

ALUMNI Spotlight: Tessa Burns

Year graduated from CCS: 2016

Family: Sean and Pamela Burns, brothers Tyler Hayes and Trent Burns (class of 2014)

What did you do after CCS graduation? Signed to play collegiate volleyball at Point University. Studying as a Counseling major.

What are you doing now? Starting my junior year at Point University as a full-time student, athlete, a RA this year, and a part-time worker at Chick-Fil-A.

How did CCS prepare you for what you are doing and/or where you are? CCS prepared me academically by far. Though I definitely wish I had listened more in Ms. Dawson's classes with how many papers I have to write. CCS taught me to take advantage of the time you have. I will



never forget the memories I made in those hallways, that gym, or the football field. High school is four years, and it goes quicker than you think. College is going just as fast sadly, but I'm taking every opportunity possible to shape my future when I hit the real world. I thank CCS for all the memories, the lessons, and the family that I will have forever.

What advice would you give a CCS student?

High school can still be fun if you focus on your studies as much as you focus on your sport, or your video games or your significant other. I was not an excellent student, but I realized my GPA was the bare minimum going into college. Take advantage of the amazing teachers that will help you when you struggle. Get your GPA up, and it will help you more than you know in college. Your parents will definitely thank you for the academic scholarship money.





What are your future plans?

I plan to graduate from Point next year and go to Auburn University for graduate school. I will be working at Chick-Fil-A full time, hoping to become an Owner (Operator) of a Chick-Fil-A in Tennessee or North Carolina. Counseling is plan B, though I would love to be a Christian Family and Marriage Counselor some day.

In three to five sentences, what would you tell someone about yourself?

- I was named most competitive as my Senior Superlative, and I'm still that way.
- I am a very independent person thanks to my parents.
- I have a very thick accent thanks to my Alabama roots.
- My family is my absolute world.
- I hope to move to Tennessee or North Carolina one day so I can experience all four seasons and have mountains.