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For such a time as this Sending off the Class of 2018

Graduating students Sophia Starkey and Vanessa Abrahams led the school in devotions at the Grade 12 Assembly on May 18. The focus was Sophia's recent experience at the National Christian Youth Summit in Ottawa.

Class of 2018

Sophia Starkey (left) and Vanessa Abrahams

**As one of the speakers at the conference said,
“God doesn’t call the equipped;
he equips the called.”**

The summit was an excellent opportunity for youth from across Canada to learn about the often unmentioned Christian presence on Parliament Hill. We discovered that roughly 10% of MPs in the House of Commons are Christian; this is in addition to the countless other Christian staff, who all play a part in running our country. In fact, Christians working on Parliament Hill quietly get together every week to pray and support one another.

Leaving the conference, I felt confident in God’s presence in the government as well as in our lives.

The conference verse this year was Esther 4:14: “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Mordecai says this to Esther when she is scared to go and confront her husband, King Xerxes. A genocide of the Jews has been planned, and Mordecai knows that she is the one who can stop it. Esther, however, knows that she could be punished severely or even killed for speaking out if the King doesn’t like what she says to him. In order to save her people, she needs to trust that God has put her where she is for a reason, and that he will be with her.

The idea of being put somewhere “for such a time as this” is still very relevant today. As can be seen in conversations with MPs, standing up for your beliefs in a public place such as the House of Commons isn’t always easy, especially when your beliefs can cause people to make harsh judgments about you.

But these MPs won’t just give up on their beliefs because they go against mainstream society. They know that while they are not the only ones who can do God’s work, they have been placed by him in this position at this time for a purpose. They humble themselves before God, trust him, and are willing to serve.

This applies in our own lives as well. God has placed us all where we are for a reason. It is up to us to listen to him and abandon our hesitations, even in hard situations. We need to humble ourselves before God and see how we are meant to serve him in each and every situation we are placed in.

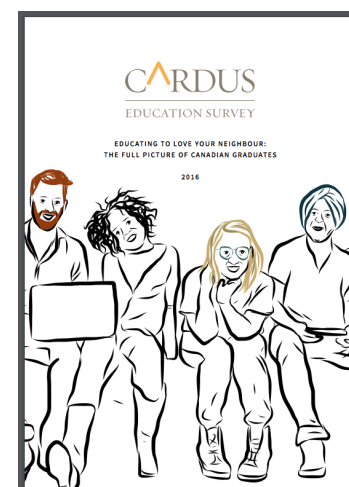
Sometimes standing up for our beliefs and serving can be difficult or scary. In some situations, we may feel that we don’t have what it takes to serve God, that we aren’t worthy or ready. We never need to worry, though. We just need to trust God, because he will give us everything we need to serve him well. As one of the speakers at the conference said, “God doesn’t call the equipped; he equips the called.”

SHINING A BRIGHTER LIGHT

*from the Project 20/20
Campaign Team*

Rev. John Strachan, first Anglican bishop of Toronto, is remembered for his monumental contribution to education in Canada, helping to found McGill University, heading up the University of Toronto, and organizing Ontario’s Protestant public schools. In 1867 he wrote, “You cannot divorce religion from education; schools will inevitably reflect the philosophical and religious (or irreligious) biases of those who direct them.”

Research by Statistics Canada reveals that those educated in our post-Christian school system represent the largest percentage of non-believers in any age group. In this secular educational environment, schools like TDChristian play an increasingly important role. According to national think tank Cardus’ 2018 report, *Walking the Path: The Religious Lives of Young Adults in North America*, Christian school graduates adhere more strongly to historic Christian belief, are much more likely to practise Christian spiritual disciplines, and are less likely to turn from the faith of their childhood.



This is good news!

It affirms the importance of Christian schools in helping our students on their journeys of faith and learning.

