

Jenna Barnett – Trinity Christian School Class of 2024
Leaving A Legacy

A little background information about myself before I jump into this. Hi, my name is Jenna Barnett. I am a junior here at Trinity Christian who runs cross country and track and also plays basketball. My senior year is approaching and I am kinda freaking out. Everything is moving so fast and have I even done enough in the short time I was in high school?

With graduation approaching rapidly, many students are leaving behind what is known as their legacy. Legacies are what you can leave behind that are remembered, honored, and respected. As I am entering the summer approaching my senior year, legacies are something that is important to me. Every decision I have made on the basketball court, in and out of practice, in the classroom, and to my peers defines my legacy. So this leaves me questioning, have I done enough in such a short amount of time?

I guess this depends on after I leave Trinity. You don't really know you are making a legacy until it's over with. Sadly, my time at Trinity is coming to an end and that means the ending of my legacy. If I could leave advice to any younger classmates I would remind them of three things...

1. **Time moves so quickly.** Yes, I know the cliché, "High school goes by so fast make the most of it!" but this is absolutely true. In my head, I still feel like a freshman just starting out. Take in those memories while they are being made, take your time and enjoy the moments (before you know it they will be gone), and make your choices wisely because you are leaving a legacy, and it is one you want to be a good one.
2. **Think ahead.** Think ahead of time. What are the goals you want to accomplish by senior year and what is something you want to leave behind before you go? Think of those things and do them. Do them while you have the time to and make your legacy one that will be remembered. Be a goal chaser, in anything you do.
3. Lastly, **Don't take it for granted.** There will be ups and downs, highs and lows, and good and bad days but when you are in those final moments before you go, all you will remember is the good times. Every day you are going to be wishing for summer to be closer and school to finally be over but when you come near the end you begin to wish the opposite. Make every day count because you will never be in high school again. Make your legacy remembered.