

Dear Prospective Family,

The teachers and people at Cornerstone have affected me for life. My parents were first attracted to the school by observing the self-control and focus the students displayed in class and the respect they showed to their elders. They saw Cornerstone as a school that prepared students for life, not just for the work in the classroom. I can attest that the lessons I have learned at Cornerstone have applied to so many aspects of my life in college.

For one thing, the integration of spiritual matters into the curriculum at Cornerstone is paramount. Not only is the Bible presented as truth to be studied, remembered, and cherished, but it is taught as truth that applies to our lives now. That truth has been reinforced for me as a student attending a secular university. I've found that so many people I meet in college don't see how an old book like the Bible could apply to modern life, but because of what I've learned at Cornerstone, I have something to say about it.

The teachers at Cornerstone take God seriously. By saying that they take Him "seriously," I don't mean to convey that the teachers are stern or cold or somber in their teaching of the Bible. By saying that they "take God seriously," I mean that they believe His promises, and they expect Him to keep those promises as they pour into student's lives each day through teaching, mentoring, correcting, and praying. They understand the important truth that they are God's tools, and they rely on God's strength and influence in order to guide students in a godly manner and in order to be a godly example to them.

In addition, the strong emphasis at Cornerstone on excellence in reading and writing has been invaluable to me. The ability to communicate clearly, efficiently, and effectively is important for all students, no matter what studies they pursue. Because I was challenged as a student at Cornerstone—something that seems to be lacking from so many schools today—I developed strong study skills that have taken me far in my university education. I believe the seeds sown in academic integrity and focus at Cornerstone have been instrumental in helping me finish my undergraduate major early and start an accelerated master's program in public policy during my senior year of college. Cornerstone's combined focus of clearly teaching God's Word and spurring on students to do their best in academics as a response to freedom found in Christ has motivated me to want to affect the world for the better and has given me the tools to pursue that desire.

I wish you the best in your pursuit for excellence in your child's spiritual and academic education.

Sincerely,

Emily Kennedy

Class of 2008