



JOLIET CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

TOP 25 STUDENTS OF 2019

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Diego Aguirre Salazar

Diego is the son of Edith and Ricardo Aguirre. In his time at Joliet Central High School, he has been a member of the Key Club, Junior Class Committee, and the Volleyball Team. Diego is an Illinois State Scholar and Central Student of the Month. Diego plans to attend Joliet Junior College, and eventually transfer to a four-year university to study Accountancy.

Melanie Alarcon Carrillo

Melanie is the daughter of Israel Alarcon and Imelda Carrillo. She is a member of Fearless Females, Senior Class Committee, Team Human, and Human Relations Club. Melanie has been inducted into National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is also the Vice President of Mu Alpha Theta and is an Illinois State Scholar. In the fall, Melanie will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Andrea Angeles

Andrea is the daughter of Armando and Erica Angeles. In her time at Central, she has been a member of the Key Club and the Cross Country and Track Teams. Andrea has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is an Illinois State Scholar and an Adam Award recipient. In the fall, Andrea will attend Joliet Junior College, then continue her education and eventually earn a doctorate in Pharmacy.

Angelina Archer

Angelina is the daughter of Cecilia and Leslie Archer. In her time at Central, she has been a member of the Key Club, Math Team, and Robotics Team. Angelina is an Illinois State Scholar and the recipient of the four-year President's Award Scholarship. In the fall, