

**REDWOOD CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
HOMECOMING 2015 - January 24, 2015
Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley**

Letters addressed to the Homecoming Court

Due to both attending college at Baylor University in Texas, 2014 Queen Leah Elaine Reed and King Cordon Moog are unable to be with us tonight. However, they do send their greeting along with the following:

From 2014 Homecoming Queen Leah Reed:

Hello RCS family! Congratulations to the Homecoming Court! It is such an honor to represent your class and your school in this way, and most importantly to represent Christ. As I navigate through my first year here at Baylor majoring in Sociology, God is reminding me again and again of His faithfulness in all things. So I encourage you all to: 1) rely on God fully; 2) to be diligent and work hard, for His glory; and 3) to humbly submit to wherever and whatever He calls you to. Enjoy this special day! With love, Leah

From 2014 Homecoming King Cordon Moog:

Congratulations Queen Sammy and King Ocean! This is a great honor that your classmates have bestowed upon you. You are a great representation of the school, your families, and God. As you move on to the next stages of our life I encourage you to work hard and continue the excellence you've shown in high school. As for me in Texas, Baylor is great. I've been keeping busy with my studies and I really enjoy my engineering major. Once again congratulations on being Homecoming Queen and King. God Bless. Cordon

From Freshman Princess Kelly Tang's Parents, Arthur and Diane Tang:

Dear Kelly,

We had not envisioned that you would grow to become a Princess; but we are so proud and honored that you have been chosen as the Homecoming Princess of your Freshman class. As your parents, we see the young lady that you are becoming and we continue to trust that the Lord will guide your every step. It is our hope and prayer that you will allow God to develop your gifts and talents for His kingdom.

We have chosen to share this passage from Psalm 20: 1, 4 & 5 - "May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the

Lord fulfill all your petitions!”

Love, Mom and Dad

From Sophomore Princess Michaela Avolicino’s Older Sister, Samantha “Sammy” Avolicino:

Micky,

You have been my best friend since we were little. Having a sister close to my age has been so much fun, we’ve been on so many adventures. You’ve been my roommate and partner in crime; I can’t imagine growing up without you.

I love the way you bring joy to the people around you. I’ve always admired your kindness and your wonderful ability to cheer people up and encourage them, including me. No one else makes me laugh as much as you do. You are the funniest person I know. Once you get me laughing, I can’t stop.

I admire that you love deeply and are always willing to help people out. The way you live out your faith inspires me. You have such a heart for Jesus and I am excited to see what God has in store for you.

I love you, Sis, Sammy

From Junior Princess Anna-bell “Annie” Diaz-Ambrosia’s Father, Peter Ambrosia:

First, I wish to thank Mr. Johnson, and Redwood Christian Schools for giving me one of the easiest and most pleasurable assignments: a letter about my daughter, Annie, and the personal attributes I must admire in her.

I am honored to be the Father of Annie Diaz-Ambrosia , who for nearly seventeen years has been a joy to be with and an inspiration leader. Annie has so many positive qualities and talents: dancing, acting, musical, sports, scholarship, humor, toughness, and enthusiasm for life and its challenges.

However, the quality I admire most is her dedication to her Faith in God in Christian leadership, whether leading worship in Church or Chapel, participating in Mission work, or "just being there" for her friends and family. Yes, I am a very proud father and believe Annie will be set a great example as a Princess in the Redwood Homecoming Court.

Love, Dad

From Senior Princess Katie Nelson's Parents, Jeff and DeeDee Nelson:

If we would have made a list when Katie was born, and wrote down all of the things that we wish she would have become, and opened it up now, Katie would have already passed way beyond anything we could have imagined. Katie is kind-hearted, cheerful, and helpful to others in ways that inspire those around her.

We have had the privilege to see her grow from a little girl into a strong, dedicated Christian. Katie has set examples in many ways from feeding homeless, serving on missions teams, to teaching Sunday School each week.

