



Alumni Q&A Spotlight – Brooke Chevalier

Graduation year from Legacy: 2019

Number of years you attended Legacy: 11

College/university attending: Texas A&M University

Year in college: Junior

Degree plan: Animal Science

Career/future plans after graduating college: Master's Degree in Equine Science or a career in Equine Nutrition

Jobs while in college: I work on a Texas A&M research project to study the effects of bisphosphonate use in yearling horses. This project is a lot of hard work and has very early mornings! For example, I am usually at the barn at 5:45 am three times a week, and on sample collection days, I arrive from 4-5 am and usually stay most of the day!

What are you enjoying about your college experience? Even though the research project requires a lot of time and energy, it has been so rewarding to meet and form friendships with other undergraduates who have similar interests. Also, I love being around the horses and seeing their personalities develop! I also enjoy my forensics class, where we study (sometimes very gross) crime scenes.

How do you feel your time at Legacy helped prepare you for college? If I could pick one thing, it would be NOTE TAKING. Every single college class you take will require you to take notes. If you don't take notes, you won't survive. I learned at Legacy all throughout high school how to take quality notes, which helped me tremendously when transitioning to college coursework.

How was your adjustment to the college schedule based on coming from a university-model school? The last two years of high school, we had split days, where we would have 2-3 classes on MWF, and then 2 classes Tuesday and Thursday. This helped me adjust to my college schedule, which is very similar. It also taught me time management and how to incorporate homework into my day, without saving it all for the evening.

What are some of your fond memories/favorite experiences while at Legacy? My favorite was the close-knit community of Legacy. It can be challenging to find friends in college, especially if you go to a university as big as Texas A&M. I'm still close friends with many people from high school and I don't believe that would have been possible if I went to a large public school. Another fond memory I have is the relationship between teacher and student. The teachers genuinely care about each student and want them to succeed.

If you had to describe Legacy in one or two sentences to somebody, what would you say? Legacy is a place where your spiritual life can be nourished, your mind expanded, and your friendships blessed.

How does your spiritual life play a role in your college experience? I would not be able to get through college without God. The stress of classes, figuring out life on your own, and separation from family can be debilitating. Always having Jesus to turn to provides comfort, joy, and motivation to persevere through any trial that falls your way.

Do you feel Legacy helped to grow you spiritually and for doing God's work? Absolutely. My biggest influence was having science explained to me in a biblical way. Understanding the intricacies of life and the earth through the lens of creation stemmed a steadfast trust that God truly designed every little detail with His children in mind. Another way Legacy encouraged my spiritual growth is through the National Honor Society. Being an officer and getting to lead others in devotionals helped me be consistent with my fellowship with the Lord. Mrs. Carrico also was a prominent leader in my life because I could always see how much she loved Christ and it encouraged me to pursue God further.

Is there anything else you would like to share with Legacy families or those interested in Legacy? Pray about everything, including having your child attend Legacy. Even though I would highly recommend it, it is vital to seek God's guidance for your decision. If God is leading you to Legacy, then you can rest knowing your child is exactly where they need to be. Something else I would add is that if you ever have questions about anything, there is always someone at Legacy who is more than willing to answer your questions. Feel free to have open communication with teachers! And be sure to be involved with your child in their studies, so that you can see firsthand how their minds are being nurtured!



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