



FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

2021

Unity Christian
HIGH SCHOOL

HOMECOMING

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 Homecoming Chapel

1:30-3:20 Royalty presented to student body, voting for Knight & Lady, activities

3:45 JV Girls/Boys basketball games vs Hartley Melvin Sanborn

6:15 Varsity Girls/Boys basketball games vs Hartley Melvin Sanborn

Homecoming Court presented between varsity games (approx. 7:30)

Co-Ed Dance Team Routine at half-time of varsity girls game

Dance Team Light Routine at half-time of varsity boys game

CLASS OF 2021

CANDIDATES FOR KNIGHT & LADY



LAURA BELTMAN

Hello! My name is Laura Beltman. I am the daughter of Daryl and Shirley Beltman. My family and I live in Orange City. My dad is the owner of Casualty Insurance in Orange City and my mom stays at home. I have one brother, Josh, who is two years older than me. I enjoy being involved in many different activities at school. I love working hard in my classes at Unity and building relationships with my peers and teachers. I loved playing volleyball and am looking forward to one last season this Spring as a Lady Knight golfer! I play my violin in the orchestra and have previously played percussion in the band and sang in chorale. I enjoy serving as a chapel leader where I help plan and lead chapels every week for the students at Unity. I also love serving as a living group leader, which I have done during my junior and senior years. I've had the honor of being a class officer all four of my years at Unity and am currently serving as the class president. I am also very honored and blessed to represent the City of Orange City as part of the 2021 Tulip Court this Spring! My family and I attend New Hope Evangelical Free Church in Orange City. At church, I enjoy attending Sunday school, youth group, being involved on praise team, and volunteering in the nursery. In my spare time you'll find me spending time with family and friends, golfing, baking, babysitting, going on walks or bike rides, and listening to worship music! I am currently undecided on my plans for next year, but I am looking at attending either Bethel University or Northwestern College to study biology (Pre-PA). I also plan on playing golf for either the royals or the raiders! I have a tough decision ahead, but I am looking

forward to how the Lord will use me in this next chapter of my life. I am truly grateful for Christian education. Christian education has given me a solid foundation of truth on which I strive to build my life. My teachers, coaches, and the administration of Unity have had a great impact on my life and my relationship with the Lord. Unity has helped shape me into the person I am today and has prepared me to serve in His kingdom work now and in the future. One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 115:1 which says, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!" I love this verse because it reminds me that in every season of life everything I do should glorify God. I want others to not look at me, but rather Christ living in me. I strive to bring glory to His name above all else because I realize my sin and my need for a Savior. Out of God's steadfast, everlasting, and constant love He has given us the gift of grace through Jesus. He was and is and forever will be faithful no matter what our lives hold. He is ultimately our joy, our hope, and our Savior.



JANIE SCHOONHOVEN

Hi! My name is Janie Schoonhoven. I am the daughter of Mike and Donna Schoonhoven, and we live on an acreage outside of Hospers. My dad works for the Iowa DOT out of Ashton, and my mom does office work at Klay Law and Orange City Area Health System. I have two older brothers and one younger sister. My oldest brother, Logan, works at Hiemstra Lawn Care in Orange City. He is engaged to Morgan Van Hulzen. Levi works at Pella Corporation in Sioux Center. He is engaged to Cailey Terpstra. My younger sister Gracie is a sophomore here at Unity Christian. My family attends Hospers First CRC. While at Unity, I have been involved in volleyball, basketball, and track over the past four years. I have also enjoyed being a Living Group leader my junior and senior years. Being a part of these various activities has allowed me to build many friendships and make countless memories that I will cherish for years to come. I enjoy being involved with my combined Youth Group at Calvary in Orange City. Outside of school I love spending time with friends and playing cards and board games with my family. In my free time I like to draw, paint, and go for bike rides. Christian Education has been extremely important in shaping me into who I am. Unity offers many opportunities to expand my faith through class time, chapels, living groups, and daily devotions. Unity has opened my eyes to the diverse and astounding creation God has made, and how God knows me by name and loves me immensely. The students, teachers, and coaches of Unity have challenged me to grow in my faith while encouraging me along the way. Christian education has built a

