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IDEAL GRADUATE PROFILE

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On April, 21, 2023, our faculty and staff kicked off phase one of strategic planning for the future of Midland Christian School. The day was filled with prayer, lively conversation, interaction, and seed planting. As the conversation progressed, key themes related to a renewed vision and desired outcomes for all MCS students began to emerge. During subsequent months, our faculty and staff under the leadership of a vision steering council and in partnership with the MCS Board of Directors and Administration, began connecting these themes to words and phrases. As a result, a renewed vision and an ideal graduate profile emerged.

The content within this document reflects the culmination of the many prayers, meetings, and collaborative efforts we engaged in over the past ten months. As you read through, we ask that you please prayerfully contemplate how you can support our vision to be a school filled with students, faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers who Live for God, Love Like Jesus, and Learn for Life.

We also ask that you prayerfully support our individual and collective efforts to realize the MCS Ideal Graduate. Our board, administration, faculty, and staff are all striving to understand and articulate the role we play in preparing our students for a God-honoring, faith-filled educational experience that prepares them for a God-honoring, faith-filled life.

While we certainly cannot plan for every contingency, we can all commit to praying for one another, choosing civility in all conversations, and “honoring one another above self” (Romans 12: 10).

Over the next many months, we will continue to identify specific ways we will live into our vision. We will also refine our language as we go, but will not waver from the overarching desired outcomes to Live for God, Love Like Jesus, and Learn for Life. This document is an invitation for all who are part of the MCS family to enthusiastically and faithfully join us on that journey.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Dr. Gregory Anderson

MCS Ideal Graduate Profile

MCS Vision Statement

“We empower one another to live for God, love like Jesus, and learn for life.”

MCS Mission

Embodying an eternal perspective,
we prayerfully and collaboratively fulfill our vision
through...

Living for God...

...to discover and live out our purpose spiritually, mentally,
emotionally, and physically.

Therefore, we are submitted to God's will for our lives. We
study and trust God's Word for knowledge, but more
importantly, for transformation.

Loving like Jesus...

...to strive to serve others.

