 p.m. – Homecoming Chapel

1:30-3:20 p.m. – Royalty presented to student body/Voting for Knight and Lady/Activities

3:45 p.m. – JV G/B games vs. Spirit Lake

6:15p.m. – Varsity girl/boy games vs. Spirit Lake

\*Alumni Decades presentations at half-time of the girls' varsity game. Coaches presentation between varsity games.

\*Homecoming Court presented between the varsity games (approximately 7:30)

\*Dance Team co-ed routine at half-time of the varsity girls' game and lights at half-time of the varsity boys' game.

#### **UCHS welcomes Sarah Jensema to Homecoming 2020**

It feels like just yesterday I was sitting in the gym listening to my own Homecoming chapel speaker. I graduated from Unity in 2010 and in the fall, I began attending Dordt College in Sioux Center. The following spring, I met my future husband, Zach Jensema of Oostburg, Wisconsin, and we were married in December 2013. I graduated from Dordt College in May of 2014, with a major in Secondary Math Education and an additional endorsement in Speech Communication/Theatre. I began working at Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa that fall as the upper level math teacher. In the fall of 2016, I started working as a junior high teacher at Sioux Center Christian School. On March 6, 2017, we welcomed our first son, Jaethan Alan, into the world. The following winter, I became a middle school paraprofessional at Sioux Center Christian. This past summer I left Sioux Center Christian to become the In-store Trainer part-time at Culver's of Sioux Center where my husband is the General Manager. On October 1, we welcomed our second son, Alexander David, into the family. I now spend most of my days playing cars, trucks, and trains with my boys.

We are excited to welcome all alumni and friends to a hospitality room in the school library as part of Homecoming activities again this year. The room will be open from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Come and visit with former classmates and friends and enjoy some light refreshments. Tours of the facility will be available upon request. Decade presentations will be at half-time of the girls' varsity game. We will celebrate varsity coaches from the years 1965-80 before the court presentation between the varsity games.

Make plans to come and share the evening with us. We always enjoy having our alumni and friends "coming home" for this special occasion.

# Class of 2020 Candidates for Knight and Lady

## Madison Blankespoor

Hi! My name is Madison Blankespoor, daughter of Darin and Denise Blankespoor, and we live in Orange City. My dad works for Brown's Medical Imaging and provides application training for x-ray techs. My mom is a para at Covenant Kids Preschool. Alex, my older brother, is married to Katelyn (Franken). They live on an acreage near Ireton with their one-year-old son, Hudson. Josie, my older sister, is a junior at Northwestern College, studying nursing. She is engaged to Mason Post from Sioux Center.

Throughout my time at Unity, I have been involved in cross country, track, volleyball, basketball, and chorale. I have enjoyed activities with other students as it has allowed me to build new relationships and meet new people. This year, I also had the opportunity to be a Living Group leader. I appreciate our Living Group because it has challenged me to share my beliefs and encourage others in their Christian faith.

Outside of school, I attend Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, where I participate in youth group every Wednesday night. Last summer, I had the opportunity to go to California for a youth group serve trip. I also love to spend time with my family and friends through camping, boating, and playing games. I especially enjoy playing with my nephew, Hudson, and my two dogs, Izzy and Charley.

Christian education has played an impact on who I am today. I have been blessed to attend a school that encourages me to walk with Christ. While at Unity, I have learned to build my faith by serving the Lord. I am thankful for teachers, coaches, friends, and parents who have influenced my faith journey through prayer, encouragement, and support.

One of my favorite Bible verses comes from Proverbs 3:5-6. It says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." These verses provide me great comfort in knowing that if I trust in God, he will lead me in the right direction.

Next fall, I plan to study nursing at Northwestern College and will also be part of the track team. I trust that God will continue working in my life by leading me through my future years in college. I am excited to see what God has in store for the next chapter of my life.



## Micah Byl

Hi, my name is Micah Byl and I am the daughter of Dan and Missy. My dad is a farmer and my mom works in nutrition services. I have three brothers and a sister. My oldest brother Trent got married to Katie last summer. My sister Robyn is a sophomore at Iowa State studying agronomy. My brother Bo is a sophomore at Unity Christian and my youngest brother Asa is a 7th grader at SCCS.

Christian education has been a huge blessing in my life. I have learned the value of living for Christ daily. I also am thankful for having Christian teachers, coaches, and friends who continually encourage me. They have shown me how to live for Christ. Unity has been able to lay a strong foundation for my faith to continue to grow.

Throughout my time at Unity, I have been involved in multiple activities. I have had the honor and blessing to play volleyball, soccer, and softball. In addition, I have been able to serve as a living group leader my junior and senior year. Outside of school, I love hanging out with my friends and family. I have been able to make countless memories that have brought so much joy to my life.

Being asked about my future plans is quite a common question these days. I would love to have the answer, however, the truth is I have no idea. Right now I am looking into NCC and majoring in radiology. I am also considering Dordt and majoring in special needs education. Whichever path I take I see myself helping others in the future.

My favorite bible verse is John 3:30 which says, "He must become greater, I must become less." This verse is a constant reminder to me that God needs to be the focus of my life. It also is a great comfort because it shows me that God is in control. I pray that God will continue to guide me in the next chapter of my life.



## Katey Wieringa

Hi! My name is Katey Wieringa. I am the daughter of Mark and Tracy Wieringa, and we live on a farm outside of Hospers. My dad is a farmer, truck driver, and raises hogs. My mom is the Loan Specialist at Iowa State Bank in Orange City. I have one older sister, Allyson, and two younger brothers, Charlie and Joey. Allyson is a freshman at Dordt University and is majoring in Animal Science. Charlie is a freshman at Unity, and Joey is a 5th grader at Sheldon Christian School.

While at Unity, I have participated in volleyball, managed basketball, track, lights and sound for theater productions, and choir. Being a part of all these things has helped me grow in my relationships, get to know more students and teachers, and make memories that will last a lifetime. For two years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Living Group leader. Outside of school, I enjoy reading, watching Friends, attending youth group, playing with my dog, and hanging out with family and friends.

I have been attending Christian schools my entire life. It has been such a huge blessing for me. I love being around people who are striving to learn more about God's word in their daily lives. Attending Christian schools has created a foundation on which I am able to shape and build my life on. Unity has provided me with a genuine, faith-based education that has equipped me for life after high school. Along with Christian education, I am so grateful for the relationships that I have built or deepened while at Unity.

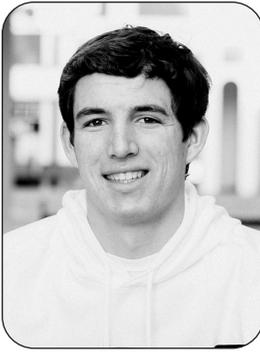
My favorite verse comes from John 16:33. It says "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world". I love this verse because it reminds me that no matter what hardships I may go through, God is always there. He is far greater than we can ever imagine. This verse reassures me that I don't have to have control over my life because it's under God's control.

So many people have asked where I am going to go to college or what I'm going to major in, and the truth is I don't know. I plan to attend either Dordt University or Bethel University. I will most likely be double majoring in Spanish with Linguistics or Education. I'm not entirely positive on any of those plans, but I trust God will work it out for His good. I am so grateful for my time at Unity and am excited to see what God has planned for the next chapter in my life.



## Devin Bos

I am the son of Matt and Teri Bos and we live in Orange City. My dad is the Sports Information Director at Northwestern College and my mom is a Public Health Nurse for Community Health Partners. I have one older sister, Jordan, who is in her Junior year at Dordt University and is studying biology and pre-physical therapy. Jordan also runs track and cross country. She will be getting married this coming summer to Chris De Groot.



