



# Wyoming Catholic College

A group of about eight people are riding horses along a dirt trail on a grassy hillside. The riders are dressed in casual outdoor attire. In the background, a wide valley stretches out, featuring a winding river, scattered trees, and a range of rugged, rocky mountains under a clear blue sky.

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES





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*Ordination of Fr. Lontine at the hands of  
Archbishop Samuel Aquila, May 14, 2022.*

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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If there's one thing about my time at Wyoming Catholic that I'm most grateful for, it's an unfractured mind: a unified vision of the world which penetrates the entire personality. It means to have the ability to look at reality without being confused or overwhelmed by the complexity of it. As a man called to the priesthood, I need the wholeness of mind and heart to lead others to healing. I must see the many parts of the Mystical Body and how they work together, and I owe my vision to God's grace as it unfolded at Wyoming Catholic College. To be men of healing for our times, to see man for who and what he is, we must have the contemplation of unfractured minds.



**Fr. Trevor Lontine ('14)**

*Priest of the  
Archdiocese of Denver*

IT WAS AT WYOMING CATHOLIC THAT I FOUND THE STRENGTH TO BE TRULY CATHOLIC IN THIS MODERN WORLD; IT WAS HERE THAT I HAD TIME TO DEDICATE TO PRAYER AND HAD FRIENDS WHO SUPPORTED ME IN MY SEARCH.

**—Sr. Mary Agnes Oborny ('13)**

*Final Vows, Norbertine Canonesses, Tehachapi, CA*



I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE ROLE WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE PLAYED IN PREPARING ME FOR MY VOCATION. TRULY, THE FOUNDATION OF MY PRIESTLY VOCATION AND MY LOVE FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH IS IN LARGE PART A PRODUCT OF MY TIME SPENT IN "GOD'S COUNTRY."

**—Deacon Andrew Westerman ('19)**

*Seminarian, Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter*





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TEACHING WAS ALWAYS ABOUT LEARNING  
AND WORKING WITH STUDENTS: LOVE OF  
TRUTH AND LOVE OF MEN.

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*Dr. Dziad preparing to rock climb  
with Wyoming Catholic students.*





# MOUNTAIN THEOLOGIAN

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After graduating from Wyoming Catholic College in 2013, I completed my Master's in Theology at the International Theological Institute (in Austria), before completing my coursework for a PhD in Theology at Ave Maria University. In 2017–2018, I was the Residential Dean and a founding faculty member at St. Martin's Academy, an all-boys boarding school in Fort Scott, Kansas. It was a joy to return with my wife and children to Lander and begin to pass on to a new generation the formation I received. Deeply committed to the vision of a holistic formation for our students, I regularly lead outdoor expeditions and have instructed the freshman 21-day trip five times.



**Travis Dziad, PhD ('13)**

*Assistant Professor of Theology,  
Instructor of Outdoor Leadership,  
and Assistant Dean for Students*

I WORK FOR THE BEATRICE INSTITUTE, AN ECUMENICAL LEARNING AND RESEARCH COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES HIGH-LEVEL ACADEMIC INQUIRY INTO THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION. MY TIME AT THE COLLEGE PREPARED ME TO DEVELOP AND TEACH ACROSS THE INSTITUTE'S CURRICULUM, AND TO PARENT: MY FIVE SONS ARE ALL RECOGNIZABLY CHILDREN OF WYOMING CATHOLIC GRADUATES.



**—James DeMasi, PhD ('12)**

*Executive Director, Beatrice Institute*

I WOULD TELL MY PROFESSORS, 'HOW CAN I KEEP STUDYING LIKE THIS?' THE ANSWER WAS ALWAYS, 'IF YOU WANT TO KEEP LEARNING, THEN TEACH.' FOR ME, TEACHING WAS ALWAYS ABOUT LEARNING AND WORKING WITH STUDENTS: LOVE OF TRUTH AND LOVE OF MEN.



**—Benjamin Block, PhD ('11)**

*Tutor, Thomas Aquinas College*



“ I LEARNED THE IDEALS OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY FROM THE GREATS—PLATO, ARISTOTLE, CICERO, AQUINAS, MADISON, HAMILTON, JAY, AND WASHINGTON. ”

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Students study political philosophy from the ancients to the present day.



# POLITICS & LAW

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I've always had an interest in public policy. During college, I interned for United States Senator John Barrasso, Women Speak Out PAC, and Americans United for Life. Now I'm Grants Manager for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank that promotes and defends liberty, personal responsibility, and free enterprise in Texas and nationwide. The curriculum and professors at Wyoming Catholic prepared me in so many ways for this path—from writing skills and philosophical background to fostering a love of poetry that has provided shape, direction, and meaning to my life. Additionally, they revealed a vision of an incarnational Catholic Faith that I had always longed for but didn't know existed.



