

**Cypress Ranch High School Choir  
Senior Wills 2024**

# Kaylee Arnold

Choir has been a part of me since I was in 6th grade. It started all with **Mrs.Bishea!** At first I wasn't supposed to be in choir, I was supposed to be in theater. I was going to get my schedule fixed until the moment I walked into the choir room; I got a warm welcome from Mrs.Bishea, she was just so radiant and happy the energy was just really there. From then on I just loved the choir environment from 6th grade til now choir has built me a family. I will forever cherish and love my smith girls (**Valerie, Myla, Kate, Ainsley**). It's been an amazing journey seeing you amazing girls grow. **Mrs.Douglas**, you are an amazing woman. Freshman year because of covid we didn't have much interaction. Sophomore year I was in concert women again because of softball and unfortunately that year I was also struggling a lot mentally. I remember coming to you and you were willing to listen and give me advice. You also gave me the best mama bear hug ever, thank you for everything you do seriously. You are wise and have impacted me greatly. **Mr.Bishea**, when coming into high school choir the part I was most excited about was you being one of my directors, because of your amazing wife, Mrs.Bishea. Me and you are not the closest but one of my most distinctive memories with you was my sophomore year after Zach Arensdorf passed away. The next day after finding out I had to go to school and I actually had no interest in going that day but I had to. I had choir 2nd period and choir reminded me so much of zach and I remember being on the risers standing right in the middle of the bottom row in front of Mrs.Douglas and someone had brought him up. My eyes immediately filled with tears and I just walked out the room into the hallway and sat on the floor. You followed and came down to my level and calmed me down and comforted me. It was so hard for me to speak and breathe but you were patient with me and showed an understanding of the feelings I was dealing with and let me know that it was okay. I love all of your sarcastic remarks and humor, it's always needed and gives us all great laughs. Thank you for always pushing us to our best and somehow always making us sound good after you give us a spiel. lol we really do appreciate you so much. **Mrs.Stephens**, the choir program is definitely going to miss you and your amazing piano skills next year. It's sad that you're leaving but I know you will be a great head director at your new school. I love your mindset and personality, it reminds me of me. I love how blunt you are with us because we definitely all do need that in our lives. It was a great experience to have you for Varsity Treble and we could not have gotten that trophy without you.

Choir has had a huge impact on my life and hasn't just taught me choir. It has taught me real life lessons and has formed bonds that I will never forget. All the memories I have created and experiences will never be forgotten and will always lurk in my memories.

Thank you Choir.

## Bella Black

### Interior Design and Business

My high school experience would have been so different if I hadn't joined choir in 7th grade. Being in choir has shaped me into the individual that I am today. I have learned that sometimes you have to be flexible with your voice part and not complain if C-Doug decides that she wants you to be an alto. I have learned that the directors are always there if you need a shoulder to cry on or someone to laugh with. I have learned how to get up on stage and overcome my fear of singing in front of people. Most importantly, I have learned that even though friends come and go, God will never leave my side. Psalm 34:4-5 says, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." Even if you don't know me, there is one thing that I hope you can take away from reading my senior will which is that, JESUS LOVES YOU.

**Mrs. Douglas-** C-DOUG!!!! You are such an amazing role model for me to look up to! I love how you are always there for me and willing to listen when I am going through things. I love how you always strive to do what is best for the choir. I LOVEEEE your outfits!!!! You need to style me because you have DRIP! You have made such a lasting impact on my life and I am going to seriously miss you after high school!!

**Mrs. Stephens-** I know you hear it all the time but you are seriously so good at playing the piano! I aspire to be as talented as you are! Thank you so much for being an amazing director and having an impact on my high school years! I will miss you!

**Mr. Bishea-** Bella Voce was truly one of the best experiences I had in choir. You have helped make this program feel like a home for everyone that steps foot in the choir room. Thank you so incredibly much for making me love choir! I am going to miss you and all of the jokes you bring!

**Spillane girls** - Welp girls, we finally made it to the end of our cfisd choir journey! I have loved being able to watch every one of you grow throughout these past 6 years. I know that each of you is going to go off to do amazing things and I cannot wait to continue to support you no matter what!

**Taylor Henry**- I have loved having you as a friend over these past years! I am going to miss yapping with you every day in choir! I can't wait to see all the amazing things that you are going to accomplish in life!

**Sierra Forbush**- Thank you for always being a smiling face that I can turn to! You are an amazing singer and I hope you continue to sing after high school! I love you and I will miss seeing your awesome outfits every day!

**Nicole Felefe**- WE ARE SENIORS AHHH!!! We have so many memories together over these past 7ish years and I am so thankful to have you as a friend! You have such a kind soul and you radiate positive energy to everyone around you! Thank you for always being able to brighten up any room you walk into! I love you and I can't wait to see what all you are able to achieve within these next 4 years!

**Linh Luu**- You have always been such an amazing singer and I am so proud of how far you have come! God has blessed you with a BEAUTIFUL voice and I hope you continue to use it throughout your life! I love you so much!

**Alohi Patel**- I am so sad that I only just met you this year because you are so amazing! I have loved getting to know you since pop show and becoming your friend! I will truly miss talking to you every day after Dougie dismisses us. I know that you are going to do amazing things with your life! Remember to keep a smile on your face as you finish high school and keep the real ones close by. I hope we can stay in touch while I am in college!!

**Briana Gnatzy**- I can't believe that we are finally graduating! It feels like just yesterday we were playing in the backyard together! I seriously cannot wait to go to UNT with you and hang out all the time! You are such an amazing friend and I am going to miss walking with you after choir! GO MEAN GREEN EAGLES!!!

**Myla Nguyen**- GIRLLLLLL WE MADE IT!!!! Thank you for always being there for me no matter what MyMy. You are truly such an inspirational person! From your amazing outfits, bubbly personality, and beautiful voice, you never fail to be someone for other choir kids to look up to. I have loved being your friend these past 4 years and I am so glad that we were able to reconnect after Birkes! You are extremely talented Myla and I am so excited to see what all God has in store for you!

**Ainsley Galtier**- The love that you have for Jesus is so evident and I know that everyone can see Him moving through you! Thank you for never changing yourself for this program! I love how you have always been yourself and you are never afraid to share the love of Christ! I am so excited to see how God uses you over the next 4 years at Baylor! I love you and we should meet up for coffee sometime soon!!!

**Kate Bonesteel**- I know that we have had our ups and downs but junior year was truly one of the best years of my life. Thank you for helping me create so many memories. I will always remember the impact you have made on my life. I can't wait to see what God has in store for you! I hope you have an absolute blast in Oklahoma queen I am so proud of you!

**Kate Bonesteel**  
**Oklahoma State University**  
**Nutritional Sciences**

I can't believe it is actually time to graduate. It has always felt like it was so far away and now it's finally here. These past 7 years in choir have been some of my best memories. While everyone knows I love to complain about it I truly do like it most days. I truly do not regret staying in choir. I have made some of my best friends in this class and made some of my best memories. I truly don't know who I would be without all of you so thank you to everyone.

**Nicole-** You are truly one of my hardest goodbyes. You have been there through literally everything since sophomore year. I did not deserve your friendship at all but you still stuck with me anyway and I am so grateful for that. You have helped me through so much this past year and I am so thankful for that. I am so glad that we stuck with choir because otherwise I don't know if we would've ever become friends. We have a friendship that not many people would understand but it works so well. I love our incredibly long calls to update each other when we have gone a long time not talking to each other. Our updates are always so eventful and I love it so much. You are such a good person and I wish I had so many of your qualities. I know highschool sucked in so many ways for both of us but trust it will all get so much better. I can't wait to see the amazing things you do with your life and never stop calling me to give those updates cause they are always the best parts of my day. I will always be here anytime you need anything I am just a call away. I will miss you so so much next year. Thank you for everything Nicole.

**Sierra-** Oh girl I can't believe it's already been 4 years. I know we are both ready to get out of here though. You are truly one of the sweetest people I have ever met and are always there for everyone and you won't even ask to know what happened you are just there. I am loving this new side that has come out this year where you get really annoyed. I truly don't know how I would've gotten through some of those days without you because some of them have been horrible. Our little debrief after chamber everyday gets me through it. I will miss going up on our converse like ballerinas and then trying to get other people to do it but no one can ever figure it out because we are just so talented. I love looking across the risers in chorale and seeing you and then I will try to talk to you and most of the time we have no clue what each other are saying. You are truly one of the best people I have been friends with in high school even if we were kind of off and on at some points which was always my fault. I have never met someone as sweet as you are. You are truly someone I know will always be there no matter what and I

am so thankful for that. I know you can't wait to get out of here but still keep in touch. I will miss you so much!

**Taylor-** I am so glad we both made Chamber together and then got really close over the past year. You are one of the funniest people I know and not even on purpose a lot of the time. I am going to miss talking to you every single day and telling you everything that has happened. Even when we are talking across the choir room and you have no idea what I am saying. We do know we aren't supposed to be doing that but I can't go 2 minutes without talking to someone. I will most definitely not miss you randomly grabbing my ankles because that is absolutely terrifying. You have helped me through so much this year and I could never thank you enough. We better still do our facetime updates since we can't update each other in person. I will miss you so much next year.

