

**CONGRATULATIONS
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GRADUATES**

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Class of 2008 High School Graduates

Dear High School Graduates, Congratulations! graduation means a chance to move on to bigger and better things. For some students, graduation offers the chance to start over; for others, the chance to build on the successes of the past. But for all, it entails the realization that the benefits of childhood are coming to an end, and the bills called "responsibilities of adulthood" and "time to grow up" have finally come due.

However, as you embark on your new endeavors remember, a little proverb that would make life more peaceful and secure, if we all followed it. "We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." All of us, whether we graduated this month, last year or 50 years ago, need to look to God for guidance, to ask His direction for how we can seize our opportunities as graduates of life's school of daily learning.

So, go get 'em. Remember who you are and who you represent.

Shawn-De Barrett will graduate from Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School and plans to attend either John Jay University, Fordham



University or Emory University. She is a Delta Academy member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and at Bethel Shawn-De is a member of several ministries.

She is a member of the Hospitality ministry, Youth Choir, Step team and Liturgical dance troupe. Shawn-De actively participates in youth events such as fund-raisers, nursing home visits and the Pioneer Club.

Her favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:18, "She is a tree of Life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who hold her fast."

Ariel R. Bevier will graduate from Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School and matriculate to Dutchess Community College.



Ariel is an active member at Bethel.

She began her singing with the Angel Without Wings Choir and as she grew older joined the Youth Choir and became Chaplain. Ms. Bevier also danced with the Liturgical Dance Troupe and her poems have appeared in *Christian Chronicles*. Currently Ariel is a member of the Usher Ministry and Sunday School.

Her favorite quote is by Michael Jordan: "It's better to have tried and failed, than to not try at all."

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"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid...for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

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Jalissa Corrie will receive her diploma from John Jay Senior High School and attend Binghamton University. Jalissa is an active member at Bethel.



She participates in Sunday School and worked as assistant treasurer in 2007, was once in the Angels Without Wings Choir, and part of Liturgical Dance Troupe. She is currently in the Usher's Ministry where she served as assistant secretary from 2005-2007. She has participated in the Christmas Musical and Easter Sunday program where she played the piano and violin. Ms. Corrie has written articles for the *Christian Chronicles*, visited numerous nursing homes, and participated in Pre-resurrection activities.

Her favorite scripture is Psalms 23, "The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want..."

Tyreid Harry will receive his diploma from Roy C. Ketcham Senior High School and attend Dutchess Community College.



At Bethel Tyreid has been a member since childhood. He grew up in Sunday school and attended youth retreats. For the past two years, Mr. Harry attended and worked at Camp Herrlich Ministries in Patterson, New York. He has performed volunteer work with development of mentally disabled in the Bronx.

His favorite scripture is Psalms 23, "The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want..."

Robert Messier will graduate from Beacon High School and matriculate to Morrisville State College. Robert was dedicated at 2 months and baptized at 10 years old at Bethel. Robert was active in the dance ministry, youth choir, youth advisory ministry, attended the youth retreats and attended Sunday school. For Mr. Messier, youth fundraiser activities were always fun — helping with bake sales, fish fries and car washes. Robert enjoyed helping his father, Ricky Messier, in the kitchen preparing Sunday morning sunrise service breakfasts. Volunteering to deliver lilies to the elders at nursing homes was a constant blessing. Being a youth member at Bethel and participating in the various youth ministries and activities has been fun and a blessing.



His favorite quote is "Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the trip worthwhile."

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Scholarship Luncheon

June 8, 2008, 2 p.m.

Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls.

Guest speaker

Ms. Janelle Corrie,
University of Maryland
2008 graduate

Ticket \$35 for adults
\$18 for seniors and children.
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