



TRADERS POINT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



2012 TPCA Graduate Gerardo Lara is a Film and Media Production major at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

“The transition from TPCA to Taylor was almost too easy. TPCA did an amazing job of preparing me for college. I found out who I was as a person at TPCA and I carried that with me to college. I came with a sense of identity that helped me transition into college. The academics of TPCA also helped prepare me for the academic work at Taylor.

At TPCA, my relationship with the Lord was strengthened and it carried over to Taylor. I am firm in my belief and it's rewarding that my faith is continually growing by the people the Lord has put in my life at TPCA and Taylor.

Perhaps the only challenge I had coming from TPCA to Taylor was the class size. I knew almost everybody at TPCA and I certainly knew everybody in my class, but it's impossible to know everybody now. The class sizes were a huge change, but I have grown accustomed to having a class with hundreds of people.

The Lord is continually working in me through relationships I have formed. He is truly great and reminds me on a daily basis of His awesomeness.”

TPCA Graduate Olivia Byely is studying nursing at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky and just returned to Nicaragua



on a mission trip with her church.

“The transition to Bellarmine was much easier than expected. Although it took a while to get used to having so many people at my school, I felt prepared to begin creating relationships and felt comfortable and confident by the end of freshman orientation.

Traders Point prepared me for college in many ways. Socially, I felt confident being able to meet and talk to new people that have grown up in different ways than I have. This confidence came from the trips we took in and out of the country and interacting with many different people (who sometimes spoke different languages!)

Academically, I was extremely well prepared, making Dean's List in both semesters.

Spreading the word of God has remained foremost in my heart, as TPCA has taught me through the various trips and service days. This has been so important to me that I have raised the money to go to Nicaragua with Traders Point Christian Church. The TPCA my sophomore year gave me a love for Nicaragua and a mission to return again and continue God's work.”

2012 TPCA Graduate Jenna Meadows attends Taylor University.

“It's a small school with 2,000 students. I am pursuing a degree in International Studies with a concentration in Cross-Cultural Ministry and a minor in Christian Education.

The transition from high school to Taylor went very well. I was excited about the new adventure and have enjoyed the year at Taylor and feel as if it's my second home.

TPCA prepared me well for being successful in college. The studying habits I developed in high school have carried over into college. Spiritually, my relationship with Christ has continued to grow. I have been thankful to find a great church nearby. I have also been stretched in my own faith through truly making it on my own. Growing alongside the floor of friends I've lived with in my dorm, learning from professors, and the overall Christ-centered community at Taylor has been a blessing.

I am so thankful for my first year at Taylor and all the experiences and relationships that have come along with it. I can't wait to see what the next few years will teach me and how I will grow in Christ and follow His lead in my life. I'm thankful for TPCA and how it prepared me to have a great first year of college.”