**Linh-** I am so glad that we have gotten so close this year. Having stats with you has been so fun. We get to complain about all those things I swear she graded wrong. You are truly so talented and I do not understand how you can sing that high. But we all know I can definitely sing higher than you. I love it when I watch you getting annoyed because it is truly one of the funniest things to me. You are such a sweet person and I will miss you so much next year.

**Emma-** All of my closest friends I have made were because of this class. So don't quit even though in the past I have told you to quit, don't do it. I know you are staying sophomore year for the same reason I did because you get Mr. Bishea and hopefully he will have the same impact on you that he had on me. I hope that you stay for your last 2 years. Don't worry I will make the 8 hour drive to come back to see you sing and I will miss you more than you know.

**Renee-** It is hard to believe we have known each other for 10 years. I am glad that we actually started talking this year after probably 6 years of not saying a word to each other. I am going to miss side eyeing you everyday in class and you telling me I sang something wrong. You are truly so talented and I know you will do incredible things. You better do another solo at pop show again because I will be coming back to see it. I can not wait to see all the amazing things you do and will be cheering you on all the way from Oklahoma.

**Kim-** You are so incredibly talented Kim. I still have no clue how you hit any of those high notes so effortlessly and am so jealous that you can do that. I don't know how you will ever top the solo you did at pop show this year because it was absolutely amazing but I am sure you will find a way to top it. You are such a sweet person and will miss you next year. And I know the facial expressions are hard for you but if I can smile that big for the entire pop show you can do this. You just have to think you look stupid and then you are doing it correctly.

**Isaiah-** I am so glad I met you this year. I loved going to chick with you Abbey and Sierra. I love complaining about all the stupid things Mr. A does or getting you to ask him stuff just to annoy him. I know he will miss us next year because we are definitely his favorites. Now I will not miss you taking awful pictures of me. You are so talented and I can't wait to see everything you do in the future.

**Briana-** First of all I am still mad you got moved away from me in chorale. You are such a good friend and someone that will always listen to me yap about random things. Please never take me out of your private story I love it so much it is always so eventful. We need to hang out this summer before I leave because we owe each other some major updates. You are so funny and we are always thinking the same thing. Remember I am always here whenever you need me so call me anytime. I will miss you so much next year.

**Chloe-** You are truly so talented Chloe. You have such a beautiful voice and are one of the sweetest people I have met. I know you will do such great things in your life and will be cheering you on wherever I am. I have literally never seen someone come to school EVERY SINGLE DAY and have such cute outfits. You never fail to have a cute outfit and somehow you have no frizz in your hair which still makes me angry. I will miss side eyeing you every single day in class but don't worry I will come back for a concert just to side eye you. I will miss you so much next year and can't wait to see what you do.

**Abbey-** I truly have no idea how you are going to make it through senior year because you have one of the biggest cases of senioritis a junior has ever had but don't worry senior year goes by so much faster than you think. I am going to miss seeing all your dupes everyday and somehow every single one looks identical to the original. I know you can make it through your last year of highschool but trust me and actually try to enjoy it and not just think about getting to leave. I will miss you so much and will always be here if you need to complain about something. Don't forget to make sure there are no rats in your Alani can.

**David & Nathaniel-** Here is your shout out. Also sing louder please because you both have amazing voices and we need to hear them.

**Mr. Bishea-** Thank you so much for everything you do for everyone in this program. I can truly see you care about every single one of us and want the best for us. You were the person that gave me my love for choir back that I lost freshman year and I am so thankful for that. I stayed in choir because I knew you would be my director and I had Mrs. Bishea in middle school and loved her. Everytime you direct Chorale or Chamber I remember why I love choir so much you bring back that joy. You are able to balance being fun with us but also being serious when it is needed so well. Bella Voce is some of my best memories of high school thanks to you and without that experience I wouldn't have gotten to create these memories these past two years. I hope you can do the same for Emma so she doesn't quit choir. Please try and make her stay after her sophomore year because I know she needs choir. I could never thank you enough for everything you have done.



## Kaylyn Chang

We made it, seniors! It's unbelievable how the years passed by so quickly. On the other hand, there's a bittersweet symphony in the air, blending the excitement of new beginnings with the nostalgia of cherished memories. In this moment of reflection, I'm reminded of those whose presence have made this journey unforgettable.

**Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Bishea, and Mrs. Stephens:** Thank you for the gift of an extraordinary 4-year experience in this program. Your mentorship, guidance, and never-ending passion have been an impactful inspiration in my life. The memorable experiences, lessons, and time spent in a warming environment will always be with me for my lifetime. I'm grateful to have had the pleasure of being one of many students and I thank y'all again for everything.

**Cheyenne Schulte:** Hey girl! I'm going to miss you next year, and I'm so grateful that we were able to get closer this year. Thank you for taking the staples out of our new music packets for me and letting me spill the TEA. Also, I had such a great time at Six Flags, except when you, Brittany, Ally, and I had to wait 2 HOURS for walking tacos... Besides that, thank you for filling my year with contagious laughter. Good luck out there, and I wish you endless success.

**Kaylee Arnold:** I've known you since Smith girl! When we were in middle school, I always thought you were one of the prettiest girls in our school. I wish I had the courage to approach you back then, but I'm glad I got to know you in government! I'll miss the times we

played Crazy8 with Shalom, Mia, and all the others. I hope you succeed in the things you set your mind to. Good luck girl!

**Renee Araujo, Darielys Costales, and Chloe Javillonar:** Hey pretty girls! Unfortunately, I won't see you in school anymore, but I'll be around! Invite me to your events! I promise I'll come back and visit y'all whenever I can. Thank you for all the beautiful memories. Stay humble and radiate love and peace. Good luck with your senior year!

**Prom Party People:** "To be loved is to be seen." Thank you for showing me genuine love and peace. I'll always treasure all the sleepovers, adventures, and all the laughter we shared. I hope we can all get together soon after we part ways. I love each one of you dearly, and I wish each of you nothing but the best in life. Y'all will always be my favorite people.

**Mom, Dad, and Raymond:** Y'all definitely didn't expect this! I want to express my deepest gratitude for your endless love and support throughout my journey. Your continuous encouragement and belief in me have been the foundation of strength that have lifted me in both the good and bad moments. Mom, Dad, and Raymond, all your sacrifices and selflessness have shaped me into the person I am today, and I am so thankful for everything that you have done for me. I am truly blessed to have such an amazing family, and I will cherish the bond that we share eternally. Thank you for being my inspiration and greatest supporters. I love y'all more than words can explain.

# Ethan Clark

Underclassmen, throughout this year I have seen all of you grow leaps and bounds which fills me with joy that they'll be people like this that Ms Douglas can work on and perfect. If you guys keep working like how you are now you guys will be amazing ( well you guys are now by yk what I mean ). I can't wait to come back once in a while and get to enjoy you guys singing.

**Maria:** Where do I start with you ... even though I have only got to speak with you my last year here I feel like I have known you for a lot longer and our constant jokes back and forth and the random conversations we have make my day. You're an extremely intelligent and humble person ( not to glaze ). And I'm happy I can share my birthday with someone like you #birthtwin/fartcityresident

**Wheeler:** We have fought through the Bronx together from TB to chamber you have been by my side ( pause ) anyways you have improved leaps vocally and I'm happy that I got to improve vocally together and the ONLY reason you didn't make Allstate was because of that low D

**Ants:** you have helped me meet so many people that I think I wouldn't have met if it wasn't for me ( yk the one I'm talking about ) anyways you're a wonderful person to be around and you make conversations interesting and your goofy personality makes me laugh every day. I'm happy that I got to meet and talk to you.

see you at Baylor

Sic Em

**Linh:** um how do I start with you? Stink, you're a wonderful person and I'm so glad I've got to speak with you every day both in and out of school. You're an amazing person and I admire that truly. I love the fact you have a quotes list that's filled with the best jokes you think are funny. Even though this hurts me to say that you are kinda (really) funny, I will never tell you this to your face. love you #fartcity

**Myla:** well trac... kidding I won't do that to you. Anyways you are vocally amazing also you're a good person, rare yk ( you could probably name a few people ). You may have beat me for vice president ( oh no :| ) but I'm happy that I got to sing with you these past years and if I had taken theater I would have been extremely overjoyed to be surrounded by someone like you.

**Tristan:** my handsome king you have lifted the bass section leaps and bonds and without you, the bass sections would be blank. ( fill in with what best fits ). Anyway, you're a funny and amazing person and even though you talk the entire choir period with Lance I don't mind I find that funny as funk yk. I'm happy I got to workout, sing, and hang out with you

**Lance:** to my broken-back brother, I'm sorry for the stress I have caused your back (pause) you're a funny and talkative person. you're a great person to have around and I'm happy that I have got to speak and hang out with you #sorryaboutyourback

**Douglas:** oh where do I start with you? I still remember you pulling me into the office freshman year and saying "you're lucky I need bass bc you're vocally ready but you aren't mentally ready ". Anyways Ms Douglas you're such a caring person when I was going through rough times ( yk what I'm talking about ) you opened your arms to me with no hesitation and I respect that it shows that you care for us. I never thought that you would be such a wonderful and important person to me (well I was wrong ), but now through all the stuff you have had to deal with ( me ), I know you're an amazing person. I feel that nothing I can write will be able to show how much I appreciate you. Thank you for doing Monteverdi.

