

Portrait of a Graduate

ECA aims to glorify the Triune God and serve His Church by providing an enduring Classical Christian Education program in Colorado Springs. We seek to deliver instruction of the highest quality through both full- and part-time programs in a vibrant and supportive community that respects the role of parents. Our goal is to raise up a generation of young men and women who:

A Graduate who:	School-wide Goals. One who:
Loves God	- Gladly submits to God's authority as our Heavenly Father
	- Finds primary identity in Christ; seeks to be transformed into His likeness
	- Pursues purpose in Christ (because of Him, through Him, for Him)
	- Values participation with and service to a local church body
	- Regards all work as a grateful response to the good news of Jesus Christ
	- "Feeds" on God's Word (Is 55:2, Ps 119:11, 1 Pet 2:2) and nurtures affection for it
	- Cultivates a life of prayer and reliance on God
	- Trusts God and His means of grace amid trial, temptation, or affliction
Loves Others	- Dignifies and respects all people as made in the image of God
	- Practices hospitality with one's gifts and resources
	- Pursues servant-leadership when given responsibility for others
	- Honors authority in thought, word, and deed
	- Extends grace and mercy to others
	- Possesses compassion for the brokenhearted
	- Protects the weak and oppressed
Loves Learning	- Values learning as a lifetime pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty
	- Delights in all subjects with wonder and awe for the Author of them
	- Undertakes challenging subjects and topics
	- Reads carefully, critically, cheerfully, and copiously
	- Seeks to understand both sides of an argument with intellectual honesty
	- Exhibits mastery of subjects and excellence in academic pursuits
	- Finds rest, play, and joy in the act of learning
	- Physically trains one's body for health and fitness as an act of stewardship
	- Listens carefully and asks probing questions
Speaks and Writes	- Reasons clearly while discerning what is true
with	- Logically evaluates choices and applies biblically-informed wisdom
Wisdom and	- Allows for patient reflection as a means of discernment
Eloquence	- Employs principles and tools of the Liberal Arts Tradition
	- Speaks and writes eloquently, honestly, graciously, and effectively



	- Becomes adept with the progression of Western thought through the study of theology, philosophy, and literature
	- Trusts in the authority, clarity, necessity, and sufficiency of Scriptures
Engages The World	- Evaluates one's entire range of experience in the light of the Scriptures
and Cultures	- Is faithfully present in the world, even if it is hostile to the Christian faith
	- Views career as a vocation from God and a service to His Kingdom
	- Confronts arguments raised against the knowledge of God
	- Is always prepared to defend one's hope in Christ with love and humility
Delights in Beauty	- Recognizes and loves beauty as displayed in God's creation
	- Embraces God's gift to mankind as co-creators
	- Values God's common grace given to man via the arts and in society
	- Possesses aesthetic sensibilities to discern beauty in the arts
	- Promotes what is most beautiful
Walks Humbly	- Embraces humility as the root of all virtue
	- Understands that virtue is Spirit-wrought according to the grace of God
	- Demonstrates genuine growth in the fruit of the Spirit for the good of others
	- Seeks wisdom from godly counsel
	- Lives in community and seeks accountability
	- Pursues a respectful decorum in speech, attitude, and demeanor
	- Practices discipline in the training of mind, body, and spirit

Example Summary Statement (aka "elevator speech"):

At ECA we aim to graduate young men and women who fulfill the great commandments of Scripture to **love God** with all their heart, soul, and mind and to **love others** as themselves. Graduates will also **love learning** in a lifetime pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty. They will **speak and write with wisdom and eloquence** as they **engage cultures** with a Christian worldview and for the glory of God. They will **delight in the beauty** of God's creation and man's reflection of it. And they will **walk humbly** with their God and among one another.