At TDChristian, we want to do this well. Everything we do belongs to God and is for his glory. We are honour-bound to provide our students with rigorous,

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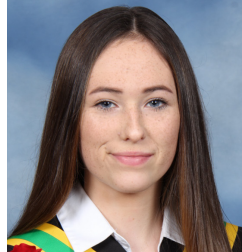
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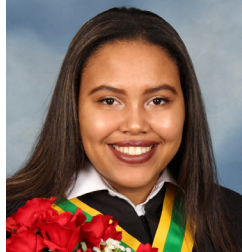
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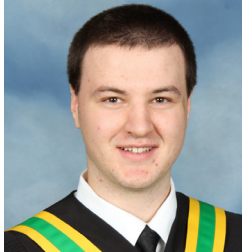
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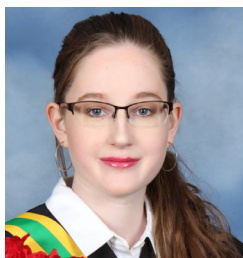
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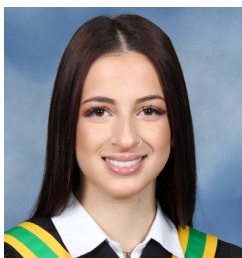
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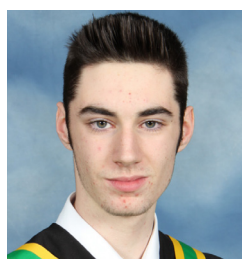
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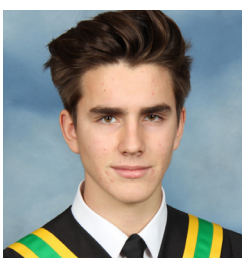
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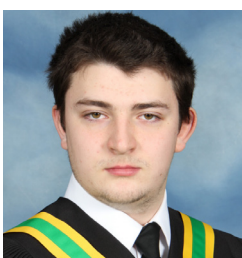
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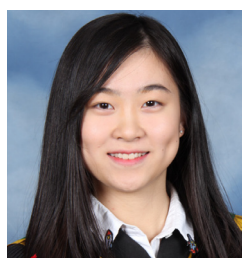
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***"Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart... The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who have pleasure therein. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."** Psalm 111: 1, 2, 10*



The Class of 2018 includes quiet intellectuals, amiable thespians, never-say-quit skateboarders, engaged internationals, ardent environmentalists, and stellar athletes. Largely comfortable with who they are, these students continue to show promise as creative adaptors and able presenters acquiring a greater sense of the possibilities that lie ahead in service to God and others.

Our hope and prayer is that they will take what they have experienced, pondered, and learned at TDChristian and use it faithfully and effectively as God's kingdom servants throughout their lives.



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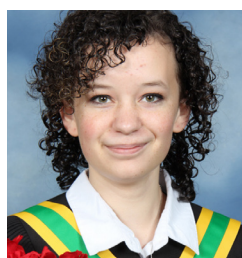
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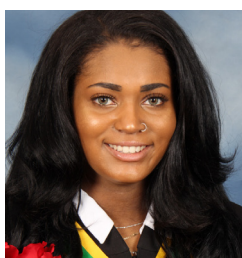
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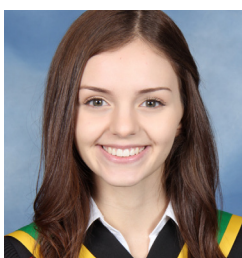
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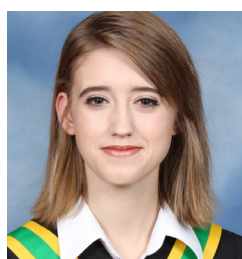
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timely, and meaningful Christian education in the best facility for the purpose. Investment in the appropriateness of this facility helps us to shine the LIGHT of quality Christian education more brightly—both within the school community...

- The large, new classroom is a flexible learning space where lectures, screenings, and presentations can be held and where students can work in groups of up to 60.
- The learning commons, directly accessible from four classrooms, will be equipped with furniture and technologies that make for effective, efficient, and sensible work spaces.

