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SHOWCASE



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LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Greetings to all and welcome to the annual Best of the Best Showcase presented by the students of the Mike Curb College of Entertainment & Music Business at Belmont University. The artists featured are all winners of previous student showcases that occurred on campus throughout the academic year and represent various genres including Urban/Pop, Christian, Rock, and Country music. Also performing are student songwriters, each one a winner selected in the ASCAP Writers' Night series held in the Curb Cafe.

Tonight's Best of the Best showcase continues in the tradition of providing a professional performance opportunity for our student artists and hands on experience for our live audio, lighting, and production student teams. Also, as in previous years, we use this concert forum to recognize an outstanding member of the entertainment community who is also a champion of education in music, film, and entertainment.

In 2008, the Curb College established the Robert E. Mulloy Award of Excellence in memory of Bob Mulloy, founder of our program. The award is given to individuals and organizations who have achieved a level of excellence in the entertainment industry with notable service to Belmont University and the Nashville community. Past recipients are Donna Hilley, Vince Gill, Harry "Hap" Peebles and the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA), Mike Curb, Gordon Kennedy, Gary Overton, and our showcase series partners Clair Global and Bandit Lights.

This year we are extremely pleased and honored to recognize Sony/ATV Music Publishing President and CEO, Troy Tomlinson, as the 2016 recipient of the Mulloy Award of Excellence. Troy has worked with an unmatched list of legendary songwriters, recording artists, and music executives throughout his three-decade career on Nashville's music row. His rise to the top is a product of hard work, great musical instincts, and his universal reputation for serving the business community with honesty and integrity. Additionally, Troy continues to serve on numerous boards that are dedicated to the growth and viability of the entertainment industry in Nashville and beyond, and in support of the vision and mission of Belmont University.

Our sincere thanks and congratulations to Troy... and a special thanks to all of our students, parents, and friends that are here tonight to support all of the participants in tonight's Best of the Best Showcase.

Sincerely,

Doug Howard

ROBERT E. MULLOY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Each year, we look forward to highlighting a significant entertainment industry leader who is dedicated to the educational process and this year is no exception. Continuing this great tradition, Belmont's Mike Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business honors Troy Tomlinson with the 2016 Robert E. Mulloy Award of Excellence.

Troy's journey in the music industry began back in 1983 and over the years, he became one of our industry's greatest influencers in the world of music publishing. Tomlinson has left his mark on companies like Multimedia Entertainment, Fame Music Group, Acuff-Rose Music Publishing, and Sony/ATV Music Publishing.

Thus far during his time as a leading force in the Nashville community, Troy has fostered the songwriting careers of Taylor Swift, Kenny Chesney, Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan, Eric Church, Blake Shelton, Gary Levox (Rascal Flatts), Brett Eldredge, The Band Perry and supported other industry hitmakers like Tom Douglas, Skip Ewing, Jaren Johnston, Bill Anderson and Bob DiPiero just to name a few. He's also been responsible for stewarding the legendary song catalogs of Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Buck Owens, Hank Cochran, Roy Acuff and the Everly Brothers.

Under Tomlinson's leadership in 2007, Sony/ATV Music Publishing Nashville became the only country music publishing company in history to win Billboard's Publisher and Publishing Corporation of the Year, as well as the ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC Country Publisher of the Year, all in the same year. Additionally, Sony/ATV Music Publishing Nashville has been named BMI's Publisher of the Year for an unprecedented 14 consecutive years, as well as Billboard's Country Publisher of the Year for the same time period.

Troy has served as Chairman for both the Tennessee Entertainment Commission and the Country Music Association Board of Directors. In addition, he's been a part of Music City Music Council, Leadership Music, and contributed as a board member for the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame Foundation, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and Country Music Foundation. His service to Belmont continually influences students' lives as he works with our faculty and staff to nurture young songwriting talent and we're beyond grateful.

Tonight, we celebrate Troy Tomlinson.



LETTER FROM THE PRODUCER



I have always believed in the power of live music. It's an art that transcends time and preserves the beauty of storytelling. Live music brings unlikely people together for a shared experience – and everyone leaves slightly different, older, and impacted by something new.

My time at Belmont University has been impacted by Showcase Series in a way that I could have only dreamed of. Within this organization, I have learned about loyalty, perseverance, and the true meaning of family. After Christian Showcase of my freshman year - the first showcase that I worked - I walked through campus in awe of what I had just been a part of. In that moment, I dreamed of producing Best of the Best Showcase. Tonight, this dream comes to fruition, and I am so thankful to be able to share this experience with all of you and these talented artists.