Throughout my time at Unity, I have participated in cross country, football, basketball, track, and baseball. I played basketball and ran track for four years, and did the rest for two years each. In addition to athletics, I have also been involved in band and was a living group leader.

Outside of school and sports practices, I really enjoy watching sporting events and occasionally playing video games. I also like playing games and watching movies with my family and friends. On the weekends you can often find me working at events hosted at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center.

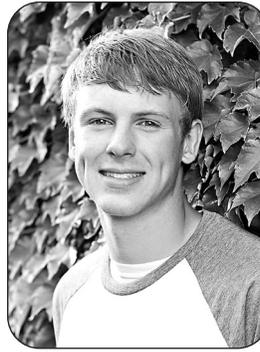
I am planning on going to college for biomedical engineering next fall, but I have not decided on a college as of yet. My top choices currently are Dordt University and the University of Iowa. If I choose to attend Dordt I will likely also participate in track and field.

It truly has been a blessing to get to attend such a great Christian school these past four years. I have been so grateful to have teachers, coaches, and staff members that genuinely care about me and want to help me grow as a student, athlete, and follower of Christ. Math and science have always been my favorite subjects, and getting to learn more about them from a Christian perspective has been something that I have loved and will carry with me for the rest of my life. Getting to see both the complexity and order of God's creation has been truly exciting to me and I can't wait to delve even deeper into that knowledge in college.

My favorite verse is Colossians 3:17, which says "Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." This verse is something that I try to carry with me as a reminder every day that in everything I do and say, my primary purpose should be to bring glory to God.

## Jackson Hofland

I am the son of Wade and Joslyn Hofland and we live in Orange City, Iowa. My dad is the location manager for Iowa State Bank in Orange City. My mom works part-time in the Sioux County Attorney's office. I have three sisters: Hannah, who is a junior at Unity; Haley who is an eighth grader at OCCS; and Sophia, a first grader at OCCS as well.



During my time at Unity Christian I have been involved in band, football, basketball, track, and baseball. This past summer I had the chance to do PA at the Unity Christian softball games. The past two years I have had the privilege of being a living group leader. I have also participated in math competitions and plan on participating on the JETS team this spring.

Outside of school I attend church at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Orange City where I also attend youth group. During the summer I work for Brunst Construction and the rest of the year I am a server at the Terrace View Event Center. Some of my hobbies include playing and watching sports, deer and pheasant hunting, fishing, watching movies, and spending time with friends and family.

Next fall I plan to attend either Dordt University or Northwestern College. I plan on pursuing a biology degree on the pre-med track. I also plan on playing football for either institution.

Christian education has been an influential and important piece of my life. Between both Sheldon Christian School and Unity Christian High School, I have been fortunate enough to see God at the center of all that I have learned. This has given me a great perspective of the world and has given me a deeper appreciation for God and His creation. Along the way, I have had many great teachers, coaches, and mentors that have, along with my parents, helped me grow in my faith. This has led me to come to a deep and personal relationship with Christ, knowing that through Him I am saved. I can see the blessing that Christian education has been in my life.

My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 3:12 which says, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." This verse has been very important in helping me understand my faith. It says that we aren't perfect and don't have to be. But what we are called to do is live a life of service to God out of thankfulness for Christ's death that gives us salvation. This calling has been important to me.

## Austin Van Donge

Hi, my name is Austin Van Donge. I am the son of Kevin and Janna Van Donge, and we live in Orange City. My dad is part owner and office manager of Noteboom Electric. He also coaches basketball here at Unity. My mom is a math teacher and volleyball coach at Unity. I have two younger brothers, Jacob and Tyce. Jacob is a freshmen at Unity, and Tyce is in 5th Grade at OCCS. My family and I attend First CRC in Orange City.



Throughout my years at Unity, I have been involved in basketball, football, golf, baseball, and band. I have also been a Living Group leader for two years. Being involved with these activities has been such a blessing because they have provided numerous memories and many friendships that will last a life time!