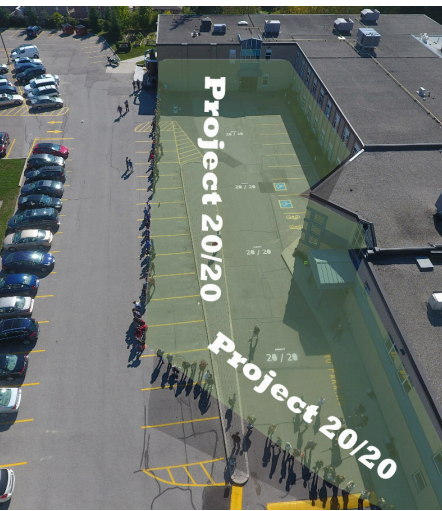
and beyond...

- The presentation centre will provide a venue for drama, fairs, displays, presentations, and gatherings.
- New entrances to the property and the building will allow our LIGHT to be seen more readily from the road and by those who enter.

Let's seize the opportunity presented by Project 20/20 so that TDChristian may continue to be a relevant and significant school in the Toronto area with an even brighter LIGHT.

If you've already made a financial commitment to Project 20/20, thank you. If not, think and pray about contributing. Your continued support of TDChristian is an investment in Christ's Kingdom.

For more information, email project2020@tdchristian.ca.



Project 20/20

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May 30, 2018

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Project 20/20 Update

Project 20/20 is already well on its way!
Starting this summer it's Phase 1:
Focus on outside and underground work

- * New driveway for safer entrance and exit
- * Expanded main office for better transition during Phase 2
- * Yard piping (sewer and storm)
- * Storm water management through the placement of cistern
- * Rerouting and upgrading cabling including internet
- * Integrating the former fire hall (325 Woodbridge Avenue) and school parking lots
- * Preliminary yard work and landscaping
- * Electrical upgrade and roof upgrade for 325 Woodbridge



Alumni News

Attention Alumni!
Please keep us posted regarding reunions, marriages, births, career moves, and any other important milestones. Simply email alumni@tdchristian.ca. Don't worry if you're late in reporting – we're still interested!

• Marriages

- Michael Tughan (08) and Danielle Fleming, May 5, 2018

• Births

- Stefanie (Ligterink 05) and Brian Johnson welcomed Oliver James on December 3, 2017; a little brother to Maxwell Thomas born October 25, 2014.
- Denise (Ligterink 09) and Darryl Callcott welcomed Ingrid Jane

on March 21, 2018; a little sister to Emmett Nathaniel, born February 1, 2016.

- Dave Buisman (06) and Jessica (Doornbosch 04) welcomed Owen John on February 15, 2018.
- Caleb Vandenberg (07) and Chelsey (Hiemstra 07) welcomed Lydia Nicole on February 16, 2018; a sister to Abigail.
- Kevin Riedstra (09) and Carlie (Dekkema 09) welcomed Emma Madeline on April 5, 2018; a sister to Thomas.
- Dan Buisman (09) & Leesha Deweerd welcomed Elsie Rose on April 8, 2018.
- Daniel Klassen & Bethany (Frieswick 13) welcomed Lila Bliss April 18, 2018.
- **Accomplishments**
 - Daniel Janicas (16) has been accepted into Ryerson's Sports Media Program for fall 2018.

Support Project 20/20

- by sharing the excitement of Project 20/20 with others
- by making a financial pledge
- by praying for Project 20/20's direction, leadership, and completion
- by including TDChristian in your estate planning/will

Email us at project2020@tdchristian.ca
and we will get in touch with you!

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Almost every school day, we upload a new photo or video to Instagram showing the learning and community that abounds at TDChristian—over 200 posts already this school year. Join more than 534 followers at [instagram.com/tdchristianhighschool](https://www.instagram.com/tdchristianhighschool).

Upcoming Events 2018

Graduation at Light Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 pm

Back In the Groove Night
Thursday, August 30 7:00 pm

First Day of School
Tuesday, September 4

Fall Open House
Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm

Fall Rummage Sale
Saturday, October 20, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Grade 7 & 8 Day
Thursday, November 15

Little Women
Drama Production
November 29 - December 1

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Come help us celebrate the Class of 2018 GRADUATION

Wednesday, June 27, 7:00 pm

Light Presbyterian Church
6965 Professional Court in Mississauga
Off Derry Road just east of Airport Road, Mississauga, ON

Valedictorian: **Francesca Rotondo**
(Entering York University)

JOIN US AS WE HONOUR OUR STUDENTS.

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