To Lucas Boto, Hanna Seymour, Tish Stewart, Caroline Melby, my team, my mentors, my family in blood, and my family in love: Thank you for always encouraging me to dream bigger, push harder, and to be kinder. You have held my hand when I needed comfort and motivated me when I was needing forward momentum. I have learned more from you than I can ever put into words.

Finally, thanks to those of you reading this right now, for sharing in this occasion with us tonight.

Cheers,
Maggie Cunin

THE ORCHARDIST
CHRISTIAN SHOWCASE WINNER

AUBREY HOLDEN
ASCAP WRITERS' NIGHT WINNER

FOREST FIRE
GOSPEL CHOIR
ROCK SHOWCASE WINNER

STEPHEN DAY
ASCAP WRITERS' NIGHT WINNER

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COUNTRY SHOWCASE WINNER

BRAD BLACKBURN
ASCAP WRITERS' NIGHT WINNER

SOUND PROOF
URBAN POP SHOWCASE WINNER

ORDER OF SHOW

PRODUCTION CREDITS

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KELLY SCHEUMANN
ANNA WILLIAMS
DOUG SHAW
ZACH YOKEL
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GRAPHIC DESIGN
ROSS COLLIER

PREVIOUS SHOWCASE CREDITS

Christian Showcase (September 19, 2015)

Producer - Grace Watson

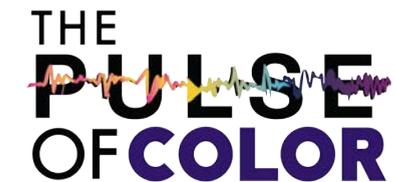
*Performers - The Orchardist, Jared Mitchell,
The Many, Tanner Azzinnaro*



Urban|Pop Showcase (October 17, 2015)

Producer - Maddy Sundquist

*Performers - Lana Boleyjack, Sound Proof,
David Dennis, Sawyer*



Rock Showcase (November 7, 2015)

Producer - Kelly Feild

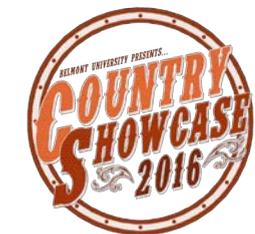
*Performers - Pineapple Tours, Kyler Daron,
Ivory Coast, Forest Fire Gospel Choir*



Country Showcase (February 13, 2016)

Producer - Hailey Cirowski

*Performers - Kayla Woodson, Hunter Leath,
Taylor Edwards, Kassi Ashton*



DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR AT BELMONT UNIVERSITY, DREW MILLER FOUNDED A BAND BASED IN NASHVILLE comprised of his closest friends: a singer (Janie) with a long and cherished past in theater, an Irish-dancing classical pianist (Kelly), an aspiring composer of film scores (Tyler), a highly motivated and witty violinist (Camille), a bluegrass extraordinaire (Riley), and a bassist (Michael) whose grooves are to die for.

We now call ourselves The Orchardist. Drawing inspiration from folk and acoustic rock with a dash of musical theatre, we'll play in houses, churches,

coffeehouses, bars, and backyards. We have made a full album with the help of love and caffeine, achieved airplay on our favorite radio station Lightning 100, and recently returned from an altogether lovely summer tour. We appreciate cream soda, camping adventures, new friends, and most of all, the love of Jesus.

For us, music is a precious gift. We hope to extend that gift to you, friend. If, through our songs, we can offer you even a shred of the light that we've received from all we've been given, that would be the sweetest thing. We look forward to meeting you.

CHRISTIAN SHOWCASE WINNER

ALL OF ME - The Orchardist

WHAT DO YOU MEAN - Justin Bieber



THE ORCHARDIST

FOREST FIRE GOSPEL CHOIR

ROCK SHOWCASE WINNER

DADDIO - Forest Fire Gospel Choir
WHIPPING POST - The Allman Brothers Band



FOREST FIRE GOSPEL CHOIR IS A NASHVILLE BASED ROOTS ROCK BAND ORIGINALLY FORMED during a recording project in rural Arkansas. While spending a week together tracking an album under a different band name, Forest Fire Gospel Choir decided to scrap the entire project and reinvent themselves.

