



Roanoke Valley Children's Choir Seniors



Grace Catherine Cordle (Grace) has been in the RVCC for ten years, and she is a senior at Veritas Scholars Academy. Besides choir, Grace has played piano seriously for 12 years, and now teaches eight of her own students. She serves as co-editor and layout manager for a local student newspaper, works as webmaster and historian for the National Homeschool Honor Society, stays actively involved at church, and has participated in several theatre productions at Mill Mountain Theatre, where she is currently secretary for the Student Advisory Board. When not busy with school or activities, she loves writing poetry, reading, and trying new hobbies like embroidery or crochet. In the fall, she will be attending Grove City College as one of eight Trustee Fellows. She plans to double major in English and French and minor in Creative Writing and hopes to pursue certification as a Child-Life Specialist after college. Grace is so grateful to God and her parents for getting her through high school, and to Ms. D and the choir for the wonderful support and blessing they have been in her life and the investment they have made in her both as a musician and a person.

Lilyana Lynn Mata Diaz, (Lily) lives with her mother, April and her sister Alisia, who is a freshman at Lord Botetourt High School. She started Roanoke Valley Children's Choir when she was in 4th grade and has been in for 9 years. Lily is a senior at Lord Botetourt High School and will graduate in May 2024 with an Advanced Diploma. She plans to attend Western for two years, then transferring to VCU to study radiology. After college Lily plans to stay in Virginia as a radiologist. She enjoys spending her free time with friends and family. She is employed at Chipotle and plans to work her way into a management position while attending college. Choir has been an important part of Lily's life, it has given her many opportunities and memories. She wants to thank Ms. Davidson for teaching her everything she's learned about singing. She will miss choir and will always hold the memories close to her heart.



Ava Mae Giannini (Ava) has been in the RVCC for 10 years and will be graduating from Cave Spring High School in May. Ava enjoys performing in theatre productions, travelling, art, and volunteering in the community with Roanoke Valley Interact. Ava is a member of the Beta Club and the Societe Nationale Francaise and has won numerous awards including 2 Gold Key Scholastic Art awards. Ava will be attending VCUArts Honors College in the fall and hopes to continue performing music and theatre as well. Ava would like to thank Mary Ruth and Jim Francis (grandparents) and the rest of the family for all your love and support over the years.

Anne Hayden Hall (Anne Hayden) has been a member of the RVCC for 10 years. Her love of music began at an early age when she studied violin at the Pittsburgh Music Academy. Upon moving to Salem, she was fortunate to find a new musical community with the choir. Anne Hayden is a senior at Salem High School where she has been on the varsity volleyball team for four years, serving as a senior captain. In addition, she is the two year editor of her school's literary magazine, Delphi, where she earned a First Place Gold Circle award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for her interview with Maestro David Wiley. Anne Hayden also enjoys community service and is the president of Keyettes at her school. Next fall, she will attend a four-year university, most likely the University of Virginia, with plans to double major in English and political science. Anne Hayden would like to thank Ms. D. for an amazing choir experience, lasting memories, and valuable life lessons. She is grateful for the friendships and experiences the choir has given her and will be returning to sing "Christmastide" for many years to come!





Laney Havens (Laney) has been in the choir for two years, and she's appreciative of all the techniques she's learned and the relationships she's built. In the future, Laney plans on studying biomedical technology and hopes to join the choir at JMU.

Leilani Lania Keele (Lani) was born on a hot summer day in New Mexico. Much like the desert sun, Leilani has brought warmth and brightness to all those around her, earning her the nickname smiley at a young age. The nickname she gave herself at the age of 5 was "Lani" and that is how her friends know her. Lani has always had a creative talent. She authored the book, "The Mom Who Wouldn't Listen" and produced many wall art drawings. Over the years Lani has dedicated much time to improving her singing and art. Lani joined the RVCC at the age of 8. There were times she thought she might quit because it was too hard, including in the middle of the C choir audition when she told Ms. D that she shouldn't let her into C choir (spoiler alert: she did). Choir has brought Lani much joy, which she will always treasure. Besides her artistic talent, Lani's greatest strength lies in her emotional depth and understanding. She is thoughtful, caring and calm. This is especially apparent when she is working with young children. Lani has plans to attend Virginia Western after high school.



Gabrielle Lee (Gabby) is an eighteen-year-old, Senior graduating from Roanoke Valley Christian Schools and has attended there for fourteen years. In her tenth year she was inducted into the National Honor Society, and since then has been a scholarly student. In addition to the RVCC, she takes part in both Choir and Worship team. In her own time, she enjoys playing with her dog, Lilly and two cats, Sushi and Rain. Her hobbies include writing songs, playing the piano, painting, and spending time with friends. She enjoys exercise and working out at her gym and has also run cross country for seven years. On the weekends, you can find Gabby at her local church serving in children's ministry or working at Carilion Hospital as a Food Service employee. Her plans for the coming year include attending Lee University in Cleveland, TN to pursue a degree in marriage and family counseling, and she may get a second degree in music business. Aside from pursuing higher education, her personal goals include getting closer with Jesus and traveling the world.

Olivia Rachel Terry (Olivia) is a senior at Lord Botetourt High School. This fall she plans to attend James Madison University to pursue Optometry. Starting as a B+ choir member, she has been a part of the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir for 7 years. One of her favorite experiences while being in the RVCC was singing at Disney Springs and getting to explore the Disney parks. Outside of the RVCC Olivia enjoys reading, crocheting, and other musical extracurriculars like playing clarinet in her high school's concert band. After years of falling in love with playing, she joined her high school's marching band as an eighth grader. In her senior year, she was a section leader and first chair. Ever since Olivia was born, she has loved music. She is very grateful that the RVCC and Ms. Davidson have been in her life to foster her passion for singing. Choir opened a door in Olivia's life that gave her an outlet to express herself. She is very thankful for all the years she got to spend with the Roanoke Valley Children's Valley and will truly miss them all.