**Chassidy Menard ('17)**  
*Texas Public Policy Foundation,  
Grants Manager*

THE LEGAL PROFESSION HAS GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE MY CLASSICAL TRAINING IN A REWARDING, IMPACTFUL, AND PROFITABLE MANNER, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE ANY GRADUATE FROM WYOMING CATHOLIC TO CONSIDER INVESTING THEIR LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE IN THE LEGAL FIELD, WHERE IT CAN BE PUT TO NOBLE USE.



**—Scott Sergeant ('16)**  
*Deputy Prosecutor, Shoshone County, Idaho*

I LEARNED THE IDEALS OF GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY FROM THE GREATS—PLATO, ARISTOTLE, CICERO, AQUINAS, MADISON, HAMILTON, JAY, AND WASHINGTON. WITH EACH NEW STEP IN MY CAREER, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE FOUNDATION AND TRAINING I RECEIVED AT WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE.



**—Carolyn Varadan ('17)**  
*Of Counsel, Fusion Law, PLLC*



“IN MY OWN TRAVELS, ADVENTURE  
WAS ALWAYS MY PREFERRED MODE AND  
SOME KIND OF RELIGIOUS SITE WAS  
ALWAYS THE DESTINATION.”

*Chris Baker ('12) and Grace Kirwan  
( '21) on an Italian Altum L'alto trip.*

# LIFE'S PILGRIMAGE

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Looking back at my four years at Wyoming Catholic College, the thing I am most thankful for is the opportunity to live away from the world in an environment that allowed me to grow naturally in ways that I didn't even know existed, and to develop an understanding of the world previously unknown to myself. These opportunities to search for something more ultimately led to the founding of Altum L'alto Pilgrimages, combining outdoor adventure and pilgrimage. I would always recommend that someone go to Wyoming Catholic no matter what field they are interested in pursuing. Wyoming Catholic will certainly be the start of a great adventure for you, if you are open to it!



**Chris Baker ('12)**

*Founder and Director of  
Altum L'alto, offering adventure  
pilgrimages based out of Italy*

WYOMING CATHOLIC GAVE ME THE CAPACITY TO HUNGER—SOMETHING MANY PEOPLE DON'T LET THEMSELVES FEEL BECAUSE IT CAN BE PAINFUL. BUT HUNGER IS NOT A BAD THING. IT MEANS YOU REALIZE YOU LACK SOMETHING GOOD, AND THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF CONVERSION. ULTIMATELY, THAT HUNGER LED ME TO FULL-TIME WORK WITH FOCUS.



**—Sophia Sage ('19)**  
*FOCUS Missionary*

THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM TRULY CHANGED MY LIFE BECAUSE IT STARTED ME ON A PATH TO MINISTRY. I ENCOUNTERED REALITY IN THE OUTDOORS IN A WAY THAT MADE THE REST OF MY EDUCATION SOMETHING THAT COULD NOT JUST BE STUCK IN MY HEAD; IT GREW IN MY HEART AND BORE FRUIT IN MY LIFE AND ACTIONS.



**—Karl Eby ('13)**  
*Wyoming Catholic Outdoor Program Assistant Director*



“ I LEARNED TO LOVE THE  
BEAUTY OF MOUTH-  
BLOWN GLASS AND THE  
IMAGES WHICH THE  
ARTISTS CAN CREATE.”

*James Hannegan restoring historic  
windows (photo courtesy of Lisa  
Johnston of the St. Louis Review).*

# BEAUTY OF ART

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After bouncing between jobs at a civil engineering firm, a small remodeling company, and a custom woodworking shop, I applied for a position as a craftsman for a stained glass studio. My time in the trade has taught me to love the beauty of mouth-blown glass and the images an artist can create using glass and sunlight as media. My education at Wyoming Catholic College has given me the depth of character to appreciate my role in the preservation and growth of liturgical art. I joke that a liberal arts degree is a great way to land a manual labor job. However, it is a great way to make a manual labor job meaningful.



**James Hannegan ('12)**

*Job-site supervisor at  
Emil Frei & Associates, a stained  
glass studio in St. Louis, MO*

MY EXPERIENCE AT WYOMING CATHOLIC STRENGTHENED MY BELIEF THAT I CAN NAVIGATE CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS AND MASTER COMPLEX SUBJECTS. THIS GAVE ME THE COURAGE AND FREEDOM TO STEP OFF A TRADITIONAL CAREER PATH.