Forged out of analog vibes and good times, FF//GC has a sound somewhere in between

Dr. Dog, Joe Cocker, and Kings of Leon, with a mission to recapture the most authentic elements of classic rock and channel them into a sound that is fresh and new.

With a combination of soul music, blues, and garage rock, Forest Fire Gospel Choir is here to put the music in your ears.

COUNTRY SHOWCASE WINNER

EXS AND OHS / STAND BY YOUR MAN - Elle King / Tammy Wynette
TUMBLEWEED - Kassi Ashton

KASSI ASHTON GREW UP IN THE RURAL TOWN OF CALIFORNIA, MISSOURI. SHE ATTRIBUTES THE PERSON SHE IS TODAY TO HER CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE. Kassi's parents separated when she was very young, thus she grew up in two very different households. However, it was during this time that Kassi learned to love music. Following in her mother's footsteps, she found a passion for singing, and sharing musical tastes with her father, she grew up listening to the music of Hank Sr. and Jamey Johnson.

Kassi's music reflects both the nostalgia that her dad engrained within her, as well as the spirited sass and attitude that her mom projected while singing on Broadway. Kassi is now a senior Commercial Voice major with a Music Business minor at Belmont University. She calls her music "country soul" and simply smirks when asked if that's "even an actual genre".

KASSI ASHTON

URBAN POP SHOWCASE WINNER

JEALOUS / MY WAY - Nick Jonas / Fetty Wap
SHE MAKE ME BE LIKE - Sound Proof

SOUND PROOF

SOUND PROOF IS A FRESH NEW MALE VOCAL GROUP YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE, INCLUDING Chris Lee and Ethan Jones from Atlanta, Georgia, and Matt Mahfood from Kingston, Jamaica. They provide a classic R&B vibe, mixed in with a more modern pop/alternative sound and, of course, a splash of Jamaican flavor.

The group met at The McCallie School, a boarding school in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they shared their gifts in their own a-cappella group, and found themselves still together at Belmont some years later. As a Christ-centered group, Sound Proof has music that resounds with a great message and a delivery for all audiences.

ASCAP WRITERS' NIGHT WINNERS

AUBREY HOLDEN



performing RICOCHET

AUBREY HOLDEN WAS BORN IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE BUT GREW UP ON THE BANKS OF the Tennessee river in Florence, Alabama. He is 20 years old, and studying commercial voice at Belmont University. As a songwriter, he draws inspiration from every genre, but finds himself drawn to pop and country music. Aubrey is inspired by artists and writers like Sam Hunt, Chris Stapleton, Kelsea Ballerini, and Charlie Worsham.

STEPHEN DAY



performing AUTUMN'S SONG

HI, MY NAME IS STEPHEN DAY! I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN BUFORD, GEORGIA AND RIGHT around the time I was born my parents started Celebration Church. Growing up in a church I got to hear my pops preach and my mom sing every Sunday. Hearing these two things each week is what I believe made me want to be a songwriter. I hope to inspire and relate to people through my music. Thank you and I hope you enjoy!

EMMA PLACE



performing LEAD ME ON

EMMA PLACE IS A 20 YEAR OLD COUNTRY SINGER AND SONGWRITER. ORIGINALLY FROM TULSA, Oklahoma. After attending a songwriting workshop at the age of 14, Emma began to build her song repertoire, and from then on became a frequent performer in showcases throughout California. Leaning on country and pop music influences such as Faith Hill, The Dixie Chicks, James Taylor, and Michelle Branch, Place has always been inspired by simple melodic hooks and captivating lyrics.

BRAD BLACKBURN



performing GOOD GO BAD

INSPIRED BY CLASSIC SONGWRITERS LIKE DON HENLEY AND PAUL MCCARTNEY, ALONG with more recent artists like John Mayer and Bruno Mars, Brad has been developing his own style of writing and performing since he was 12 years old. After playing countless gigs in his home state of Texas, he moved to Nashville to follow his passion for songwriting. Brad frequently plays venues like the Bluebird Café and The Listening Room, and is currently recording his second album, available March 2016.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Kip,

You aren't just following your dreams - you are chasing them! You are impressive beyond words! You have always been true to yourself!

Being the best is great - you are number one. Being unique is greater because you are the only one! I am one proud mom!



Hannah,

In Hebrew your name means "Favor" or "Grace". God has definitely shown his Favor and Grace towards you by giving you the attitude that with Him you can accomplish anything. It doesn't seem possible, but we know that He is even more proud of you than we are. We also know that He has even greater things in store for you as you continue to follow His lead. You amaze us every day.

