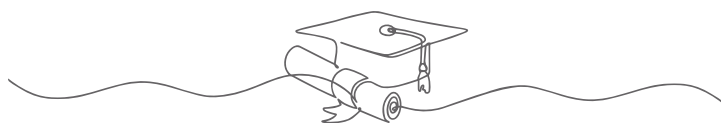




CLASS OF
2026

**MENTONE
GRADUATION**



Eighth and Twelfth Grade
Sunday, June 7, 2026

GRADUATION PROGRAM – CLASS OF 2026

Processional *Pomp and Circumstance*
Pianist Phillip Pitcher

Welcome Michelle Lohr and Paul Rasman, *Eighth Grade Graduates*

Opening Prayer Emaleigh Benavides, *Eighth Grade Graduate*

Graduate Song *Behold Our God by Sovereign Grace Music*
Heidi Burk, Abigail and Jedidiah Crouse, and Joshua Morgan

Scripture Jessica Thomas, *Eighth Grade Graduate*

Sermonette Pastor Daniel Gomez

Graduates Slide Presentation Arranged by Samantha Peace

Thank You Video Graduates

Student Address Jedidah Crouse, *Twelfth Grade Graduate*
Lisa Huerta, *Eighth Grade Graduate*

Graduate Song *Find Us Faithful by Steve Green*
Graduates

Presentation of Diplomas

Mentone SDA School Savannah Serle
Teaching Principal, Mentone SDA School

Eighth Graders Annie Huerta and Parents

Twelfth Graders Annie Huerta and Parents

Dedication and Benediction Pastor Fred Dana

Presentation of Graduates Savannah Serle

Recessional *Pomp and Circumstance*
Pianist Phillip Pitcher

HOMESCHOOLED

TWELFTH GRADE GRADUATES



Heidi Nicole Burk is 17 years old and was born in Loma Linda. She has lived in Southern California her entire life and enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, backpacking, biking, skiing, snowboarding, swimming, water-skiing, paddle-boarding, and playing pickleball. Heidi also has a passion for music and enjoys singing as well as playing the violin, handbells, guitar, piano, and ukulele. She values spending time with friends and family, and appreciates

opportunities for adventure, creativity, and service. Heidi plans to pursue a career in healthcare and will begin attending Loma Linda University this fall.



Jedidiah James Crouse was born on November 1, 2007, in Loma Linda, and has always had a love for adventure, learning, and the outdoors. From ages 5 to 8, he lived in Malawi, where some of his favorite memories include riding his bike through the tea fields and playing in the rain. He especially enjoys chemistry, along with reading, singing, playing the piano, and strumming his 12-string guitar. When he is not making music or lost in a good book, he can usually be found skiing or downhill

mountain biking. As he looks toward the future, Jedidiah plans to attend college and pursue his dream of becoming a missionary pilot, combining his passion for adventure with his desire to serve others.



Julián Peace, 19, will join Weimar University as a Sophomore after completing 30 college credits in High School. He has enrolled in the BSN program and will take pre-med sciences. Julián also wants to earn his pilot's license, as his career goal is mission aviation. Julián began cello studies at the age of 6 and recently soloed the first movement of the Dvorák cello concerto in B minor accompanied by a string ensemble.

Julián's favorite extracurricular activities are mountain biking, skimboarding, rollerblading, horseback riding, and anything adventurous. He has a compassionate and tender heart, and can be found spending time in the Bible and the writings of Ellen White every morning. Julián's best friend has always been his brother, Iván, and they are happy to share their college experience at Weimar University. Prayers are coveted as Julián begins the next chapter of his life. Soli Deo Gloria.

HOMESCHOOLED

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES



Emaleigh Julianna Benavides, 13 years old, was born in Redlands, California and has lived in Southern California her entire life. She loves outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, boogie boarding, and swimming. She likes baking, reading, writing, and hanging out with friends. Additionally, she enjoys playing the piano. She dreams of becoming a nurse and helping others.



Abigail Esther Grace Crouse was born on June 7, 2011, in Loma Linda to missionary parents and spent 3½ years living in Malawi, where many of her early memories were shaped by everyday adventures and simple joys. She has a creative spirit and loves writing stories, baking treats for others, and making music—whether she’s singing, playing guitar or flute. Abi also enjoys riding horses and spending quiet, happy time with her cats and rabbits or being wild and free skiing down the slopes. She loves all her friends dearly, and enjoys spending time with them whenever she can. She hopes to grow up to become a teacher who encourages and inspires children.