**—Emily Felsheim ('21)**  
*Photographer and Entrepreneur*



MY BOSSES HAVE SAID THEY ENJOY PEOPLE COMING TO ARCHITECTURE FROM THE LIBERAL ARTS BACKGROUND BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW TO COMMUNICATE AND THINK WELL. THEY KNOW SUCH A PERSON WILL WORK WELL WITH CLIENTS.

**—Anthony D. Vercio ('16)**  
*Architecture Associate at  
Glavé & Holmes Architecture (Richmond, VA)*





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MY EDUCATION IMMERSED ME IN  
THE BEST LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY,  
AND THEOLOGY OF THE WEST.

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*Ruth Kress ('22) immersing herself  
in "the best literature."*

# IMMERSED IN GREAT LITERATURE

My education immersed me in the best literature, philosophy, and theology of the West—a depth of tradition that I hope to bring to my own creative work. The most compelling fantasy and sci-fi have the same elements as any other great work of fiction: an understanding of the order of Creation, of goodness and evil, and of the spiritual battleground of the human heart. My time at Wyoming Catholic grounded me in this understanding, which is so crucial to creating true and beautiful works of art. After graduating *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts, I returned to the Midwest to work as an editor, writing on the side, and publishing my debut sci-fi novel *Markmaker* in 2022 with Chrism Press.



**Mary Jessica Woods ('19)**

*Editor and Author*

MY PROFESSORS TAUGHT ME HOW TO READ AND WRITE WITH CARE AND ATTENTION; TO UPHOLD CERTAIN PRINCIPLES; AND TO STRIVE FOR THE GOOD, THE TRUE, AND THE BEAUTIFUL. THESE GOALS ARE SHARED BY FIRST THINGS, A NEW-YORK-BASED MAGAZINE ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE.



**—Veronica Clarke ('19)**

*Associate Editor at First Things magazine*

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING ME WITH AN INVALUABLE EDUCATION, WYOMING CATHOLIC INSPIRED A DEEP LOVE FOR OUR HERITAGE AND AN AWARENESS OF MY RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIGHT TO PRESERVE IT. THIS HAS ALLOWED ME TO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE DO IN BRUSSELS, THE HEART OF THE EU'S INSTITUTIONS.



**—Veronica Lademan ('17)**

*Assistant Managing Editor, The European Conservative*



“MY HOPE IS THAT I DO MY PART TO RESTORE  
CHRISTIAN CULTURE BY CALMLY STATING  
WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS BAD.”

*Body-mind integration: literature  
professor Dr. Pavlos Papadopoulos  
haying on Wyoming Catholic property.*



# TURNING WRENCHES

I am a wind turbine technician, which involves maintenance and troubleshooting mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems. In my late twenties I realized that what I liked to do was turn wrenches and fix things. What initially drew me to Wyoming Catholic was my desire for an authentically Catholic, Great Books, liberal arts education. I find the Wyoming Catholic formation valuable, especially as armor against the godlessness of the wind industry. Some of my colleagues are fallen-away Catholics. Once the topic of church music came up; I sang the “Regina Caeli” as an example of sacred music. My hope is that I do my part to restore Christian culture by calmly stating what is good and what is bad.



**John Honrath ('11)**

*Wind Turbine Technician*

I WANTED AN EDUCATION THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN MY FAITH AND MIND. BUT MY DEGREE HAS ALSO BEEN ASTRONOMICALLY HELPFUL IN EMPLOYMENT. I BEAT OUT ALL THE OTHER APPLICANTS IN MY CURRENT JOB BECAUSE OF THE LEADERSHIP I DEMONSTRATED. WHEN I WAS IN CONSTRUCTION, I WAS INVARIABLY PUT IN CHARGE OF OLDER, MORE EXPERIENCED MEN BECAUSE THEY SAW I WAS A BETTER LEADER.



**—Sean Milligan ('18)**

*Catholic Chancery of Lincoln Maintenance Supervisor*

MANY OF THE MOST PERSONALLY IMPACTFUL LESSONS I LEARNED AT WYOMING CATHOLIC WERE IN THE MOUNTAINS OR THE DESERT, WHERE I DISCOVERED FRIENDSHIP, FRAILTY, AND THE BEAUTY OF REALITY. FROM MANAGING A RESTAURANT TO WORKING IN A CATHOLIC PAINTING COMPANY, MY EDUCATION HAS ENABLED ME TO LIVE THE GOOD LIFE.



**—Sophia Michael ('20)**

*Production Admin at JMJ Painters, Loretto (MN)*



“AN EDUCATOR NEEDS TO BE A GENERALIST . . .”