Love, Mom and Dad



Olivia,

We are so proud of your accomplishments at Belmont over the last four years! You have followed your dream of working in the music industry and it's been a joy to watch you learn, grow, and succeed through the wonderful experiences you've had in the Music Business program. You are the Best of the Best to us! Congratulations for being chosen as Producer of the 2015-2016 ASCAP Writers' Night series!

We love you! Mama, Daddy, & Suzanna



Emma,

You've known since you were 5 and you formed your first band that singing and songwriting are your true calling in this life. Now you're making that dream come true, with hard work, persistence, creativity, and determination. You inspire me and it's a joy having a front row seat to watch you live your life well and see who you become. Congratulations. We're all so proud of you.

Love, Mom



Brad,

What an honor it is to be among the Best of the Best at Belmont again this year! Surrounding yourself with so many brilliant musicians who share your passion has kept you teachable and sharpened your God-given talent.

You have many people that love and support you and believe in you. You have inspired all of us with your music and your steadfast devotion. Continue to trust God to guide you. "That my heart may sing and not be silent. Oh Lord, my God, I will give you thanks forever." Psalm 30:12

Love Always, Mom and Dad



Maggie,

"If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are an excellent leader... If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." - Dolly Parton

Producing Best of the Best has presented its challenges and glory moments. Dolly says it better than I could have. I respect you. I am proud of you. Well done!

I love you to the moon and back! - Mom



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Kelly has been a Series Showcase producer and a Rock Showcase producer and was wildly successful in completing both tasks, not to be in the spotlight herself, but to help others be successful and shine. We are so very proud of our girl who has accomplished so much in the last three years. She set goals for herself and in order to accomplish those goals she moved across the country to Nashville, where she did not know soul. We wish her all the success she deserves in the future and can't wait to see her soar!

— Very Proud Parents!



Even from a very early age, we felt that there was something very special about you. Although there is always something special about the first born son, what we are referring to is something very different; something extraordinary. One of your greatest gifts is your ability to influence in leadership and godliness. We pray these gifts will continue to grow. Sometimes when one has so much inside, it can be difficult to narrow down the true passion. We encourage you to dream big. If you think you can do it, then you're mostly thinking too small. Dream bigger. If you think it's too much or if you're afraid, do it. That's most likely what you should do. Always remember, when life gets tough you get tougher. We are very proud of you. Keep soaring and don't look down. We are with you always.

Love always, Dad & Mom



Seth,

There are a billion or more words I could use to describe how overjoyed and proud of you that we are! However, I'll try to keep it short and sweet. You are an amazing young man! You've proven that when one stays disciplined to the Lord and follows His word, any and everything is possible! You're smart, driven, loyal, dependable, honest, loving, trusting, and so much more. As I've also said to you, 'I'm proud of you every day in every way'. Your life is just beginning and the sky's the limit!

We love you so much! — Mom, Memo, and Jordan

*Nick,
From the moment you were born, you have been a shining light in all of our lives. You have been blessed with many talents, and we are so proud of all the hard work you have done in your continuing journey. You are filled with an amazing spirit and perseverance that always shines through. You are truly an incredible man, and we are so fortunate to have you in our lives. You are our joy, and we love you so very much!*

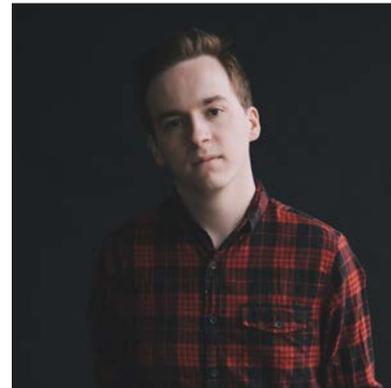
Mom, Sung, Dad, Donna, Alex, Sara, Sabrina, & Chloe



Aubrey,

We are so proud of all the things you have accomplished in such a short time at Belmont. Being an ASCAP Winner is another way God is showing you ways to success through hard work and perseverance. As you grow and develop your talents, we will always be there to love you and support you along your journey. You are a blessing with many gifts and we know you will follow the call to use them to make a better world. We love you and wish you the best of the best!

