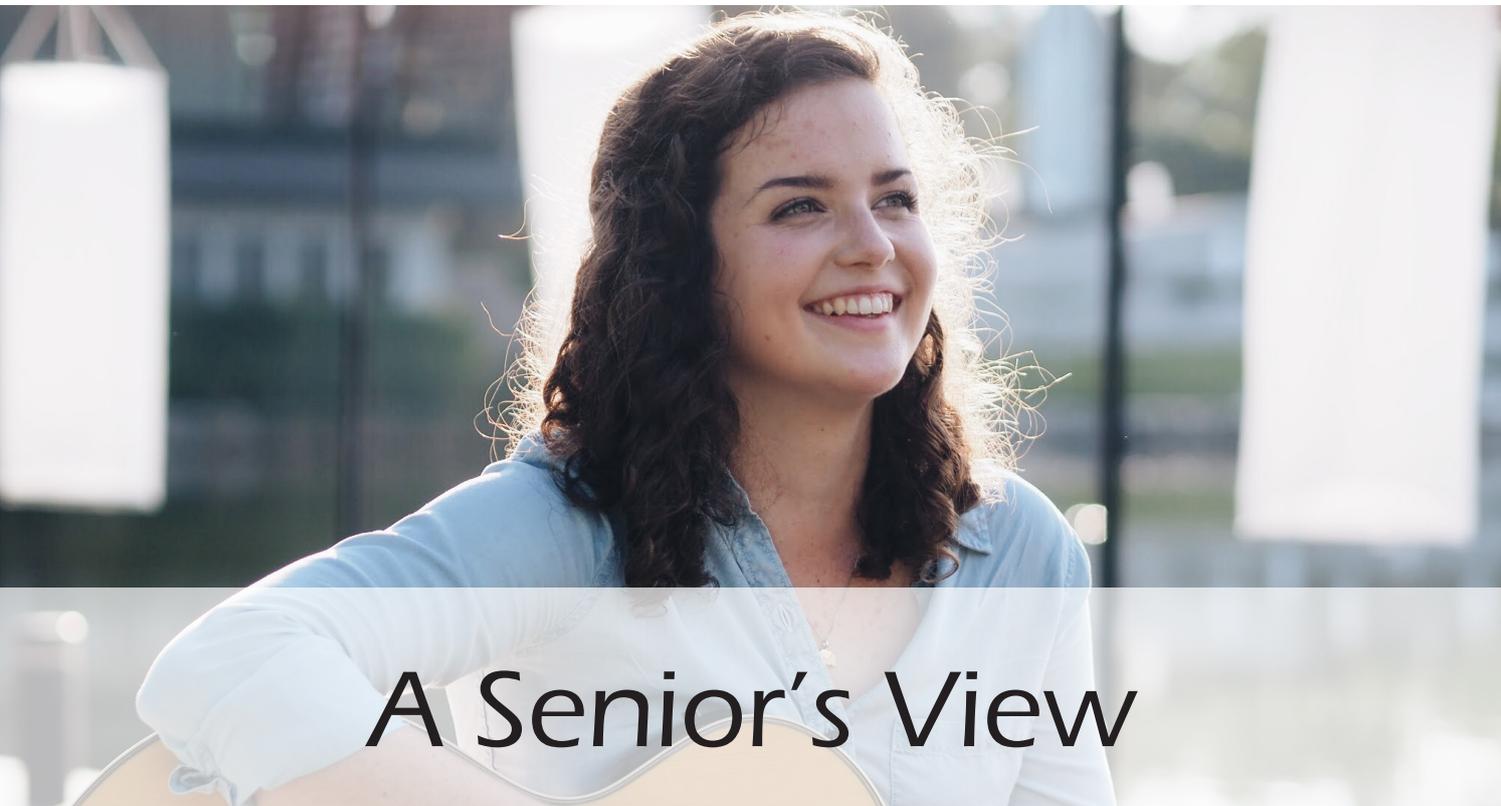




# Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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## A Senior's View

Abby Bone has been a student at Grace International School since she was in Kindergarten. Now in her senior year, Grace has become like home to her; providing community, friends, mentors, challenges, spiritual guidance, and a quality education.

In 1999, Abby's parents first visited Chiang Mai and were impressed by the facilities and community at Grace. As Abby also had two older sisters, they had a lot to consider and schooling was a big part of that decision. In 2002, the Bone family moved to Chiang Mai and six months later, Abby was born.

Since she was little, Abby recalls how she was so interested in books that she made her sisters teach her to read. At four years old, she started Kindergarten already knowing how to read. It was also in her first year at Grace that she chose to follow Jesus. Her teacher told them a Bible story and led Abby and the rest of the interested students in a prayer to follow Him.

With a passion for music, being part of Grace's chapel band has had a significant impact on Abby. She says, "Chapels have taught me how to worship and I really enjoy worshipping!" She has been in chapel band since 7th grade and has served in a variety of different roles including leading her own band this year.

Another one of Abby's passions is sports. "Sports has grown me as a person. It's been hard at times but also a lot of fun. Coaches and helpers reminded me why we were playing and helped me include God in every part of my life to give Him the glory." This year, she has had the opportunity to be part of the sports leadership class where she and her class spent a weekend in a remote village. She recalls how that weekend they slept in hammocks, swam in the river, and played with the children. That trip sparked a desire in her to some day move to a village and serve the people there.

In a few days she will be graduating with the Class of 2019 and will be preparing for her transition back to the states. She plans on pursuing a degree in nursing, which has been a dream of hers for many years.

Abby is thankful for her years at Grace. She is thankful for the community that has grown her faith in God and given her experiences she will never forget.