*From bagpipes to Latin—what a  
diversity of interests Wyoming  
Catholic students pursue!*



# A LITTLE AND GREAT JOB

I was not, like most people, drawn in by the horses, the snow, or the camping; in truth, I hated horses, disliked the snow and cold, and avoided camping. I was drawn in by the heart of what Wyoming Catholic offered: the chance to be formed by the greatest minds, and to become a more actualized version of myself. I have been a first-grade teacher at a small Catholic school for the past ten years now. I do a little job for little people who have little rationality. The wonder and enthusiasm that my students show with every menial task is, I believe, one of the greatest beauties of education. The ability to help build and mold that natural wonder in them comes directly from my formation at Wyoming Catholic College. I have absolutely zero regrets attending.



**Katey Docherty ('11)**

*Teacher, Faustina Academy  
Irving, TX*

AN EDUCATOR NEEDS TO BE A GENERALIST. EVEN SOMEONE WHO'S CARVED OUT A CAREER AS A SPECIALIST MUST HAVE A LOVE OF AND APPRECIATION FOR THE DEEPER, MOST FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS. QUITE SIMPLY, MY LOVE OF LEARNING COMES DIRECTLY FROM MY TIME AT WYOMING CATHOLIC, AND I'M FOREVER INDEBTED TO HER FOR THAT.



**—Benjamin Corcoran ('16)**

*Math and Science Teacher, Jackson Hole Classical Academy*


I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT MY ABILITY TO CONTINUE MY EDUCATION AND MY LOVE OF TEACHING STEMS FROM THE EXAMPLES OF MY PROFESSORS AND THE LESSONS I WAS TAUGHT WITH REGARDS TO TECHNOLOGY AT WYOMING CATHOLIC; I TAKE MY STUDENTS ON A WALK INSTEAD OF TURNING ON A MOVIE EVERY MORNING!



**—Abigail Crimmins ('18)**

*Teacher, Founders Classical Academy*



A photograph of Paul Milligan, a young man wearing a grey t-shirt, brown pants, a black and white baseball cap, and sunglasses, kneeling on the ground and speaking to a group of students. The students are sitting on folding chairs or on the ground, some wearing blue shirts and face masks. They are surrounded by various items, including a red bag, a yellow bag, and several grey patterned bags. The background shows more students sitting on chairs in an outdoor setting.

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AND FOCUS OF INTELLECTUAL  
CAPACITY THAT THE STUDY OF THE  
GREAT BOOKS OFFERS US, AND  
IT TRANSLATES BEAUTIFULLY TO  
MASTERING A TECHNICAL SKILL.”

*Paul Milligan ('18) instructs the Wilderness  
First Aid course that all students take in  
conjunction with the outdoor program.*

# CARING FOR THE BODY

Liberal arts education becomes ingrained, if we let it, in our minds and hearts. It becomes a part of our very person. In that way it is much like our Catholic Faith; if we are living it well, it speaks for itself. Wyoming Catholic College taught me to know and love truth, beauty, and goodness in a deep and integrated way, and that is the essence of its impact in my day-to-day life. I am currently a student midwife, pursuing my Certified Professional Midwife credential. I have found that a liberal arts BA is the ideal foundation for a specialized degree. There is an organization and focus of intellectual capacity that the study of the Great Books offers us, and it translates beautifully to mastering a technical skill.



**Samantha Stancliffe ('17)**

*Certified Doula and Certified  
Professional Midwife candidate*

THIS COLLEGE PREPARES YOU FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING. ONE DAY YOU'RE IN A CLASSROOM TALKING SCIENTIFIC THEORY, AND THE NEXT YOU'RE CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN. IT WAS A WONDERFUL FOUNDATION TO PREPARE ME FOR STUDYING AT ONE OF THE TOP TEN MEDICAL PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY.



**—Peter McCullough, MD ('11)**

*Residency, Ascension Via Christi (Wichita, KS)*

ULTIMATELY, WYOMING CATHOLIC INFLUENCES MY JOB MOST BY GIVING ME AN APPRECIATION OF THE BEAUTY OF THE HUMAN PERSON, WHETHER OF MY PATIENT'S BODY IN TERMS OF HOW IT WORKS, OR IN TERMS OF THEIR SOUL AND WHAT IS ON THEIR MIND.



**—Amelia Rizk, DPT ('18)**

*Physical Therapist*



A Priori	A Posteriori
✓	✓
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Impressions (part.)  
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 Simple Ideas (part.)  
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 Complex Ideas (part.)  
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 Induction

Principle: All knowledge of matters  
 reducible to impressions

“I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO  
 COLLEGE FOR FOUR YEARS  
 TO LEARN COMPUTERS, BUT  
 HOW TO BE WELL-ROUNDED.”