Outside of school, I enjoy watching and participating in any sport. When not engaged in sporting activities, I spend time in the outdoors hunting, fishing, hiking, and relaxing at the lake. I also enjoy spending lots of time with friends, and family.

Lord willing, this coming fall I plan to further my education at either Dordt University or Northwestern College. I plan to major in Biology and play basketball.

Christian education is so important to me because of the blessing that it is. My experiences at Unity have helped shape me and grow into the person I am today. God has created a very intricate world for us to live in, and being able to learn about His world through a Christian lens has been a privilege. My teachers and peers have greatly impacted my faith and have prepared me for whatever life may bring in the future. Being in Christian education has pushed me to constantly pursue Christ in all areas of my life and to not be complacent in my faith. I am very grateful for Unity, and all my teachers, coaches, teammates, and classmates as they have helped me grow in my faith and have taught me how to reflect Christ in all areas of my life. I am also very grateful to my parents for sacrificing so that I could attend a Christian school. My parents are Christian role models that encourage me to grow in my faith and serve Him in all I do.

My favorite Bible verse comes from Isaiah 41:10 which reads, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." This verse gives me great comfort knowing that God is constantly watching over me and is with me every second of every day. He gives me strength in every circumstance, and is with me in the highs and lows of my life. I just need to lean on Him, and He will uphold me.

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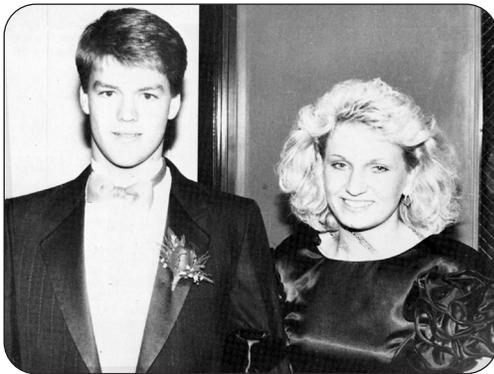
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**1970 Knight and Lady**  
Paula Visser and Jim Woudstra



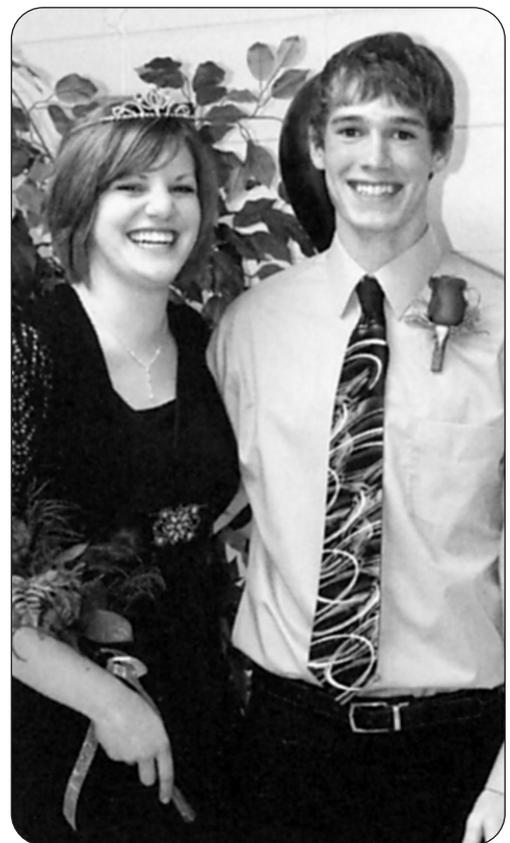
**1980 Knight and Lady**  
Dawn Vander Tuin and Dave Noteboom



**1990 Knight and Lady**  
Jamie VanderBerg and Sheila Dorhout



**2000 Knight and Lady**  
Daniel Clousing and Tracy Ouwinga



**2010 Knight and Lady**  
Sarah Kaemingk and Christopher Postma