**Mr Bishea:** I'm sorry you had to deal with me in TB. I was a blank ( fill that in with what best fits ). But on a serious note when I was going through some rough issues and I tried to hide my feelings you noticed them and checked up on me with zero hesitation. It blows my mind that you're willing to check on one of your students and let them talk to you about their troubles and accept them. But you are such an inspiration from you saying don't gamble to Jace to you telling me that YOU made it stop complaining that you didn't get the chair you wanted to you telling stories of you not making Allstate and supporting me when I didn't make it I appreciate everything you have done for me and the people within all ranches choirs .#8

**Mrs. Stephens:** thank you Mrs Stephens for your wonderful teaching abilities I'm happy that I have got the opportunity to learn and talk to someone with your musical viewpoints and ideas

Final note : thank you guys for a wonderful four years of music I'm honored that I was a part of this lovely program <3

**Sierra Forbush**  
**Brigham Young University**  
**Elementary Education Major**

**Directors:** Oh my gosh you guys are amazing!! You do so much for this program and for each of your students it's incredible to both watch and receive your compassion and see your love for all of us (even though sometimes we're not the best recipients). I'm so glad to have been a part of the program you have created, a program full of positivity and a love for music which has just grown my own love for it. You guys have had such a huge impact on my life and I know that in years you guys will still be some of my favorite teachers I've ever had. **Ms. Douglas**, to reiterate my senior speech, you are an ICON! We all have SO much respect for you and your talent. You're basically a second mom for us, I know that whenever I need anything, I can go to you and you'll have the best answer. I can't imagine having a better director with both an insane amount of talent, and compassion for her students. Just know all of us are dreading the day you retire and I'm so glad that I was able to be in your program. Thank you for being so patient with us and being so innovative freshman year. You did a great job with a situation that was less than ideal and we grew so much because of your patience. **Mr. Bishea**, I honestly don't really know what to write. You're also basically a second dad to me, and you are so incredibly kind. Thank you for being so patient with me when I literally had a fever and was crying at region, and understanding why I wanted to stay. Thank you for explaining music theory to me when I'm trying to get things to make sense in my brain. You make a class that could be super overwhelming, sort of simple (it's not simple but it makes more sense). Thank you for making Bella Voce such an amazing experience, that was one of my favorite years in choir and the positive, fun environment that you fostered created a safe place for me. **Mrs. Stephens**, I don't have a lot to say, I've only been under your direction in Varsity Treble, and I want to say sorry for having a little attitude because I was tired and hungry. You're going to do a great job at your new school and we're going to miss your piano skills!

**Seniors:** I can't believe we're actually graduating?! You guys have all taught me so much I don't know where I would be without you guys. You've been there for me when I was struggling the most and when I was at the happiest and I'll be grateful for that forever. We've had a pretty weird high school experience but I think it was one of the best we could have ever had. **Kate**, Hi! I know we've had our ups and downs and issues, but I know that whenever I need someone to be completely honest with me or someone to vent to that you are right there ready to help how you can. You're going to do so well in college and grow so much, I'm so excited to see who you become as you grow up even more! Stick to your gut and your values and it'll all turn out how it's supposed to! **Linh**, my soprano 1, middle school buddy! Thank you for sitting next to me in Chamber when we learn new music so that we both can figure it out. I would be so lost like 90% of the time without you. I love how confident you are and it's amazing getting to see how much we both have grown both vocally and emotionally. You're going to do so great in college, They're lucky to have you! **Ainsley**, you are such an inspiration to me oh my gosh! You are basically just a pinterest girlie in real life and it's so cool! You have so much love for God and it's such a huge part of your life, you've taught me so much about being proud of my religion, and God, and owning it even if it's not popular. You're going to have an amazing experience at Baylor and I'm

so excited to see who you become! **My Spillane girls**, AHHHH WE DID IT! You guys are actually the most amazing people and have been such an important part of my life since 6th grade. I've loved getting to know each of you the last 7 years and you each have had an insane impact on my life. It's going to be SO weird not getting to see you guys next year and I'm going to miss all of you so so much! LOVE YOU GIRLS!

**Juniors:** Hi babies! You guys actually astound me! You guys are so talented and intelligent and I know that you guys are going to do an amazing job next year leading the program. **Kim**, oh my gosh you are such a sweetie. You are actually insanely talented and I know that you are going to do so amazing next year. Trust yourself, you have all the skills, intelligence, and instinct to do AMAZING in life and I know you will. I'm going to miss you so much next year but I'm going to LOVE seeing everything that you achieve in your life. **Renee**, wow girl you're so impressive. You have such an amazing voice and you are so artistic I'm actually amazed by how easily you just create works of art! The choir room would not be as colorful without you! I hope you are so successful in your life and you have such an amazing choir year next year! **Abbey**, bus buddy! Ahhhh you are so amazing I actually love you so much! I know you've struggled with some things this year but I know that next year is going to be so much better and you're going to have such an amazing year! You're going to do so many amazing things in your life and I'm so excited to see what you accomplish! **Chloe**, you are so AWESOME. You're so funny and you are so talented. I know you're going to do amazing things! You are so stylish and I LOVE seeing your outfits everyday! **Madison**, you are so sweet! You are such a great dancer and bring such a good energy to the stage and rehearsal, especially during popshow. You are such a calming presence and it's so peaceful being around you I love it! You are such a wonderful person and I know you're going to be so amazing in life! Keep it up girly! **Dari**, you're so great! You're so happy and sweet and I know you're going to have an amazing senior year. Have fun!! **Isaiah**, ahhhhh I can't believe I'm leaving and you have to stay. You are so funny and such a chatterbox and it's so fun! You have been a great friend these last two years and I know you're going to have an amazing year next year as well. I hope for nothing but the best for you and I know you are going to have an amazing life. Keep being you, be happy and excited that's what makes you so awesome!

**Underclassmen:** You guys are actually spectacular. You all have so many fun things that are just around the corner and I'm so excited to see how much you all grow. You guys have such a love for choir and singing and it's been amazing to have been a part of your experience even if it only was for a short while. PLEASE, make the most of your time in high school. It seems to take forever but all the time you waste is time you'll never get back. Try things that make you uncomfortable! Push yourself beyond what you think you can do and you might discover that you are so much better than you think. You guys are amazing people and I'm going to miss all of you. I feel like so many of you are just my little children I get to hug and hype up whenever I see you and I want all of you to know that even though I'm going to be thousands of miles away, I'm still rooting for you. You guys have got this you're going to be AMAZING!! (Special shout out to **David** and **Nathan** who just wanted to be included y'all are going to do so many great things in the next few years good luck!)

To everyone who I didn't personally call out I'm sorry! I didn't have enough space to mention all of you but you guys are all so amazing!

**Ainsley Galtier**  
**Baylor University**  
**Business/Religion**

HEY CHOIR - WE MADE IT! I honestly have no clue how I got roped into choir so many years ago, but it has become my absolute pride and joy. The fact that I am even writing this is surreal to me; I still feel like I'm in concert treble having my first high school concert on Main Street and recording Encore on a drone...I'm so glad that's over. Everyone says it, but it really is true: high school flies by so fast. I have so much gratitude for every single person who has been a part of this chapter of my life - I genuinely couldn't have done any of this without them. It takes a village:)

**Chorale!** Singing in such a large mixed ensemble is so cool??? Even if we weren't close, I am grateful for every one of you and so glad that I got to make music with such amazing people. GO BE GREAT I LOVE Y'ALL<3

**Sophomores/juniors:** The seniors are passing the torch to you.. don't let us down:)

**Chamber!** Jet skiers I love each and every one of you and hope that I was able to have even the slightest positive impact on your experience in choir. I cannot begin to express the ways in which chamber has blessed me; y'all truly are family! I've said this before and I'll say it again - this ensemble was my dream for several years and still is even after becoming a member. To this day I feel so extremely lucky and blessed that I got to live that dream out for my final two years in high school. There is no denying how difficult being in chamber can be, but I can say now that every moment was 100% worth it. Y'all mean the world to me and I can't wait to watch this ensemble continue to thrive!!!!

**Leadership!** Y'all are super incredibly mega AWESOME!!!! It's been such a privilege to lead y'all this year and I truly hope that I was able to not just help y'all be followers, but true leaders:) The sole fact that y'all committed to something outside of class time by being on the council displays so much of your character, and that will take you far! I hope that each of you will join again next year and

encourage your friends to get in on the fun as well - thank y'all for everything!  
(Please lmk if I broke the president curse..)