firm foundation for me to boldly build my faith upon. Unity has fully equipped me with a Christ-centered education of faith and confidence to face life after high school. This coming fall I will be attending Dordt University. I plan to major in Elementary/ Special Education. I will also be a part of the women's basketball team. I pray for God's guidance and strength as I start a new chapter of my life, and trust that he has control of my future and will use me to further his kingdom. One of my favorite Bible verses comes from Proverbs 31:25. It says, "She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." This verse is a constant reminder to me that God has given me strength to face the future. Too often society tries to tell me who I am supposed to be, but I know that my true character comes from the strength that Christ has placed before me. I trust God and lean not on my own understandings, finding peace that God is holding my life in his hands and knows every step of my future.



KERRI KROEZE

Hi! My name is Kerri Kroeze daughter of Rob and Julia Kroeze of Orange City. My dad works at Joe's TV and Appliance and my mom works at Northwestern Bank in Orange City. I have one brother Kolin who is a sophomore at Dordt University studying Accounting and Finance. I am blessed to have always been able to attend a Christian school. My teachers and coaches have been very encouraging and supportive in my faith walk. The relationships I have built with students over the years have made my school experience very enjoyable. Christian education has laid a solid foundation for me that will guide me wherever the Lord leads me in the future. While at Unity I have been involved in volleyball, golf, class officer, chorale, orchestra, and concert choir. I have also had the opportunity to be a Living Group leader my junior and senior years. This has encouraged me to share my faith and set an example to others. Outside of school, I attend Immanuel CRC in Orange City. I enjoy being part of the praise team and youth group. I like spending time with my family and going on vacation every summer. I also enjoy being with my friends, playing piano, golfing and taking walks. One of my favorite verses is Romans 8:28. It says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose". This verse has been impactful in my life because no matter what I may go through, God will meet me there. I need to trust Him because He will strengthen and help me. He has a purpose for everything! Next fall, I plan to attend Dordt University. I will be taking the 2 year Administrative Assistant classes and will be on the Women's Golf Team. I am excited to see what God has in store for me in the future!



LINDSEY JACOBSMA

Hi! My name is Lindsey Jacobsma, daughter of Melinda and the late Randy Jacobsma, and we live in Orange City. My mom is the Administrative Assistant for the Physical Therapy Department at the Sioux Center Hospital. I have 5 older siblings, Brittney, Tyler, Tasha, Lexi, and Lucas. They are all married, and my In-laws are Keith Kooistra, Danielle Jacobsma, Blake Kruger, Riley Hoekstra, and Morgan Jacobsma. Together we love to cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes, and I enjoy spending as much time as I can with my seven nieces and nephews. Throughout my time at Unity, I have been involved in volleyball, softball, and band. I have also had the opportunity to be a Living Group leader my junior and senior year. I have loved getting to know new people in all grades through Living Groups. It has challenged me to be a leader in my faith and a servant to those around me. Outside of school, I love spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy being outside and exploring new places whenever I get the chance. Christian education has played an important role in shaping who I am. It has been a blessing to attend schools that encourage me to grow in my faith and service to the Lord. Unity has helped lay a foundation of serving the Lord daily that I will take with me throughout my life. I am so thankful for the teachers, friends, and coaches who encourage me in my faith through prayer and support. One of my favorite Bible verses is Lamentations 3:22-23. It says "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." I love these verses because it reminds me that in every season of life, through the good and the bad, God's love never ceases. His faithfulness is great and it reminds me of the new mercies He gives every morning. This fall, I plan on going to Northwestern College to study Business and Finance. I would also like to minor in Spanish and have a great interest in studying abroad. I pray God will continue to work in my life in the coming years, using me for His glory. I am so thankful for my time here at Unity and trust God will lead me in the right direction in the next chapter of my life.