We are excited to see how God will continue to use you in the future. We would also like to thank our mothers, Miriam & Brenda for helping raise our wonderful daughter. WE LOVE YOU Katie and know that you have a wonderful future ahead of you.

Love, Mom & Dad

From Senior Prince John Breslow's Parents, Dave and Cathy Breslow and Older Sister, Lauren:

Dear John,

We are so proud of you! God has blessed our family with a warm, funny, smart, godly son. Ever since the day you made your entrance into this world, you have brought all of us joy and laughter. Your passion for excellence will serve you well as you move out into the world to pursue your dreams. This drive will be necessary for overcoming life's inevitable obstacles.

We love to see your kind heart as you minister to others at church and at school, and can't wait to see what God will do in your life as you move on to college.

What touches our heart most of all is your love for your sister Lauren. Our dream of raising kids who are best friends has been realized, and we are eternally grateful that you express your love for each other, even if it is on Instagram.

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Lauren

From Senior Princess Deanna Phillips Parents, Pastor Rod and Mrs. Elia Phillips:

Dearest Deanna:

As your mother and I reflect on your life these past eighteen years we are thankful to God for his kindness to us in bringing you into our lives. There are so many things that we love and appreciate about you: your kind and gentle character; your cheerful spirit; your willingness to put others above yourself; your empathy for the struggles of others; the way you bring creativity and inspiration into the things that you do. We enjoy eating the cookies, brownies and cupcakes that you bake, and love to listen to you play the piano while singing praises your Savior, Jesus Christ. Today we are thankful that you are being honored by your peers. However, never forget that the greatest audience that should appeal to you and motivate you in life is the audience of One. Always live for the glory of God!

We are so proud of you,

Love... Mom & Dad

From Senior Prince Maxwell Goodell's Parents, Pastors Brian and Cynthia Goodell:

Maxwell! Wow, Bud! we are so very proud of you. It has been our joy over the past 18 years to watch you grow and mature into the fine young man that you are today. We knew something was special about you in the way that you came into our lives.

First of all being born on Valentine's Day has certainly shown itself in that you are a very loving and compassionate guy. Second, that you were born Cesarean has also shown itself in that you have not always been the easiest kid! All that said, we are excited for you Maxie Boy, for your future and the amazing things we know God has in store for you.

You're gonna change the world son! We love you very much...Mom & Dad!

From Homecoming Queen Samantha "Sammy" Avolicino's Parents, Michael and Suzanne Avolicino:

From the moment you set foot onto Redwood's campus you've fearlessly taken hold of what God has put before you and what He has given you. I never would have imagined all that God had in store for you these past years. But through hard work, perseverance, prayer and a lot of love for your classmates and teachers, you are

building a life that is strong, enduring and beautiful. I think the title ‘Warrior Queen’ fits you better because of the passion you bring to everything.

You strive hard for excellence but are not afraid of imperfection or failing because you don’t give up. And from the beginning you’ve faithfully served your classmates with humility and respect and a great sense of humor, wanting the best for everyone. Your faithfulness to God has led the way and is continuing to take you places you can’t even imagine. We love you! Mom and Dad

From Homecoming King Ocean Cunha’s Mother, Sarah Cunha:

Dear Ocean,

Some days you probably heard me say ‘I love you’ 15 to 30 (or more) times because I couldn’t find the exact words to express how grateful I was for you & ‘I love you’ at those moments was a culmination of all my feelings.

Growing up, you always asked ‘why’ & “how come” & ‘why is it like that?’. You viewed the world as one big puzzle to solve. Your thirst for truth, knowledge & life is unquenchable, you have always wanted to learn everything possible!

Today & every day, I smile thinking of you & how very proud I am of all you have accomplished both spiritually and academically & how very hard you have worked for it all.

Thank you for all you have been to our family; for the brother you have been to Skylar—guiding & loving her—and for making me a better person & an extremely proud & grateful mom.

Congratulations!

I love you! Mom