Whoever the next prez is: YAY YOU!!! CONGRATS! YOU'LL BE  
INCREDIBLE! Please don't be afraid to reach out with any questions next year:)

**MYRA!** HEY VP I love you so very much. I still remember your first day at Smith and thinking "I want to be friends with her!" From TMEA to Chamber to Leadership (to literally everything related to choir), you have been right by my side. Like I actually don't recall doing a single thing in choir that you weren't with me for.. except for when I chose the alto life oopsies! Hearing you sing always fills me with so much pride; I am your biggest fan! Period. There isn't anyone else I would've wanted to take on my high school music journey with, although I am immensely grateful for our friendship outside of that. I have so much appreciation for the girl you are and how much you have impacted my life. I cannot count the amount of times you have checked in on me or made sure I was included/wanted, and you do not understand how much that has meant to me. I seriously believe that everyone needs someone like you as a friend!!! You have always embodied positivity and light and it is contagious. I'm emo you're leaving me but so so so excited to watch you thrive in San Marcos<3

**Gigi!** MY LOVE I am *beyond* happy that we got closer this year! Thank you for your continual love and kindness in my life; I truly am so much more grateful for you than you will ever know. The amount of gifting you have for music is inspiring, and I love getting to see you do what you love! You're the cutest human! I am SO DANG EXCITED FOR NEXT YEAR - SIC'EM!!!! Baylor choir will be an absolute blast, and I am pumped that we get to do it together:) I hope you aren't sick of me yet, because I'm not going anywhere anytime soon tehe

**Sierra!** Literally the kindest soul oh my goodness - your selflessness is truly something I envy. You have never failed to bring light into a room and actually have the most angelic voice???? JAZZ QUEEN! Getting to be in chamber with you for both years has been such a privilege, and wherever life takes you next, I am so excited to keep cheering you on! I think it's worth mentioning that you have actually been such a big help in leadership this year and I appreciate that very very very much; I still stand in disbelief that this was your first year on the council.



**Linh!** SO MUCH TALENT UGH you literally never fail to carry the soprano section. I am beyond grateful that I got to do chamber with you these past two years and am super duper excited to see what your future holds! Thank you for your love and support - you are so dear to me! I will forever think of strawberries when I think of you<3

**Maria!** My fellow green wearer (side note I love your hair)! Your love for music is so evident!!! And inspiring!!! You have always boldly embraced who you are as a person (embraceable you?) and that is something I really love about you. Honestly if there was an award for best fits, I would give you it. I'm very very thankful for our time together and all the memories made - so much love to you.

**Kate!** We've made it from Warner to now.. crazy! It's been amazing getting to do choir alongside you for so many years and I am very grateful it got to conclude with us rocking as altos in chamber! Thanks for sticking around so long:) I guess I'll miss forcing you to snap on two and four !!!!

**Taylor!** Taylor! You are actually such a fun person to be around! And I swear literally no one gives you credit for how pretty your voice is. Knowing how much closer we got this year brings me so much joy, and I hope that we continue to stay in touch! Some of my favorite memories with you are 100% from the several times we've roomed together on choir trips - that picture of you screaming on Tower of Terror will forever live rent free in my mind !!!! I love you girl

**Nicole!** My choir and track buddy:) We have countless memories together that I cherish - you have been a part of my life for so long now, and I am super duper grateful for our friendship!!! You are beautiful inside and out, and always bring so much life and energy into a room. I will miss you so very much next year, but I know for a fact you will be incredible wherever life takes you.

**Ethan!** Thank you for consistently carrying the bass section over the years. No joke. You're actually goated and will do AMAZING pursuing music! I'm super excited to see how far you will go (because trust me, you're going far).  
SKADOOSH!

**Wheeler!** I genuinely forget your first name from how much we call you Wheeler.. it's been such a blast getting to do choir with you for the last two years!!! You

actually kinda rock as a bass 2, and we all know that secretly you're a choir nerd HAHAH thanks for dealing with me and myla on literally every choir trip ever - you will be so missed next year!

**Cole!** You're WILD bro but I'm so glad you finally decided to join chamber this year!!! It is so cool how you balance sports and choir and yet still put your best foot forward in both - I love that about you! A genuine thanks for interpreting the meaning of every song we sing - we need to learn a thing or two from your master skills.

**Collin!** The ultimate tennis player Collin!!! It's been so fun doing chamber with you for both years! I've enjoyed getting to know you more this year specifically, and hope that you continue to strive for excellence in everything you do. Stay awesome - much love!

**My junior altos <3 Dari! Chloe! Renee! Abbey! Bee???** Y'all are so incredibly gifted and it has been an HONOR to sing with you. Please don't be afraid to step out and lead next year.. each of your voices are beautiful in such distinct ways, and you are more prepared to be a leader than you know - I promise! Your second year in chamber will feel much different than your first, but it will be even better and you will make many many more amazing memories. My babies, I love y'all endlessly

**Stephens!** Thank you for your support these past few years:) Though I haven't known you since the beginning, I'm so grateful to have met you when I did and have seen how much you've helped this program in such a short time. You are so talented in a variety of ways as a musician and it is truly inspiring! Going to miss you SO MUCH next year but I am very excited for this new path you get to go down - keep us updated on your new program!

**Bishea!** I know everyone says it, but you are 100% our choir dad!!! I constantly am a witness to the many ways that you sacrifice your own comfort and complacency for others' needs, and it truly warms my heart. I still think it's the coolest thing ever that I got a Bishea for both middle and high school - y'all have both been so instrumental in my years in choir. I love getting to witness you geek out over music theory almost every day:) I won't deny that my head hurts listening

to you explain even the slightest bit of theory, but honestly I just enjoy hearing you talk about the things you have a heart for. I am so bummed about telling you goodbye, but excited to watch from afar how you continue to grow as a musician, director, and teacher. Thank you for everything:)

**CDoug!** Words cannot express how much of an impact you have had on me in only four years. I'm actually the luckiest gal ever for having the icon, the legend, THE Cynthia Douglas as my director for the majority of my time in high school choir - I don't think people realize how cool that is??? Your love for what you do is so evident in the way that you lead us; I don't think I've ever met someone who genuinely cares for her students as much as you. You carry so many years of wisdom, and I've sincerely enjoyed getting to be on the receiving end of that. To say I'm going to miss your passion and energy next year would be an understatement! You've been doing this an awfully long time, and yet regardless of the circumstances you show up every day with a fresh eagerness to make beautiful music with us. Because of you, I have so many experiences and memories that I will carry with me for years to come; you truly have left a mark on my life. From the very bottom of my heart, thank you.

Let me plead with you to PLEASE bring back "There Was a Time" soon - it's my only graduation request! If you don't I'll sob! I'm not kidding!

*Thank you for the best four years Cypress Ranch Choir <3 Prez out!!!*

## **Taylor Henry**

Choir is more than singing. Choir is a family, a safe space and teaches you life skills. Stay in choir, I promise it'll be worth it. Nothing good ever comes easy so stick with it. I've met some of my closest friends in this program. People I would've never met if it weren't for choir. Thank you to our wonderful directors who have pushed me to be the best version of myself. Thank you to my friends that are closest to me and those I didn't get close to. I love you all and appreciate how you have impacted my life. I'm proud of all of you and wish you the best.

# Cole Kristynik

What's up everyone, it's Cole here.

Welp, I finally get to write one of these after four years. You would figure that in that time I would have a general idea of what I want to say, but honestly there's still a whole lot that I want to get written down so I'm gonna go ahead and get this deal started.

**2024 Seniors:** We're finally out of here for good and I gotta say that I'm gonna miss all of y'all. We have a big choir so I wasn't able to be close with everyone, but I do know that everyone in here made choir better and we wouldn't have been able to do all the cool things we did without each and every one of you. Wherever you all end up in life, I wish you nothing but great success.

**Chamber (in general):** I put off joining Chamber for two years while taking BIM I and II and now that I'm here, I can honestly say it was worth the wait. This is a close-knit group of people that I hope to stay in touch with throughout the years. I loved that this group was able to work with each other and create inside jokes so early in the year. It speaks to how well we worked together as a team and to me puts y'all on par with the teammates I've had in football and baseball.

**Chamber Tenors:** Tenors together strong! Y'all are all like brothers to me and I'm gonna miss y'all the most when I'm gone. **Collin** man, you keep writing music cuz the stuff that I've heard that you've written is pretty gas. **David** keep on singing out because that Tenor voice is gonna be really good for us while you're here. **Nathaniel**, good luck with the cut my brother. You've got a bright future in music and I'm excited to see where you go with it. **Grant** I empathize with your absent-mindedness and I was also lost whenever Mrs. Douglas called you out on it. Keep on being yourself and good luck to you and Nate as the senior leaders next year. **Bee** you're always lowkey goofy and you keep the section in high spirits; keep doing

that because we need it. Lastly **Chris** I see a lot of young Cole in you so live up to that legacy. Also your burger says “no onions” not “nonononono”.

**Chamber Basses:** First and foremost, I need to come clean that every time the Basses got yelled at it was 100% me getting them trouble... so my bad. To the underclassmen, **Jace**, **Kieran**, and **Isaiah**, y'all are crazy talented and much smarter than I when it comes to music. Not only that but y'all are some of my favorite people to talk to in choir cuz we could make just about anything into a hilarious inside joke that we'd reference nonstop for the next month. My dawgs that made it out of the hood known as 2020 Concert Tenor Bass, **Ethan** and **Austin**, y'all have been some of my best friends throughout my four years here and I hope we can stay in touch as we go our separate ways. We worked hard throughout our high school careers together and even though I was never a Bass alongside y'all, I knew that section was always locked in when y'all were in it.