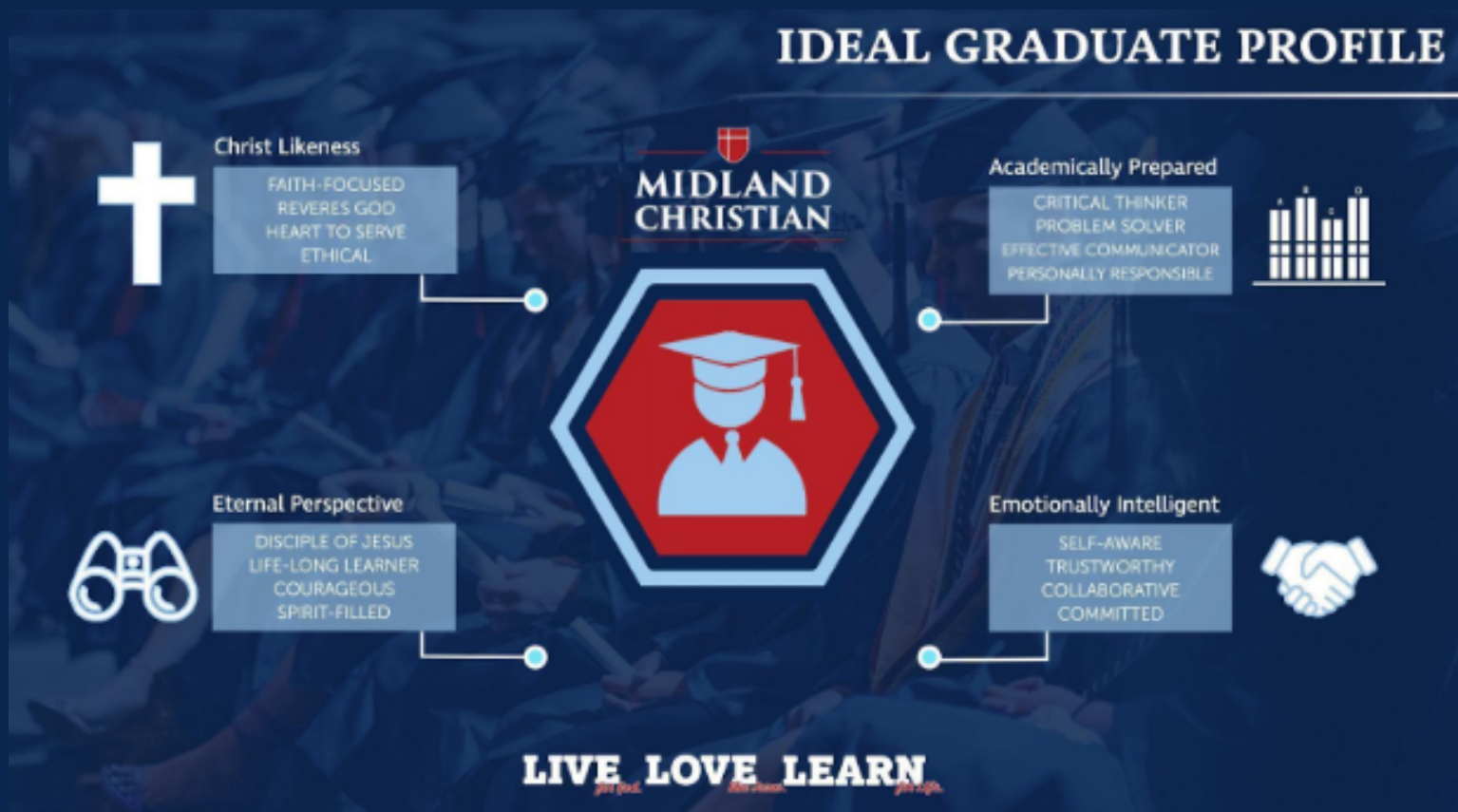
Therefore, we live by a different standard. We see others
through the sacrifice of Jesus and do everything possible
to build others up through service in His name.

Learning for Life...

...to pursue rigorous academic excellence.

Therefore, we understand that gaining knowledge,
learning to think critically, and putting what we learn into
practice has the power to change the world.

Four Pillars of the MCS Ideal Graduate Profile



The purpose of this document is to articulate the Four Pillars of the MCS Ideal Graduate Profile. Aligning the desired outcomes of the profile with our vision and mission creates a framework that includes developmental benchmarks and specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals that allow for clarity and consistency throughout all levels of the organization. When our students walk across the graduation stage, our prayer is that every faculty and staff member, parent, and supporter of MCS, understands the part they played in realizing what it means to be a graduate of Midland Christian School.



CHRIST- LIKENESS

Faith-Focused

MCS students live for God and love like Jesus. Faith is not just talked about. Instead, it is pursued in all aspects of life. Practicing spiritual disciplines such as prayer, devotion, worship, celebration, study, and simplicity ready us for a lifelong, Spirit-filled pursuit of God in Christ (Ephesians 5:17-19).

Reveres God

MCS students pursue holiness out of reverence for God (2 Corinthians 7:1). This reverence is reflected in profound thankfulness for what God has done, is doing, and will do and is also expressed in worship as they express their love to and for the Father (Hebrews 12:28).

Heart to Serve

MCS students actively seek opportunities to use their gifts and to serve others in our community and around the world in the name of Jesus (1 Peter 4:10).

Ethical

MCS students are committed to the highest ethical standards. They do not plagiarize, cheat, or take shortcuts academically. They understand that as God's image-bearers, they are called to a life of character, honesty, and integrity and this understanding is reflected in how they complete assignments, projects, and examinations (Genesis 1:27; Romans 12:9).



Critical Thinker

MCS students are able to examine the countless narratives that constantly bombard their hearts and minds and can exhibit through the power of prayer, wisdom, and discernment the ability to critically examine and determine true narratives and false narratives. In response, they build lives based on truth. As a result, they are positioned to live confidently into their calling as followers of Jesus (Philippians 4:6-8).