Congratulations! — Mom and Dad



My dearest Chris... When I named you Christopher, I did so because I always thought it was a beautiful name, and it's close to mine. What I didn't realize was how prophetic I was! Christopher in Greek means "carrier of Christ"! You, dear heart, are truly living up to your name, and as you continue to grow into the man God has called you to be, I couldn't be more well pleased. I love you, son, and I'm honored to be your mother. Continue to honor God in all that you do and put Him first.

Love, Mom

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Kelly,

You have always brought us such joy. From watching you when your feet barely reached the pedals on the piano to seeing you perform with Belmont's Orchestra and the Nashville Symphony, we have loved being in your audience. We wish we could be watching you and The Orchardist as you perform tonight in Best of the Best! We look forward to being in your audience as you perform around the world in your next chapter. When you lift your fingers from the keyboard and take your bow, we will always be cheering you on.

We love you Sunshine! Mom, Dad, and Jason



Will,

We are so proud of you! Your hard work and talent have blossomed at the special place that is Belmont! From the day you first arrived, we knew that you had found your life's path to the future. This is but a stop along the journey, but an amazing one of many to come.

*Congratulations! You are among the Best of The Best!
— Love, Mom & Dad*



Matthew,

You are our firstborn, and you are indeed a gift from God, which is what your name means. Both of us are so very proud of you and give God thanks for you and the talents He has blessed you with. It has been a thrill and blessing to watch you grow in your singing and song writing. We will always encourage you to follow your dreams and be open to the leading of the Lord.

We love you! — Mom and Dad



Kassi,

You've danced since you could sit up, and sang since you could talk. Through the years, you honed your talents - in the dance studio, the musicals, the singing competitions, and the choirs. As a freshman at Belmont, your goal was to win the Country Music Showcase! You have always set your sights on the future! It's been exciting and amazing to watch you reach your goals. Here you are at the Best of the Best! Wow!

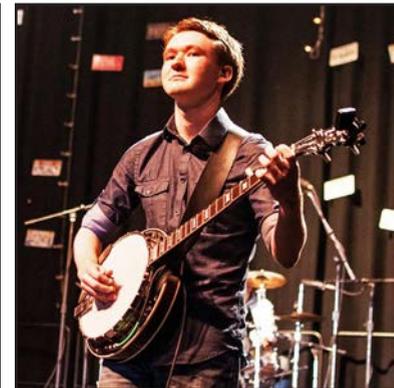
We are so proud of you and love you so much!

With love and continued support always, Your family



Riley,

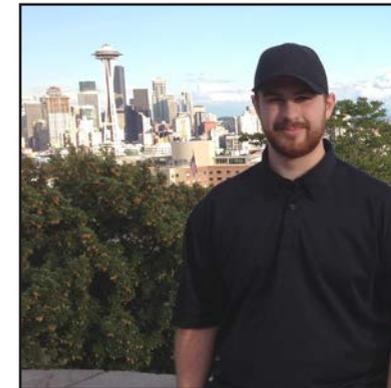
I stand amazed. Frankly, I am amazed by you every day! I admire your drive, your quiet and understated passion, your commitment — but also your heart, your compassion, and your deep understanding of what truly matters. You are the epitome of the saying, "still waters run deep". I proudly bear the title, "Mother of Riley Mathews." I am proud of all the hard work you have put into your God given talent, but I am even more proud of the fine young man you have become and, more importantly, your walk with God. Yes, I stand amazed.



Zach,

A few moments ago you left Seattle and started at Belmont. And now we see that you've participated in twenty-three Showcase Series productions during the last four years. Then there are those countless other events. We remain proud of your commitment to your craft, your bass and fine music, and of course, to completing your academic work. Always strive to be "The Best of the Best"!

Congratulations. Love, Mom, Dad and Chris



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Drew,

Thank you for writing songs we need to hear, for pushing aside un-questioned answers, for inviting us between the words, into sacred spaces.