**Chamber Sopranos:** We love to joke around that the Sopranos have it easy since y'all always seem to have the melody, but that takes some serious talent and I'm grateful that y'all are the ones taking charge in most of our songs. Chamber and Chorale wouldn't be the same without **Kim** being locked in 100% of the time, or **Madison** coming in clutch by being the only dance captain that studied the choreography during Encore season (you have no idea how incredibly helpful that was lol). **Sierra**, thank you for driving Chance to and from various choir events when I couldn't and overall being a positive influence on us that kept us mostly in line. **Taylor**, I'll miss all of the inside jokes, failed high fives, interesting responses to questions, and bringing energy to choir every day. Of course I have to thank **Maria** for being the only person I know with more dad jokes than me, being the best whistler in the choir, and making me feel pressured to buy more green clothing. Even though **Myla** sometimes fell asleep in class, you brought unmatched good vibes to choir that made everyone look forward to 4th and 5th period. And how could I not mention late night Fortnite with **Linh** and **Angelina** that got me through more tough times than I was willing to open up about. Y'all's willingness to sit and goof around for hours is something I'll really miss when we all part after graduation.

**Chamber Altos:** Altos... Altos... Altos... y'all made the biggest strides as a section this year by far. Everyone came into their own and realized that y'all were in fact insanely good at singing and I'm glad to say that I was in a choir with a strong Alto section (I've been told that that is an uncommon thing). All of the juniors in this section this year that will be seniors next year are going to be the backbone of the choir. **Renée, Dari, Chloe,** and **Abbey,** y'all are each immensely talented singers and it's been really cool to see the progress y'all made this year. My younger sister is going to be an Alto in Chamber next year and I don't think there's a better group of people out there for her to learn from while she transitions from being a Soprano most of her life. As for the seniors, it was always fun watching **Kate** react to things in her signature exaggerated way and it helped take the edge off of stressful times in class. You vastly exceeded my expectations as a dance partner in "I Want You Back/ABC" and you came in clutch with getting extra volunteer hours in NHS with me. **Ainsley,** there's nobody else I'd rather call Madam President than you. You care so much about this program and you do an awesome job of making everyone feel like they belong here in choir.

**Jackson Priest:** We've been in choir together since sixth grade, when we both heard that we were going to be able to sing the national anthem at an Astros game. Even though you weren't quite as involved, it's been awesome knowing I'd always have a dude to talk sports and mess around with in a classroom full of people who mostly didn't know ball. Choir was always better when you were here and it's been great to be able to grow up with you through music and baseball.

**Chance:** It's common knowledge that I'll always be the better singer in the family, but your knowledge of music is far greater than mine. You're going to have an amazing time in Chamber next year and I hope to come back and see the work that y'all have done at at least one of your concerts. I know I'll be far away in Lubbock, but I'm one call away if you need me, and depending on my schedule I could totally Facetime y'all during 5th period if they need a spark. Keep doing what you're doing and you'll turn out almost as good as me!

**Juniors:** This is it y'all. Your last year in high school is coming up and I'll be the first to say that it flies by. The first three years of high school seemed to take a bit but senior year will come and go in a blink, so enjoy every little detail. Make sure you have no regrets and make your last year in Ranch Choir the best one!

**Sophomores:** Junior year is usually one of the toughest, but I know that choir was always an escape from all the stress for me last year. I hope that y'all continue to sing as you're going to meet people that will be there to support you through anything in this program and quitting would be something that you regret big time.

**Freshmen:** First year of high school down, now onto what many call their favorite (honestly senior year was my favorite but many of my friends have great memories from sophomore year). This is a transitional year for choir kids because you start to learn some more challenging music, but I can promise it'll be fun and that you need to stay for all four years because of the new people you can meet in this program from all different backgrounds.

In my four years in choir there have been some upperclassmen that have been awesome people to me and left an impact on my life much bigger than they will ever know. Guys like **Zach, Austin, Rhett, Joel, Brotha Josh**, and many others have left me feeling like I've got some big shoes to fill, and I hope that I've been at least half as good of a mentor and big brother figure to the underclassmen as they were to me. The people in choir are what really made it fun and I hope to stay in contact with as many of you as possible. As always, stay in choir; it's been just as much of a brotherhood to me as football and baseball. To conclude: live life with no regrets, hang loose, keep singing, and peace. 🙌



## **Maria Linton**

I'm not one to pour out my heart and soul, especially when the entire choir program is free to read it at any given moment, but sometimes it's more important for one to lay down their pride and open up. Certainly, somewhere there is someone who wants to hear about it.

As likely one of the most socially unskilled students in the CyRanch choir program, I have a lot of people to thank for helping me find a home here.

### **Miya Yu**

I believe you are my oldest choir friend. You were my friend when I had none in sophomore year, and frankly, I owe so much of my happiness to you. You are some of my favorite memories from tenth grade, and I thank you for eternity.

### **Kate Bonesteel**

I don't have many core memories from sophomore year. You are one of them. When I think back to my 10th grade of public schooling, your face will always appear in my mind. While I'm still slightly afraid of you, I'm so happy you're my friend. And I'm sorry I gave you Collin's face on a pillow for Christmas.

### **Sierra Forbush**

You are so kind and so thoughtful of others. When I think of someone I want to be like one day, I think of you. Don't ever stop being you, because you're pretty awesome.

### **Isaiah Freeman**

I can't think of what to say to you. Not because I have nothing to say, but because I have so much I want to say. To summarize, you're one of my favorite people. Genuinely. Don't stop texting me your NYT connections results because I'm not gonna stop texting you mine. Thanks for being my friend.

### **Angelina Windham**

If I had to pick one person I was the most grateful for in my entire high school career, it would most certainly be you, Angelina. You are one of my first friends in which I never once stressed about how much you liked me or if you were tired of hanging out with me. You are so genuine and so real, as you are so unabashedly loving. I'm so happy I had the opportunity to be called your friend.

### **Ethan Clark**

Home slice. Brochacho. Brother from another mother. Birth twin. You have such a huge and overwhelming presence in every room you squeeze into. The impact you've made on my senior

year is enormous. Massive. Otherworldly. It's as though you took a step into my universe and left a giant gaping footprint in the floor. Thanks for being one of my best friends. (And biggest supporter)

### **Linh Luu**

I have no idea what I'm gonna do without you. You are literally one of my most favorite people in the entire world. It's as though we're two halves of the same brain. It's been proven that a person can survive, and even behave normally when one hemisphere of their brain has been removed, and I wonder if I'll behave normally when I leave, but half of my brain stays here. You are among the few people who I can be my whole self with, and I thank you for letting me be who I am with you. /gen /srs /p /nf /pos

### **Junior Girls**

You ladies are some of the kindest girls I have ever met. I have not a single doubt in my mind all of you guys can and will go far, because each of you are kind, each of you are beautiful, and each of you are capable. All of you make an impact, do not think any less. I'm happy you were all a part of what made my senior year great.

I feel as though I have so many more words to say, but I also don't want to take up five pages writing to every single person I love in this choir. Certainly, my choir, every member, is cherished in my heart and soul, which I lay down for everyone in the program to see. Pride is useless anyway.

To my directors, **Mrs. Douglas**, **Mrs. Stephens**, and **Mr Bishea**, I hold each of you in the highest regard in my brain. Each of you are my superheroes. I cannot fathom being in another choir and feeling nearly as at home as I feel with you three as my leaders. Thank you.

**Linh Luu**  
**Lone Star College**  
**Psychology**

Hi everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I know the directors said not to procrastinate but guess what I did LOL, I have to speedrun this but anyway I'll go on with the sappy stuff I guess. If there was one thing I could take out of this whole choir experience is that community really makes life look a little brighter. I went into this program expecting to stray away from choir people (I'm trying to beat the choir kid allegations) but look where I ended up. I'm just kidding lol, but I'm grateful for the people I have met through choir truly, I'm glad I was able to expand my love for music and connect with others who feel similar to what I seek in singing. I'm really glad that this program, the Cy-Ranch choir program, was the one that I spent 4 years doing in my adolescent years growing into my own person. To those who love music but are afraid to involve themselves with the people in your choir, please give it a try, you never know the kinds of (hopefully) loving people you'd be friends with :)

**Spillane Girls** - I HAVE to start with my roots, I probably wouldn't be where I am today without y'all and especially Mrs. Bouley, that woman is a saint and I know y'all agree. It's really crazy to think that I've been with you all for 6 years in choir and that this is where we part but I'm really proud of all of you. Throughout middle school accomplishments and high school ones, y'all have been so amazing, so talented, and so inspiring, I love you all sososososo much. I wish you ladies luck wherever you go and do not forget these choir experiences :) (P.S.m Do yall remember when we would eat lunch with Mrs. Bouley after class, I literally miss that so much we should visit her again)

**The Directors** - I never thought I'd get to this point in time where I had to be writing a senior will to yall, it seemed so beyond my reach but here we are. I'm incredibly so thankful, grateful, and relieved that I have you 3 as my directors. Mrs. Douglas, you have opened my eyes, heart, body, mind, and soul on how to be a Soprano 1 and I am entirely grateful for you giving me that opportunity. To be honest I should have taken more lessons with you when TMEA and solos came around but I chickened out way too fast because I didn't want you to be disappointed in me if I hadn't reached a point where I could've been but regardless of that you are such an amazing director, literally the best in the whole wide world, please don't quit, die, or disappear I will literally be so sad, I'm

coming back every year to check on you, love you Mrs. Dougie. Mr. Bishea you are witerally the best adult ever other than Mrs. Douglas but like you're such a dad, like I know you already have children but I feel like every kid in choir, you act as if they are your own and I have fallen victim to this. Thank you for checking up on me when you notice I feel down or bantering with me to keep the vibes up. I'm glad I got to experience a director like you as well. Mrs. Stephens, you are so silly but so talented, thank you for lending a helping hand to the choir and thinking the thoughts that others have. I wish you good luck on your new job as head director, congratulations !!!!!, I have faith that you will do good things there.