LUCY ZYLSTRA

Hello! My name is Lucy Zylstra. I am the daughter of Mark and Gina Zylstra, and we live in Orange City. My dad works at Link Manufacturing in Sioux Center, and my mom is the school secretary at Unity. I have two younger sisters and a little brother. Molly is a sophomore at Unity Christian, and Ruby and Henry attend OCCS. Ruby is an eighth grader, and Henry is a fifth grader. The Lord has blessed me with many opportunities to get to know more people and be involved at Unity Christian. I have played volleyball and softball, as well as been a manager for the girl's varsity basketball team. I enjoy being in band, concert choir, Knightsounds, praise team, and on student council. These activities have brought me to meet wonderful friends that create memories together and grow in our skills as we learn. I have also been a Living Group leader for the past two years. Through these opportunities, I have learned valuable life lessons of what it means to be a Christian leader and to bring glory to God first and foremost. When I am not at school, I love to be with my sisters, who are my built in best friends. I attend youth group Wednesday nights, and on the weekends I enjoy spending time with friends sharing laughs together. I also spend many Saturday mornings working at The Hatchery. I am so thankful that the Lord has blessed my parents to be able to provide Christian education for me all my life. I value my Christian education and love learning about the world God created. I appreciate all the Godly teachers in my life that push me to dig deeper and encourage and help strengthen my faith. They have played a vital part in laying the foundation for me to build on as I leave high school and move on to the rest of my life. Unity Christian has shaped my life and faith and makes me realize how awesome God is every day. The next steps I plan to take are to attend Dordt University and major in Biology and Psychology and play in Dordt's band. After Dordt, I hope to become a Physician's Assistant. The future excites me, and I am eager for what God has in store for my life! My favorite Bible passage is Psalm 121, specifically verses 7-8. "The Lord will keep you from all harm, He will watch over your life. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Those words are such a comfort to me as I take the next steps into college. I know that God is watching my every move, and I don't need to fear because I know He holds the future.



JACOB DRAGSTRA

I am the son of Ken and Julie Dragstra. I live by Lebanon, which most people probably don't know where that is, but it's about 9 miles west of Sioux Center. I am also the youngest of my four brothers. My older brother Josh is a junior at Iowa State University in the pre-vet program. Justin is 6 years older than me and currently works on our family farm and also has a trucking company. Jeffrey would be 27 years old, when he was almost four he fell into a well and passed away. Although I didn't ever know my brother, Jeffrey, my parents have told me a lot about him and I can see how even in his very short time on this earth that God was working in his life. My oldest brother, Chris, would be 41 years old and he passed away 4 years ago from Huntington's disease. He was the greatest Christian I've ever known and even though he was on bedrest for the last 3 years of his life, he didn't lose his faith, but made it stronger and stronger every day. My family attends Lebanon Christian Reformed Church where me and all of my brothers were baptized. During my time at Unity, I have been involved in football, basketball, track, and baseball. This is also my second year as a living group leader. It has truly been a blessing to be involved in all these activities and I know they would not have been nearly as exciting and beneficial if it wasn't for the people here at Unity. Outside of school, one of my favorite things to do is hangout with my friends and play some beanbag toss. I enjoy playing and watching sports with my friends. I also like lifting and being at the lake. Next year I plan to attend Northwestern College and play football. I will be majoring in Agriculture business. Unity Christian

High School has truly been a blessing in my life. There are so many great people here that are great influences. It's crazy to look back to my freshmen year and see how far I have come on my walk with the Lord. God has truly blessed me with a great family and friends and I know that without those people I would not be the person I am today. I am very excited to continue on to the next chapter of my life but I hope I can carry on the attributes and principles that Unity has given me. The number one commandment that God gave to us was to love Him above all else, and the second was to love our neighbor as ourselves. I can say that in my four years at Unity, I have truly been blessed to see that love spread throughout the school. My favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:31-32, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" My parents have played the biggest part in my walk as a Christian man, which is why this verse is my favorite. They have taught me that no matter what happens or how I am feeling, God will always win and give us what we stand in need of, so I have no reason to worry for everything is in God's hands.