Problem Solver

MCS students seek to grow in their problem-solving abilities to gain knowledge, but more importantly, to grow as conduits of hope, healing, and God-honoring solutions. Through deep study of God's Word and through high academic rigor, they purposefully engage in problem-solving exercises to grow their intellectual capacity and sharpen their problem-solving acumen (Proverbs 1:7).

Effective Communicator

MCS students are well-read, well-studied, and well-prepared to continue their educational and/or career pursuits throughout their careers. Through rigorous study, they are able to comprehend the issues of the day and can confidently and competently articulate their values and understandings through their speech and writing. They are not arrogant but are confident in who they are, what they stand for, and how they live (1 John 4:17).

Personally Responsible

MCS students take personal responsibility for their actions and attitudes. They do not attempt to shift the blame. When they mess up, they fess up as they understand that openness and honesty are core values of Christian discipleship (James 5:16).



Disciple of Jesus

MCS graduates are committed disciples of Jesus who actively participate in the work and worship of a local church. Through spiritual formation and service, they die to self so that they can live for Jesus (Luke 9:23). They believe that Jesus is the “source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:9). They also understand that mercy and grace are theirs to claim in Christ Jesus. They do not sin to test God’s grace (Romans 6:1-2). However, they trust fully in the one who saves them by His grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8).

Life-Long Learner

MCS students do not simply strive to pass tests. They are learning how to think, process, pray, serve, give, and live as lifelong learners. They are “transformed by the renewing of their minds” (Romans 12:2) so that they can “continue in what they have learned” (2 Timothy 3:24).

Courageous

MCS students do not back down in the face of hardship, tragedy, or pain. Instead, they “courageously stand firm in their faith” (1 Corinthians 16:13), as they align their heads and hearts with the head and heart of the God of the universe.

Spirit-Filled

Like the disciples of old, MCS students are “filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 13:52). This eternal Spirit of God “cleanses their consciences from acts that lead to death, so that they may serve the living God!” (Hebrews 9:14). They exhibit the spirit filled life through bearing the fruit of God’s Holy Spirit, gaining wisdom, and discernment (Galatians 5:22; Romans 12:2; Philippians 1:9-10).



Self-Aware

MCS students define self-awareness as, "Fully knowing who they are and how others perceive them in Christ, and being transformed into His likeness as they embrace His values and trust in His promises." In our context, self-awareness is understood through our oneness with God in Christ (John 17:20-23).

Trustworthy

MCS students can be trusted. Their "yes" is "yes" and their "no" is "no." Therefore, their word is their bond (Matthew 5:37). Pursuing trustworthy relationships makes our students others-aware, meaning we understand our choices have an impact on those around us. Our students strive to build trust in all relationships (Titus 3:8).

Collaborative

MCS students understand that "we" is always greater than "I." In an age of rampant individualism, they believe in the power of family, community, and togetherness. They understand that "a cord of multiple strands is not easily broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

Committed

MCS students are committed to living for God, loving like Jesus, and learning for life. They are not, "...blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming" (Ephesians 4:14). Rather they hold fast to the eternal promises of God (1 John 2:25).



While the information above is primarily student focused, our vision and mission are universal in the sense that all members of the MCS family are expected to grow in living for God, loving like Jesus, and learning for life. This means we will always push to mature as disciples, grow our professional acumen, and collaborate with one another prayerfully and purposefully. Some of the tools we will reference include:

- Pray fervently.
- Allow our heads and hearts to be continually transformed by the power of God's Word and through the leading of God's Holy Spirit.
- Utilize Performance Improvement Plans as personal and professional developmental resources.
- Attend and enthusiastically participate in Professional Learning Communities.
- Continually evaluate alignment of curricula and instructional approaches with our vision/mission.
- Integrate our new vision/mission characteristics and vocabulary into all aspects of Midland Christian School.

Should you have any questions about our strategic plan, or if you would like to participate in future leadership based initiatives, please email info@mcs1.org.