**Maria** - MARIAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA omg I LITERALLY love you so so so sos so so much. I'm so glad I got the opportunity to be friends with you, you make me feel less like an outcast in the choir. Sometimes I feel like we fr twins but someone else had to take that spot... Whateva! I'm really glad you got to be more comfortable and open your shell in choir though, you're a really fun, loving, sporadic personality that I really appreciate, it's refreshing to know that I can be sporadic with you too. You've grown to be one of my closest friends, sometimes I wish that we had met during Bella Voce but I'm grateful for the times we spent together with Chamber Choir. Also, you're like one of the only people who understand my jokes AND be a Fat City resident with me (MR. BISHEA THIS IS NOT AN INSULT PLEASE DONT DELETE THIS) so thank you for being my friend and unknowingly encouraging me to be comfortable in my skin :)

**Angelina** - ANGELINAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA I'm so happy I got the chance to get closer to you this year, we have literally been through the ups and downs, from car rides to practices in your karaoke room, you have been the realest friend throughout this senior year and I'm so grateful to have a friend like you. When it was announced that you were gonna be a part of Chamber this year I was really happy that you got in, beyond the Fusion pre-cal study halls, I wanted to get closer to you and I'm so joyful that we did. I'm really proud of how far you've come choir and life-wise, even though we've only known each other for a small amount of time, being your friend makes me think we have been for quite some time. You are so kind and loving but firm in your beliefs and I look up to you quite a lot, you are a girls girl. Thank you so much for being my friend and putting up with all my antics lolol (p.s. I SWEAR I'LL GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE THIS SUMMER)

**Ethan** - I already write a lot of letters to you so you already know the bulk of it so I won't write much but I'm seriously grateful to have met a person like you Ethan :) I did forget to mention to you, but when TMEA was happening and I did not advance into pre-area, I texted you for comfort and support thinking you wouldn't take me seriously but you did and you gave all sorts of advice and words that did lift me up in that moment of "despair". We've gone through many experiences together and I'm really glad that it's you, I hope we go through more, love you :) <3

**Sierra** - Sierra you have seen it all with me, oh lord, my soprano 1 sister, we have literally been with each other forever and I'm really glad it's you. You have grown into an independent strong woman who is so considerate, kind, and helpful of others and with great leadership might I add, I hope you are proud of where you were and where you are now :( You are sososo talented, literally I have no idea where I would be this senior year without you. I know I can always count on you to push out those scary soprano 1 notes with me. I'm glad we can kinda have each other to depend on for times like these. I love you lots girl, don't forget about me :(

**Kate** - Hiii Kate, to be honest, this friendship was kind of unexpected but you know what I welcome it with open arms. You have literally SAVED me in stats ap, I cannot express that enough to you I wish I was with you for first semester as well lol. You are literally so funny with your stories and attitude toward certain things, it'll always make me chuckle. Also, the fact that you can see things that others don't, like me, thank you LOL, I love doing that with you. Anyway, I've seen you grow through arcs (Collin enemies to friends is absolutely crazy) this senior year and I'm proud of you girl. Have fun in college. I hope you find a man up to your standards and if you visit Mrs. Deb bring me too, I want to be a part of the debriefing.

**Isaiah** - ISAIAAHHH you silly goose :( I'm gonna miss you a lot, even though I'm coming back every concert and event its gonna be different without you bothering me with Instagram reels in the morning, just kidding LOL. You and Kayla have really brought a lot of joy and fun into my life beginning of this year and I just wanna say thank you for being my friend and putting up with my antics. I'll always be around the corner, I won't be too far so lets stay in touch :) Have fun in choir next year and good luck with Mads!!!

**24'-25' Chamber Choir** - I hope yall are ready for an amazing year, this choir offers many incredible experiences that I hope most of yall will never forget. In this class, you

will build friendships or drama but never forget that this choir is meant for music too. Please be confident in yourselves as well as each other, offer guidance, and love one another and for everybody's sake, listen to Mrs. Douglas. You must let that woman speak or guess where you'll be at in Mads Fest LOL. Speaking of Mads Fest, I wish you all luck in the competition :)

**To everyone else:** My apologies if you do not see your name in this document, it is currently past my bedtime but although you may not be mentioned, you have definitely made an impact on me in some shape or form, thank you everyone in this program, I love you very much, please keep loving music.

## **J.Miles McMillan (Cy-ranch choir for life)**

### **UNT (University of North Texas) Minor in Music**

Choir was a new experience for me, I always had a deep love for music starting at an early age with the guitar but choir taught me to use my voice as an instrument and the value of working with a team. I've learned and grown in music as well as how to be a team player and an individual.

When I think back to freshman year I never thought I would grow so much and learn from each choir member. I know I was the quiet kid but I always thought of the choir as a family in music. Thanks to **Mrs Douglas** who inspired me to work as hard in music as I do now. She helped me see and learn more in music than what I thought was possible with her inspiration, wise words and a little repetition. These are some of the main reasons why I got accepted to the University of North Texas. **Mr Bishea** the father of the basses without you I don't think I would still be in choir but I'm happy I am even though I only had you for freshman on Zoom the affect you had on me musically changed my view of everything and I dedicated myself to be an amazing and confident bass just like you. I'll always carry your words and teachings with me on to the next chapter of my journey. **Mrs Stephens** I don't know what to say, you're my first in person choir director after 2020 in high school you really made me want to learn more in music. Your leadership and guidance was the best motivation for me and your skills in music inspired me to learn more and more in music.

Thinking back I didn't know what to expect from a high school choir. Four years later I'm in shock from all the different voices I hear, I didn't think I could catch up or match up to the other members but I'm thankful for a few people who made me try and push myself harder even when I didn't feel like it. **Tristan Gomez:** the energy and hype you show in choir really has been a huge push for me to be better and to always have that rush of energy especially in music the motivation and love for music you have inspired me to see the fun and hype parts of music no matter how boring or repetitive it may be. Being in choral for senior year in the bass section is fun hearing the different voices and the sopranos next to me just standing there listening to each of them, they are beyond amazing hearing them everyday has got me in awe of their ability to soar to the highest notes with no struggle. As a Bass 2 I could never go as high as them but I wish I could. The Choral basses this year are a lot more talkative than I imagined but each and every one of them made an impact on me like **Ethan Clark** with his amazing and pure voice you would think he's a professional. He honestly made me want to practice more and try

even harder to break the boundaries that held me back. **Austin Wheeler** helped me in more ways than one with his big brother energy providing assistance in various aspects in the choir like in songs when I had no idea what the notes were in the music. I'm grateful for his assistance in the music and bringing a little bit of the silliness to the Bass 2 section.

Seeing each member of the choirs personality and hearing all the God given natural musical talent, each and everyone of the choir members no matter their skill set all know how to make you feel motivated and like your at home. It's like a huge welcoming family in every section even for me the quiet kid that never sang as loud as I could which I regret but I still felt like I belonged to something bigger than myself. To the younger classmen don't underestimate yourself you'll just be missing out on your true potential and the true meaning of a true musical family that will just keep surprising you, pushing you and motivating you to be better. Trust me the directors might not always make sense but listen to their wisdom and learn from their lessons and warmups and whatever you do please don't talk while they're talking its very rude and waste their time and yours. The moral fact is you'll be inspired to learn more and be more motivated to do better so don't be afraid to go all out and put everything you have in the music.



# Myla Nguyen

to my choir family,

throughout the years this program has brought me nothing but joy, happiness, memories, relationships, and life lessons, and for that i am forever grateful. from the under class men, to chamber, our wonderful directors, and everything in between, it is evident that this program holds nothing but love and support for anyone involved. music has always been my passion and owns a piece of my heart, meaning that this program has a piece of me, and i wouldn't want it any other way. i am so happy i've been able to grow up, learn, and share this experience with such loving, supportive, hard working people, and for that i am certain that you will all make it far in life. the love and support i've been shown growing up in ranch choir has shaped me into the person i am today in many ways and has pushed me to be the best version of myself. i have made so many wonderful memories in here that i will cherish for a life time and hold dear to my heart, so thank you truly for one of the most fulfilling and memorable 4 years of my life. i am so proud to call you guys my family and i'm forever grateful to call this place home. thank you for all the laughter, love, technique, discipline, memories, friendship, lessons, and everything in between.

love, myla

# Collin Seidman

I have been part of the Cypress ranch choir for the last three years and have enjoyed every second of it. Choir has been a part of me for as long as I can remember. I have gotten many amazing opportunities to sing in choirs across the country but none of them compare to Ranch's. For one we have three amazing directors.