BLAKE VANDE VEGTE

Hi, my name is Blake Vande Vegte. I am the son of Gary and Amy Vande Vegte, and we live in Orange City. My dad is a Certified Public Accountant at Van Bruggen & Vande Vegte and my mom is the quarterback of our home, keeping us all running strong in our busy lives. I have two brothers and two sisters: Loken, my oldest brother, is twenty-seven years old and is married to his wife Erin, a high school English teacher. Loken has been working at Musco Lighting in Oskaloosa, Iowa for three years. Cole, my other brother, is twenty-two years old and just graduated from Dordt University last spring. He is attending The University of Minnesota to complete his Master's Degree in Sports Management. Cole was recently engaged and is planning on getting married this coming summer to Lauren Pottebaum. Micah, my older sister, is twenty-four years old and is attending the University of Nebraska Methodist to complete her Nurse Practitioner Doctorate. She is currently working at the Spencer Hospital as an OB Nurse while residing in Okoboji, Iowa. Amaya, my younger sister who is adopted from Guatemala, is an 8th grader this year at OCCS and enjoys spending her time dancing at Robins School of Dance, hanging out with friends, and reading books. My family and I attend Living Water Community Church in Orange City. During my time at Unity Christian, I have been involved in baseball, football, soccer, hockey, and concert choir. This past year I have had the privilege of being a living group leader. Being involved in these extracurriculars has grown my faith in profound ways and has aided the fostering of deep and authentic relationships with students who have

various interests and perspectives. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with God and admiring his creation, building relationships with friends, working out, going to praise and worship at Dordt and the Homebuilding in Sioux Center, playing guitar, and spending quality time with family. I also spend my time volunteering for a ministry out of Sioux Center called Wyldlife where we aim to share the gospel and mentor young teenagers in middle school. During the summer, I enjoy spending time at the lake in Okoboji surfing, skiing, and wakeboarding. Next fall I plan to further my education at either Dordt University or a Bible College. I plan to major in Theology and play either hockey or baseball. My time at Unity Christian has been transformational and nothing short of a blessing and privilege. I truly cannot put into words how grateful I am for the hearts of the people at Unity that fulfill their calling from the Lord each and every day by serving us students with their best. It has been humbling to see the value and importance of the Christian education my parents have sacrificed to give me. I have learned things that I can apply to all facets of my life. Such conversations with students and teachers at Unity about faith have been immensely rewarding because they have enabled me to take the next step in how I approach the fostering of my relationships and the depth of my spiritual capacity. My favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 which says, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." This passage is impacting me and drives my daily life because anything that is not eternal is eternally useless. The problems and troubles of this world can't compare to the glory that will be revealed in heaven. We realize that our faith isn't based on a feeling of the Holy Spirit but regardless we give God our highest praise, even when we can't feel Him.



JACOB SANDBULTE

I am the son of Harv and Trish Sandbulte, and we live in Sioux Center, Iowa. My dad is a driver for the Rock Valley Hay Auction. And my mom is a ninth grade English teacher at MOC Floyd Valley. I have one older sister, Sadie, who is in her junior year at Northwestern College and is studying Science education. During my time at Unity I have been involved in basketball and golf. I played basketball Freshman year and have been the manager for the last three years and have played golf since sophomore year. I was also involved in choir my freshman and sophomore year. Outside of school, I attend Carmel Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa where I also attend youth group. During the spring, summer, and fall I work at Landsmeer Golf Course. Some of my hobbies include golfing, harness racing with my dad, fishing, playing video games, and spending time with friends and family. Next fall I plan to attend Northwestern College. I am currently undecided on my major but plan to continue my golf career at Northwestern. My time at Unity Christian has truly been a blessing. I am thankful for all the coaches, teachers, and staff members that have helped me grow as a student, athlete, and Christian. I am thankful to my parents for raising me in a Christian household and giving me the opportunity to attend Christian schools where faith is so important. Because of the great teachers, coaches, mentors, and friends that I have met at Unity I have grown in my faith and have a deeper and more personal relationship with Christ that will help guide me through life. My favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 41:10 which says, "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 has been very important throughout my life because it reassures me that God is in control at all times. It has been a great comfort for me knowing that God is watching over me and has a plan for everything in life. It has helped me through tough times and has helped me grow as a Christian knowing that I can lean on God's promises.