Lisa Naomi Huerta Batres was born in Palm Springs 13 years ago. She is blessed to have both an older brother and a sister to love her and have fun together. Lisa has been homeschooled from TK to 8th Grade making dear friends along the way. She's outgoing, inquisitive, and very artistic. She loves drawing, painting, reading, crocheting, creating structures, baking, and playing with her pomeranian named Cloudberry. She plays the harp, piano, and violin. Lisa will continue to trust in the Lord’s guidance as she starts High School at Mentone Homeschool Coop this fall.



Michelle Alyssa Lohr is 14 years old and was born in Bakersfield, California. As the youngest of four siblings, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. Michelle especially loves playing flag football and soccer, and she also enjoys baking and playing musical instruments.

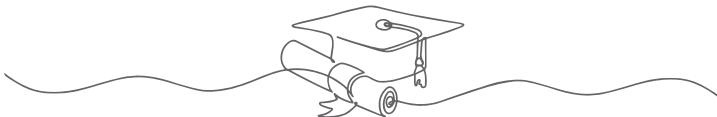
For the past three years, Michelle has been a dedicated participant in the Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE), where her team has earned first-place each year. She has also been involved in children's ministry, as a co-host for the program "I Believe."

Growing up in a missionary family, Michelle has had the opportunity to visit several countries and experience different cultures firsthand. These experiences have strengthened her desire to serve others and share God's love. In the future, Michelle hopes to become a pediatrician so she can care for children while making a difference in their lives.



Joshua Daniel Morgan is an adventurous, hands-on young man who loves the outdoors and making the most of every day. Whether he's hiking, biking, skiing, or enjoying water sports like wake boarding, water skiing, or jumping off boulders into the water, he's always ready for his next adventure. He enjoys building things and using his hands to solve problems, and he brings that same energy into everything he does. Joshua values family deeply and gets

along well with all his brothers and his little sister. He enjoys cooking and trying new recipes, especially anything with lemons or passion fruit. He also has a creative side—he loves to sing and plays both the piano and violin. Above all, Joshua puts God first in his life, guiding his choices and the way he treats others.



HOMESCHOOLED

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES



Paul Aziel Rasman is a 14-year-old boy born in Ontario, California. He was named after his mother’s favorite Bible apostle and his father’s favorite high school teacher. The name Aziel is of Hebrew origin and means “God is my strength.” Paul has been homeschooled since kindergarten, and his mother plans to continue homeschooling him. His favorite subject is writing, where he enjoys expressing his creativity and ideas. In his free time, Paul enjoys playing football and basketball, spending time with friends, participating in water sports, listening to music, and playing the piano. He also enjoys participating in Pathfinder Bible Experience, where he memorizes chapters from the Bible.



Jessica Abigail Thomas was born in Riverside, California, and has lived in sunny Southern California her whole life. In her leisure time, she loves playing piano, spending time with friends, and reading many books. She will continue her homeschool studies throughout her high school years. She aspires to study nursing, with dreams of getting her DNP and becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.



MENTONE SDA SCHOOL

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES



Eimy Daniela Flores Paguada

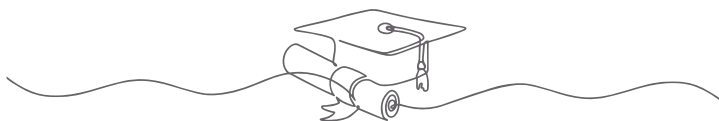
is 13 years old and was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on July 1, 2012. She is the oldest of two daughters. Eimy enjoys playing volleyball and swimming, and she also loves cooking and baking. Eimy plays both the clarinet and the piano. She has participated in the Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) for the past three years and has earned first-place honors twice.

In the future, Eimy hopes to become a pediatrician and use this to bring people closer to Christ, and love children the way Jesus loves them.



Jonathan Christian Schmidt was born in Loma Linda, California. He is thoughtful, helpful, works hard, and creative. Jonathan has enjoyed writing, playing sports, drawing, chess, computers, mind puzzles, his dogs, history, reading, birding, and cooking. He loves Jesus and spends time with Him daily. He has enjoyed memorizing Judges, Romans, and Isaiah with his Pathfinder Bible Experience Team Endeavor and looks forward to continuing to memorize many chapters from

other books of the Bible. He was known as "bug boy" because of his love for animals and bugs growing up. At this time he may be better known by some as the "gentle giant" because of his tall stature, as well as, his kind and loving personality. His future plans are to attend Redlands Adventist Academy with his sister and then continue his education according to God's plan for his life.





The Class of 2026 acknowledges all who contributed in making their graduation a success.

Thank You!