**Mrs. Douglas** who is a living icon. She knows so much about music and makes everyone a better musician. Her ability to fix tones and timbers by just saying a few simple words. She is also just a genuinely amazing person who pushes all of us to do our best and be committed in everything we do. Even though I would constantly have conflicts with tennis and choir overlapping, I was always able to make something work thanks to the understanding of all three directors that choir is not our whole life. **Mr. Bishea** understands this better than anyone. Even though I never had Mr. Bishea as a head director other than the short preparation for varsity tenor bass this year I feel like I got to know him the best. Choir has always been away to escape. My junior year was really rough. I was dealing with an overwhelming amount of work and a bunch of other crappy stuff, but I always knew Mr. Bishea was there if I needed it. It is rare to find a teacher that care as much as our directors do and are as good at what they do as our directors do. **Mrs. Stephens** is one of the best piano players I know. Her ability to play songs like Chose Love is unmatched and people totally overlook how valuable that talent truly is to the program. Being able to have accompaniment on almost every rehearsal makes us way better musicians than having to wait for the rehearsal right before the concert like most programs. I also enjoyed my time in tenor base with you as the head director. All three directors, **Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Bishea, and Mrs. Stephens**, thank you for this amazing program I have gotten to be a part of these last three years.

To **all of the returning chamber members** it has been so fun to sing with all of you these past years. Some of my best memories of high school have been alongside all of you. For learning Lo Lefached, being the honor choir at mads fest to this year's mads fest. I have enjoyed every second of it. To **everyone in this year's chamber choir** it has been a pleasure getting to know all of you. You guys are all so talented so please keep singing no matter where you are going to be next year.

**David** it has been so fun singing with you. You have so much talent and it is so nice being able to sing with you every day. **Chris** you are also so talented and it has been so nice getting to know you this year. Our conversations every morning before the school doors even open are an amazing way to start my day every morning. **Sierra**, thank you for actually making English not suck last year because I was completely failing and just struggling in school in general. You are also one of the nicest people I know and definitely the nicest person in choir. **Austin**. I thank you for getting me back into writing half decent music. Writing music on the way to mads fest was honestly fun and was the first half decent song I wrote since middle school. Since then I have been writing more and actually remembered how too. I still apparently can not tell the difference between A and D major though.

I plan on going to Kansas state university and majoring in chemical engineering. I am going to keep singing even if it is just in the church's choirs that I will be attending. I am going to continue playing tennis and enjoy being back in kansas.

**Ally Slaback**  
**McPherson College**  
**Biology/ pre med**

**Bishea**

Never did I think one person could make such an impact on my life. You were always there to talk on our worst days and there to laugh with us at our best ones. You observed every little facial expression I would make or the way I would be standing sophomore year and know exactly how I was feeling. You brought back the love for music that I had lost during covid year. Without you helping me find my love for music again I would not be as happy as I am today or have so many of the friends that I have.

**Stephens**

Thank you for bringing the opportunity of Essence to the Ranch program. I have grown so much as a singer and person through your dedication to push us to be our absolute best and nothing short of it. Without the amazing opportunity that you have given to us in the past two years I would never have considered going out for a solo let alone an a cappella one.

**Douglas**

Never did I think I would have to experience choir six feet apart with a face mask and shields. Even though sometimes in chorale we talk over you and do not listen you still love us no matter what. Thank you for always working with me even though I have to split time 90% of the varsity rehearsals because of bowling. I know sometimes I do not have the best attitude or posture during rehearsal, but I give it my 100% of that day and sometimes that is not very much.

**Bailey and Alannah**

My Sophomore Babies how I will miss you my sweet girls. Do all of the things and never ever grow apart from each other. I promise I will come back and visit even though I will be nine and a half hours away. I love seeing y'all grow into the individuals you both have become, and I cannot wait to see all the places you will go. Cherish every moment because time flies when you are having fun. I am so glad I got to meet y'all this

year and Miya and I took y'all under our wings to show y'all the ropes. I will miss sleepovers and laughs. If either one of you needs anything call me text me just because I am going to college does not mean I will not be your big sister anymore you are stuck with me for good whether you like it or not.

### **Alannah**

Thank you for always cheering me on when I have a rough morning and for all of the fun car rides to all of the different events we have had over the year. You are my little jeep friend never afraid our hair is going to get messed up just want to blast the music and feel the wind. I will deeply miss opening your Celsius every morning when I go to college next year. You are going to have to keep me updated on all of the tea. I will make sure I see you every time I come home just do not tell Miya she might get Jealous. I love you Alannah and I am so proud of who you have become and how much you have grown. I am honored that I am going to be just a small piece of our amazing journey to beautiful places that someday you will discover. Never let anyone stop you from doing you because you are one of the most genuine people in the world and no one should even take that for granted.

### **Miya**

My girlfriend Miya (how dare I disrespect your relationship like that) thank you for being by my side since the day you found me sitting on the floor alone crying because I was hurt. I am so glad I got to spend the past three years with you by my side, I could not imagine doing it with anyone else. I am so glad we have become closer over these past two years. I never would have returned to Essence had it not been for you. You are more like family at this point than you are a friend. I mean I am fairly sure my mom likes you better then she likes me. Never stop being your silly derpy self and never let someone tell you there is a problem with it. I love you my sweet girl.

### **My Bella Voce Girls**

Thank y'all for making the year after Covid so much fun. Many of you did not even know all of the things that were going on in my life, but every time I walked into the choir room sixth period all of my problems seemed to fade, and you all made me laugh and smile. My sophomore year will always and forever be my favorite year in choir. I met some of my best friends and some of my favorite memories.

## **Cheyenne**

We have been through so many things together over the past two years and honestly you are one of the few people who I will still talk to after I walk across the stage at graduation. Thank you for being the person who I could always go to no matter what was going on you were always there to listen thought the drama and pain. You are truly one of the most amazing people I know, and you will do wonderful things in life, and I cannot wait to see where life takes you. I am going to miss you in the fall when you are in Philly, and I am in Kansas, but I know the distance will only make our friendship grow. I could not imagine what life would be like if I had not met you in English II. My life would have been vastly different. There will be a day when you will be standing next to me on my wedding day, and you will give a speech about our memories together and that honestly terrifies me because there is so much you could say.

## **Seniors**

Thank you for the amazing past four years and I cannot wait to see all the places all of you will go to and the things that you will accomplish. Each and every one of you is destined for greatness and I cannot wait to see what you do with it. I will always remember the laughs while trying to learn the senior song of encore and how hard we were trying yet we still could learn it. Never give up on yourselves all of you are truly amazing people.

## **Underclassmen**

I say this as someone who did all of the things, just do all the things even if you fail it is a learning experience and does not define you as a person. The Lord knows I did a lot of falling on my face and that is what gave me all of my experiences. Never quit trust me I know you are thinking about it I did it from the time I started choir in middle school till junior year, but I stuck in out and I do not regret one minute of it. Remember no matter what thunder a noise is just , lightning causes all the pain.

## **Angelina Windham :)**

Choir has been a great part of my middle school and high school career and I don't regret a second of it. I have grown so incredibly much as a person, not just musically, and I have made so many incredible friends along the way. I just wanna thank my wonderful 3 directors. You have made such a huge impact in not only my life, but every single one of us in choir. Now to my best friends..

**Maria Linton-** We were never the type of friends who get all sappy with each other but I do want to make sure you know how much you have helped me get through, just by being you. You definitely are one of my few friends I feel 100% comfortable with being my true self 100% of the time. You never fail to read my mind and make me laugh until I can't breathe. I'll never forget all the times we have said the exact same thing at the exact same time, and then died laughing over it. You're a true best friend, and I want you to know I will do all that I can to maintain our friendship after highschool. Thank you for all the laughs, twin. I love you!!

**Myla Nguyen-** Unfortunately we didn't really get close until this year, but even in the small amount of time we did have together, it felt as if we had been bestfriends all along. You are so unbelievably kind hearted and never fail to make me feel better about any sort of situation. You are my forever gym buddy, and I want you to know I will always support you. The self growth you have made is so admirable and beautiful. You are so courageous and confident yet the most kind person ever. I wish you the best, my gym bud :). I love you!!

**Linh Luu-** LINHH! You are so unbelievably talented and seeing you grow into that confidence over the years has been so beautiful. I'm so beyond grateful for the close friendship and trust we have created with each other. You know you can always come to me for anything. I love you more than you know, and thank you so much for all the late night talks and always keeping it real. I can't wait to take our friendship group into adulthood. I love you!!

**Ainsley Galtier-** I'm not totally sure where to begin here, but I want to let you know how impactful you are. I see all the smiles and joy that comes with your presence not only in church but everywhere. You are such a good person through and through and I'm beyond grateful for our new friendship. With the little time we've had, since we only began, you have already inspired me to strive to be a better person and strengthen my relationship with Christ and the church. I am so excited for our journey together at Baylor and I truly wouldn't want to do it with anyone else. I owe you my life, thank you for always making me feel so welcomed and loved. I love you ainsley!!