LOGAN FRANKEN

I am the son of Arlin and Lou Ann Franken. We live on an acreage near Sioux Center. My dad is a pig farmer, and my mom does bookkeeping for various businesses. My older brother Adam and his wife Lynnae live in Wisconsin where he works on a dairy. My sister Cori is a junior at Dordt University and studies Ag Business. My family attends Bethel CRC where I appreciate Pastor John's preaching. While at Unity, I have been involved in football, basketball, track, band, and jazz band. I also am a living group leader. Outside of the halls of Unity, I enjoy a nice day on the lake, hunting, fishing, and being with friends. I also enjoy helping my dad on the farm. For the past 3 summers, I worked at Sioux Feed and Terrace View Event Center. In the fall, I plan to attend Dordt University where I will run track and study accounting. Unity has been a huge blessing for me in the last 4 years. Christian Education has taught me how Christ is truly at the center of all things. Coaches have helped me see that Christ can be evident on the football field or the court. Many coaches and teachers have shown me what it means to be a young Christian man. Through their leadership and mentorship, my faith has grown and continues to grow stronger. My favorite Bible passage is Philippians 4:4-7 which says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." These verses remind me that the Lord

is always with me and to rejoice in Him. There is no other true comfort in this world except for Jesus Christ. God surrounds us with His peace, and there is always a reason to rejoice in Him and let the light of Jesus shine through me every day.



HEATH KROEZE

Hi, I am the son of the late Ron and Kimberly Kroeze. I live in Orange City with my Uncle Jerry and Aunt Connie Kroeze. Jerry is retired from working but claims that his job is golfing. Connie works at Ireton Christian as a music teacher and at Immanuel CRC as the Worship Coordinator. My older sister, Danielle, is currently a sophomore at Northwestern College here in Orange City where she plays basketball and volleyball. She is majoring in exercise science. While at Unity, I have been involved in basketball, cross country, and golf. I have played golf and basketball for all four years. I've also been blessed to be a living group leader for the last two years. It has been a great opportunity to meet other Unity peers, play games and eat food too! Outside of school, I love to spend my time hanging out with my friends, playing video games, and working. Whenever I am not participating in a sport, I work at Landsmeer Golf Club and Nederlander's Grill here in Orange City. Some hobbies of mine are fishing, watching movies, playing basketball, and long boarding. Anything outside is right up my alley. Next fall I plan on attending Northwestern College. I plan on pursuing a career in accounting/business or secondary education. I am not planning on playing sports in college but will definitely make new memories. I am very much excited about

this next step in my education. Looking back on my life, Christian education has been so important and influential in my life. I have been blessed to go to Orange City Christian School and Unity, and I see God every step of the way. The experiences from both schools have helped shape my faith, my friendships, the person I've become, and am becoming. I am grateful for the many teachers and coaches that have poured into my life, sacrificing time and energy to make me a better student, player, and person. I am also blessed to go to a great church like Immanuel CRC and go to Krew (our youth group). I have made big strides in my faith while going to my church through finding a great friendship and mentor, making Profession of Faith and singing on our praise team on Sundays. All these things have formed and shaped me into a more well-rounded person. I have been taught to be the hands and feet in Christ, use my unique abilities and talents to help others, and go out into the world knowing I am saved and to spread his word. My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 which says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". This verse was one of my dad's favorites, and also one of Stephen Curry's. This verse tells me that when I cling to Jesus, walk faithfully with him, I can get through anything. I have had dark storms in my life, but holding tight to Jesus and trusting in him, those storms always pass. Darkness isn't forever, and Jesus' light always shines through, surrounding me with his love and warmth. No matter the situation, hardship, stress or roadblock I find on my way, I can get through it, with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

DECADE KNIGHTS & LADIES



1971 KNIGHT AND LADY
Roger Addink & Bonnie Bomgaars



1981 KNIGHT AND LADY
Jon Hall & Ronda De Jong



1991 KNIGHT AND LADY
Mickey Visser & Tricia Rens



2001 KNIGHT AND LADY
Steve Dekkers & Megan Coe



2011 KNIGHT AND LADY
Spencer Groeneweg & Talitha Witt

