

A portrait of Hannah Beers Sutton, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a white collared shirt and a small necklace. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

EU Outstanding Young Alum **Hannah Beers Sutton (EU '16)**

Hannah Beers Sutton is a seasoned political strategist and executive director of the Missouri House Republican Campaign Committee (HRCC). In this role, she leads campaign strategy, fundraising, and independent expenditures, helping secure and sustain one of the largest Republican majorities in Missouri history.

A 2016 Evangel graduate, Sutton earned her degree in Advertising & Public Relations while serving as student body president and chair of the Missouri Federation of College Republicans.

She began her career in the Missouri Senate before joining Clout Public Affairs at Axiom Strategies, where she rose to vice president and directed more than 100 winning political and public affairs campaigns across the state.

Since stepping into her leadership role at HRCC in 2024, Sutton has guided the committee through high-stakes races, managing multimillion-dollar budgets and navigating intense outside opposition. Her steady leadership and clear vision have been instrumental in maintaining Republican strength in Missouri's legislature.

She and her husband, Wes, live in Jefferson City, MO with their sons, Palmer and Bennett.



EU Distinguished Alum **John Spears (EU '02)**

John Spears is an accomplished sales executive with Zimmer Biomet, a global leader in orthopedic products and technologies. Over more than two decades, he has helped drive strategic growth in medical device sales across the country.

As Zimmer's territory general manager based in Colorado, Spears oversees a team of 115 professionals dedicated to restoring mobility worldwide.

A 2002 Evangel graduate with a degree in Communication Studies, Spears was also a member of EU's historic national championship-winning men's basketball team under Coach Steve Jenkins.

He remains active in the basketball community, coaching at both high school and club levels. While on staff at Chaparral High School in 2012, the team won a state championship.

He also serves on the Legacy Team at Red Rocks Church, financially investing in its mission to "Make Heaven More Crowded" by living out a legacy of generosity.

Spears and his wife, Jinjer, whom he met at Evangel, have been married 22 years and have four children - Jade, Jersie, Justice, and Jorden.



CBC Distinguished Alum **Asif Shaikh (CBC '93)**

Asif Shaikh serves as an Olympic chaplain, ministering to athletes on the world's largest stages, including the Games in London, Rio, Paris, Sochi, and South Korea. He has also been chaplain for various athletic world championships, Pan American Games, and a FIFA World Cup.

Shaikh was born into a Muslim family in Pakistan and came to faith in Christ at age 11. He kept his conversion private until 18, when he told his father and shared his desire to attend Central Bible College to prepare for ministry.

After graduating from CBC in 1993, Shaikh spent 15 years with CRU and Athletes in Action, ministering to college students at the University of South Florida, University of Tampa, and St. Petersburg College.

His chaplaincy work continues to expand, including opportunities at Kennesaw State University and with Georgia Tech Track and Field, Team USA Soccer, and a unique weekly chapel service via Zoom for WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment).

He and his wife, Leah, have been married 25 years and have two daughters. They live near Atlanta, GA.

A portrait of Austin Westlake, a young man with short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a white t-shirt under a dark teal button-down shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

CBC Outstanding Young Alum **Austin Westlake (CBC '13)**

Austin Westlake, a third-generation Assemblies of God minister, serves as national youth director for the Assemblies of God, a position he assumed in December 2024. In this role, he travels the nation speaking at camps, conventions, and leadership summits.

Known for his humor and powerful Gospel delivery, Westlake previously served as director of student discipleship for AG National Youth Ministries from 2022 to 2024.

Called to preach at 16, Westlake graduated from Central Bible College with a degree in Church Leadership. His first ministry role was youth pastor at Sheffield Family Life Center in Kansas City, MO. He and his wife, Lauren, whom he met at CBC, later served as Southern Missouri district youth directors from 2018 to 2022.

In his current role, Westlake is the appointed North America representative on the World Assemblies of God Fellowship Next Gen Commission, helping shape the future of ministry to young leaders worldwide.

He and Lauren live in Springfield, MO, with their three children - Jude, Quinn, and Tate.



AGTS Distinguished Alum **Dr. Darryl Wootton (CBC '92, AGTS '12)**

Dr. Darryl Wootton serves as network pastor and superintendent of the Oklahoma Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, overseeing 450 churches and 1,500 ministers. Elected in 2021, he supports pastors by offering encouragement, preaching, coaching, and leadership development.

A 1992 graduate of Central Bible College with a degree in Bible, Wootton began ministry as youth pastor at Carbondale AG in Tulsa, OK, where he served for 10 years before becoming lead pastor of SpiritCHURCH in Bartlesville, OK in 2002.

During his nearly two decades of Spirit-anointed leadership at SpiritCHURCH, Wootton earned a master's in theology from Oral Roberts University in 2007 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in 2012.

A trusted voice within the AG fellowship, Wootton has served as a general presbyter, OK District executive presbyter, Evangel University board of trustee member, and AGTS advisory board chairman.

Wootton and his wife, Faith, have three children and live in Oklahoma City, OK.