“Never forget: We are alive within mysteries.” - Wendell Berry

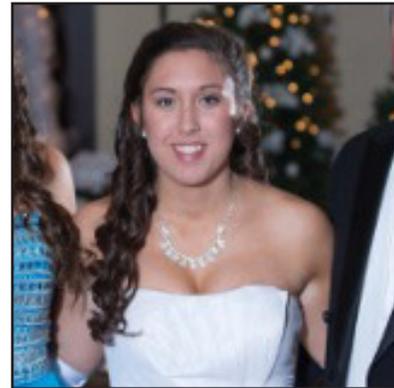
— Mom & Dad



Katie Ray,

Words cannot describe our joy in watching you achieve your dreams. You have earned each amazing opportunity in your life and in every case, we see more of your deep talent, tenacity and caring. By using His gifts to their fullest, according to His plan, you become a bright light in the lives of each person you encounter. Though the distance makes us miss your music, laughter, and hugs, your bright light is felt here at home every day. Thank you so much!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Sean



Caroline Morris,

“Best of the Best”... that describes you! We miss you every day, but are comforted knowing you are excelling in something you love. You are a very hard worker, and anyone would love to have you on their team! We are very proud of you for doing such a great job in your academics and in your work within the music industry. Thanks for being you!

We love you! Mom, Dad, and Catherine

Cassidy,

It has been so wonderful to see the changes in you since heading off to college. Your knowledge, confidence in yourself, and your talents have thrived, allowing you to take advantage of some great opportunities. Your faith and willingness to seek God’s purpose for your life has also grown. As always we are so proud of you and we know God is going to do great things through you.

Love you! — Dad & Mom



Hannah,

Your dedication, hard work and creative spirit have served you well in the Showcase Series. We are so very proud of you and your commitment to your goal. May the Lord open doors for your future endeavors, and bless you with the confidence to walk through them. We love you very much.

— Mom, Daddy, and Rachel



Samantha,

Our pride in your achievements is only second to our love for you!

Love, Dad, June, and Josh!



STUDENT RECOGNITION

Matt,

For 21 years you have amazed us with your musical talents; from piano recitals to wind ensemble and marching band, from performing Javert in high school to a trip to Europe with the Belmont Chorale. Although you have been involved in many Belmont Showcases, this year we were excited to see a different musical side of you as we watched you at the mixing board at the Rock Showcase. We are especially proud of the lighting created during your service as Lighting Director at the Battle of the Bands. Your love of music is clear in all you do.

Love, Mom and Dad



Tyler,

On March 27th, 1994, we were blessed by God to have a son. Since that very day, we have been blessed over and over by watching you grow into the amazing man that you are today. Your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love that you have for others amazes us on a daily basis! God has provided you with an abundance of talent and we are excited to see where you will go and what you will achieve! Always push forward and lean on God's love and strength to get you through and you will accomplish more than you could ever dream of!

We love you from the bottom of our hearts! — Mom & Dad

Hannah,

You've had an amazing experience at Belmont and we are proud of all that you have accomplished so far, including helping to produce the Showcase. You have a bright future. Here's to an amazing senior year and a lifetime of good memories. Stay true to yourself and know that we love you always.

— Mom and Dad



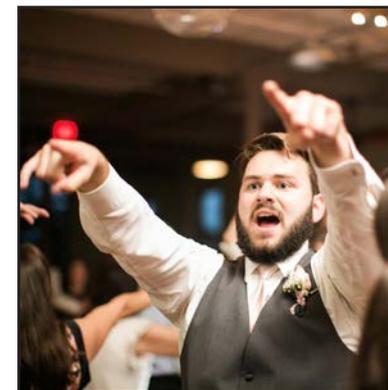
My daughter, Maddy, tells me that Belmont has encouraged her to pursue her dreams and reach the unreachable; provided role models who inspire, and opportunities to explore the world. Her brother Zack sums up Maddy's talent this way, "She's fearless, talented, intelligent, and has a crazy work ethic. Like a Kanye level work ethic. In high school she spent all her summer money on recording equipment. This girl has five binders of original lyrics. Basically she's dope, and she does dope things. I couldn't be more proud." We all love you dearly and are so proud!

Mom, Zack and Freddie.

Katelynn,

What a journey this year has been. I have seen what an amazing job you've done with everything you have been involved with this year. You are blessed with talent, skills, passion and a vision that is reflected in all you do. I am so proud of the hard work, perseverance, and motivation that you show daily in order to accomplish your goals & pursue your ambition. God has blessed you with compassion, purity, inspiration, enthusiasm, charisma and humility; these traits are reflected in your name, your personality and how you live life. Stay focused to make your dreams a reality.

*Follow God's path for your life and he will lead you to be "the best of the best".
Love, Mom and Dad (Love you more than all the stars in the sky!)*



Connect – all your life you have connected with people in a way that makes each person feel important. Through your music, you continue to connect. Your lyrics and your style lift up others and invite them to join you on life's grand adventure.