**Sierra Forbush-** Sierra!!!! You have such a sweet and kind soul. I've always referred to you as the mom of the group. You keep everyone in check in the best way and it's honestly very funny. I love being your friend, you are so incredibly beautiful inside and out, and set the perfect example

of what it means to be a good person. Aside from that, you are SOOO insanely talented. The courage you have to sing all of those high notes so confidently has always been so admirable to me. I know I can speak for the underclassmen when I say thank you for being the inspiration. I want you to know you have impacted so many people in this choir with your kindness and talent.

I love you!!

**Ethan Clark-** We started to be friends last year in history, I didn't know you much and honestly thought you were just a choir guy with a big ego. But I learned after actually being your friend how much this program and choir in general means to you. You are very talented and me, along with all of your friends, are excited to see where life takes you next. Hanging out with our choir friend group has never failed to be full of laughs and memories, I hope we still all will come together once in a while after high school. You've always been very respectful to me, and an all around good friend. I also LOVE the fact that I got to experience you and Linh's cute love story from the start. I wish you guys the absolute best. #THEEChoirCouple.

**Taylor Henry-** I just wanted to say thank you for all the laughs in chamber and chorale. You have single handedly made my 4th and 5th period 10x funnier. I also want to let you know, I will always remember when you were there for me when it felt like no one else was. You are a beautiful person inside and out and I'm so lucky to have gotten to know you. I wish you the absolute best. I love you!

**Tristan Gomez-** I had to save the best for last. Although we originally met in freshman year geometry class, I do think choir has played a big role in our relationship. Seeing you grow as a musician and still to this day denying being a choir kid is hilarious, actin like you dont be singing those songs full chest voice in your free time. You are such an incredible, and kind human being, and I know no one truly gets to see that side of you. Especially since all they see is you getting annoyed of Mrs. Douglas continuously calling you out lol. (As she should tho, you really be yappin). Anyways I'm not gonna get sappy because for you this isn't a goodbye but just a funny paragraph exposing you a bit. I am grateful for choir in so many ways, but one mainly being giving us so many more memories of fun and laughter.



# Miya Yu

## Directors -

**Mr. Bishea**, you are such an amazing director. You're so supportive and such a dad (in a good way obviously). Thank you for getting me past my biggest obstacle, sophomore year, and being there when I needed it. Thank you for giving me kind words and words of affirmation. Also, I appreciate when you tell me about Music Theory and taught me some Music Theory stuff when I was doing my theory test.

**Mrs. Douglas**, you are so skillful. I admire you teaching Chorale and your patience when it comes to Chorale. In the wise words of Isabella Linh Luu, "Please don't die". You're so supportive and when it was my sophomore year during mock auditions for TMEA you genuinely helped me a lot by pulling me back when I brought down crying and just telling me that I did amazing and you were so proud of me. I'll never forget that and I appreciated your sincerity.

**Mrs. Stephens**, thank you for being the director for Essence. It sure was fun. Thanks for spawning in and playing the piano for all the groups, you're such a talented pianist. I love talking to you in Concert Treble and helping you around the office.

**Kieran Newton** - You are the best thing I could have gotten out of my senior year. Thank you for being so loving and so supportive of me whenever I needed you, and thank you for not giving up on me. November 11th, 2023 is probably the most special day between us, because it was the day we bonded and became friends. I'm glad I wanted to be nosy that day and decided to give you a shot and hear your side of the story. YOU'RE ACTUALLY SO SILLY AND GOOFY. I SWEAR ANYTIME I TALK TO YOU IT GOES PAST YOUR HEAD (then again you could say the same about me). I love your little gummy smile, your hair, and your face, but that's only because you look silly and it's adorable. Thanks for pushing me to do things I probably would've never done. You'll always be my family and my happiness.

**Ally Slaback** - Hi girlfrienddddd (don't disrespect my relationship like that) I love you so much. You are such a highlight in my day and gossiping with you is the best thing ever. I remember when we were straight up awake all night and talking about the most random things and realizing that we are so alike. I'm glad we became friends in our sophomore year, and I don't think I would have made it in choir this far without you. I liked all the drama that happened, because it was the most fun tea to talk about with you (*COUGH COUGH CAIDEN*). My favorite memory with you HAS TO BE whenever we went to the counselors together, and then the aftermath of that was hilarious I swear. Everything we do together always has a funny aftermath, and I swear I live for it everytime. You are such a sunflower and a sweetheart, and I just know we are going to stay friends forever because of how much we know about each other. You are MY ROCK Ally.

**Alannah Blay** - YOU ARE AN ANGEL !!! Best alto no kyap. (Yeah say I'm lying and see what happens). Being in Essence, you were one of the best things that could've been in it and one of the best things I got out of it. You're so amazing and I love hugging you everyday. You're one of my bestest friends, and I'm proud to say that you are one of the few people who can make me smile effortlessly. DUDE YOU'RE ACTIVELY THE MOST

UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHETIC PERSON TO ME. Stay witchy, but with me please I WANT TO BE WITCH TOO. Also did I happen to mention that your smile is literally incredible? Yeah I love it. It makes me happy.

**Freshie Babies** - YOU GUYS ARE SOSOSOSOSOSOSOSO TALENTED !!! NEVER STOP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING, AND IF YOU DO I SWEAR I'LL FIND OUT. No but seriously guys, you guys are so talented and so unique. Even if you quit choir (which I know most of you won't... I think) you will still be my freshman baby. I'm going to name you guys, and I will say what I like most about you. **Hannuo**, I like your chaos every morning. I also like the fact that you are energetic and silly. **Jennifer (Bella)**, OH BOY DO I LOVE YOUR NAME JENNIFER. No but I like your smile and your freckles :D they are so cute. **Jocelyn**, I like your voice a lot. Come to think of it, when you smile it's super cute and again YOUR VOICE IS AMAZING HELLO??? **Jordan**, smirk emoji. Jordan you are literally like the most chill alto/freshman I think I'll ever meet. I LOVE YOUR HAIR. It's adorable. **Kim**, I SWEAR YOU SLAY YOUR LOOK EVERYDAY. I like how committed you are into choir and how you are a full on LEADERRRRRR !!! **Laila**, okay now you girl are extremely talented o-o. PRE-AREA AS A FRESHMANNNN ??? Stop you're too good I'll cry if you make it to All-State. (Proud mom moment) **Nadia**, you're silly. Like extremely silly and it's funny. I like your hair AND YOUR BRACELETS. Also you have a good voice too o-o. **Rhaymie**, YOU SLAY YOUR OUTFITS AND I LOVE IT FOR YOU. You're so sweet and the best thing ever (sorry other babies you didn't see this). You're so considerate and never make someone feel left out. **Ryan**, 🙌😊. YOU ALSO HAVE A GOOD VOICE WHAT. YOU'RE SUPER DUPER TALENTED !!! Thanks for telling me stuff about what's happening and what not, you're so helpful. <3 Also, lowkey I love your hair. **Taytay (Taylor)**, YOU ALSO HAVE AN AMAZING VOICE. God if I could take your voice like Ursula I swear I'd do it. ANYWAYS STAY IN CHOIR MY LITTLE FRESHMAN BABIES YOU ALL ARE SO TALENTED AND AMAZING !!! I love y'all I'll miss you so much. I promise I'll be at your concerts though :)

**Essence girlies** - What a doozy. We went through a lot, but we all made it out as friends. Even if there was bad, a LOT of good came out of it. I loved our Kemah trip, and I bet our Bluebonnet Festival trip will be much better than that. I love all the memories we made and being silly and dumb was the best part of it. **Samantha Rose Pantin**, we literally clicked instantly the moment we met with each other and honestly that's highkey so slay of us. We had some setbacks, but I'm glad now that we are together as friends having 0 brain cells together. My favorite memory with you was when we were both awake all night sending each other Tiktoks and being SHOCKED, because we realized we were both awake. You're silly and I love it. YOU ALSO HAVE AN AMAZING VOICE SO LIKE IF YOU DON'T USE IT PROPERLY, I'm taking away your barbie movies. **Brittany Donnell**, as much as you say I'M TALENTED AT PIANO LOOK AT YOU !!! You're so talented, and you're literally my piano buddy. YOU'RE ALSO SO PRETTY LIKE BRO AHHHHHHH I LOVE SEEING YOU AND LOOKING AT YOU (not in a creepy way please). I love you. **Bailey Billiot**, you're so pretty and understanding. Kemah was one of the best memories we had together, because me and you bonded during that day. I love you so much, and I love how you aren't bothered by me or my weirdness. I also love how you accepted who I am and don't question anything I do anymore and just say "Yeah that's just Miya". You're so pretty help.

**Randos who read this** - Uh... Hi, you're pretty cool if you're reading this, not going to lie. I bet you're like 6'3 with back muscles, HAS MASSIVE BICEPS AND LEGS, and you probably have a lamborghini. Stay in choir kid/adult/teenager.