Principle: The laws which govern the  
 uniform across time.

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$$0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(A, B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)}$$

$$\frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)} = P(B|A)$$

$$\frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)} = P(B|A) \cdot P(A)$$

$$\frac{P(A)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(A)}{P(B)} > P(A)$$

Communication and public  
 speaking culminates in the Senior Oration;  
 here, Andrew Russell ('22) delivers his senior  
 oration on epistemological induction.

# FROM PLATO TO PROGRAMMING

After graduation from Wyoming Catholic College, I continued to study classics and philosophy at Berkeley, University of Kentucky, and Marquette University. Right after I finished coursework for a philosophy PhD, I transitioned from academia into tech by taking a job at Anchor Group, a software consulting firm owned by a fledgling fraternity of Catholic men who work, pray, and form themselves in community. Now, as a VP, I spend my days mentoring, clarifying company vision, and leading the pursuit of excellence at work. When life allows, I also enjoy teaching Latin for the Veterum Sapientia Institute. I live in Madison, WI with my wife Miriam and our two delightful daughters.



**Jacob Terneus ('16)**  
*Vice President of Enterprise  
Resource Management Team,  
Anchor Group*

I'VE WORKED AS A DIGITAL MARKETER SPECIALIZING IN SEO AT AGENCIES, IN-HOUSE, AND IN A FREELANCE CAPACITY. SERVING FORTUNE 500 CLIENTS, LUXURY BRANDS, NON-PROFITS, AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS HAS GIVEN ME EXPERIENCE ACROSS MANY INDUSTRIES. MY TIME AT WCC, AND THE IN-DEMAND SKILLS AND LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS IT GAVE ME, HAS BENEFITED ME GREATLY BOTH IN MY PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE.



**—Caitlynn Hunt ('19)**  
*Digital Marketing Specialist, Pauline Books & Media*

I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE FOR FOUR YEARS TO LEARN COMPUTERS, BUT HOW TO BE WELL-ROUNDED. I WAS STILL ABLE TO PICK UP CODING IN TWO SUMMERS, AND ALL THE SKILLS I NEEDED ONCE I FOUND A COMPANY THAT WAS WILLING TO TEACH ME.



**—John Paul Terneus ('21)**  
*Software Developer, Anchor Group*



“GREATNESS FOR ME IS NOT  
IN LEADING AN ARMY, BUT IN  
ROCKING MY CHILD TO SLEEP.”

*Chris and Caitlin Jay (both '12)  
welcomed their first child  
into the world in 2015.*

# THE ULTIMATE CAREER

I really loved being a part of the small, tight-knit community at Wyoming Catholic. I never felt lost in the crowd. I wanted to discern God's will for my life and pursue an all-around excellent formation. That's what made me decide on a really Catholic college, so I threw myself into freshman year with gusto, ready for wherever the path might lead. I got married two days after graduation, then attended graduate school with my husband for a year. Now I am a full-time mom to six children, ages 7 down to 9-month-old twins, dabbling in selling art and teaching piano on the side. To be a good homemaker, one must first be a good wife, and the College's overall formation taught me so many of the 'soft skills' required for being the heart of the home.



**Murielle Blanchard ('15)**

*Wife of Dominic Blanchard ('14)  
and mother of six*

RAISING LITTLE HUMANS IS OFTEN THE SAME DYNAMIC THAT I ENCOUNTERED DURING WILDERNESS HIGH-INTENSITY, HIGH-STAKES SITUATIONS. SUCCESSFUL HOMESCHOOLING REQUIRES A FLEXIBILITY, SCOPE, AND DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH THE LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION SETS YOU UP FOR.

—Caitlin Jay ('12)

*Stay-at-home mother of six*



MY EDUCATION HAS BEEN IN SUPPORT OF THE ULTIMATE CAREER. I, FOR ONE, NEEDED THE EDUCATION THAT I RECEIVED AT WYOMING CATHOLIC TO BE A GOOD MOTHER. GREATNESS FOR ME IS NOT IN LEADING AN ARMY, BUT IN ROCKING MY CHILD TO SLEEP.

—Clare Ward ('13)

*Stay-at-home mother of five*







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A photograph of five students sitting at long wooden tables in a classroom or lecture hall. They are all looking towards the left side of the frame, appearing to be listening to a lecture. The students are dressed in semi-formal attire. The room has white walls with framed pictures or certificates hanging on them. The lighting is warm and focused on the students.

*Born in Wonder, Brought to Wisdom*