Being the "Best of the Best" is not so much about a song for you, it is about connecting with each person and lifting them to a better place. May your gift of music continue to inspire others, igniting their purpose and passion.

Know that our hearts are full of joy and we love you dearly — Mom and Dad.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Grace,

We have always seen God's favor and mercy on your life. We knew from a young age He was raising you up to be a leader. We are so proud of how you have followed Him your whole life and have used your gifts to bring Him glory. We look forward with eager anticipation to see all He will do through you to show His love to others and bring Him joy. We are so grateful that He blessed us with you. We are so proud of you and love you dearly.

Love, Mom and Dad



Christine,

We are all proud of you and your accomplishments while at Belmont! We knew that once you became ingrained in the university that you would thrive. God has blessed you with many talents and you are utilizing them even beyond our expectations. The beautiful woman you have grown into is a direct testament to your amazing work ethic and dedication to reaching your goals. Above and beyond your accomplishments in the classroom, we are proud of the giving and caring person you have always been. Your God given bright smile and beautiful spirit will continue to touch the lives of friends and family for many years to come!

– Your loving family



Jeremy,

As you come to the end of your college journey, sweet memories from your childhood come to mind: tucking you in at night, singing "I love you, you love me", helping dad demo the kitchen, hooking the car up during our RV travels, your first swim practice and dropping you off at your college dorm freshman year. We'll cherish these things forever. And while you come to the end of one journey, another begins. As you take the next step, we want you to know we're proud to call you our son. We love you!

Mom and Dad



Jessi,

We have heard you say often that joining Showcase was the best decision you ever made. You've known from high school, after being in a video on pedestrian bridge, that you wanted to be involved with directing and producing. With God's help, you have accomplished so much toward that goal. We are so proud of your persistent hard work, dedication & compassion in being part of something you truly love in the world of competitive music & production. "Make each day your masterpiece".

We love you – Mom & Dad



Jeri Gennaro,

You have fulfilled our lives beyond our wildest dreams. Mere words cannot express the love, pride and appreciation we have for you. As we reflect on the happy times we've all shared, we look forward to watching you achieve all your dreams and aspirations. You are your own person, a born leader and champion for all things good. We love you with all our hearts and will always be there for you!

Feeling Blessed, Dad and Mom



Roxanne,

"Just keep moving forward and don't give a {care} about what anybody thinks. Do what you have to do for you." - Johnny Depp

We are so proud you continue to be you, because you is pretty great.

Love – Mom, Dad, Gabby and Brody



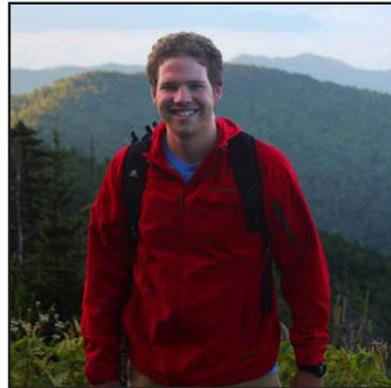
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Marcayla,

We thank God each day for Blessing us with a daughter like you. We enjoy watching the journey you are on and appreciate all of the hard work and diligence you have put into your studies and career. We love the way you express yourself through the arts and other creative endeavors. Thank you for letting us see the world through your eyes.

We are 100% behind you, and so proud of you!

Forever love – Mom and Dad



Grant,

We are so proud of you, your work and your accomplishments during your years at Belmont. God is leading and guiding you in the plans He has for you. It is rewarding to see you follow His plan for your life. Jeremiah 29:11

We Love You! – Mom and Dad

Joseph,

God has blessed you with abundant talent, and your abilities on stage and behind the scenes never cease to amaze us. Through His blessings, opportunities to use these talents continue to come, and your leadership role with Showcase has been another chance to grow your capabilities and contribute your skills. We are very proud of your hard work and drive to succeed, and we look forward to all that is yet to come.

With love always, Dad, Mom, and Jacob



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SPECIAL THANKS



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- Maggie

A NOTE TO MY FELLOW PRODUCERS -

This group of producers is special to me because we have all worked our way up in this organization together. Many of us were frightened freshman, working our first Showcases as general production staff, and now we get to celebrate a successful season of shows that we got to produce together.



I am in awe of all of you - I truly am. Producing these shows is not for the faint of heart. It takes muscle, perseverance, and the right amount of energy!

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- Maggie

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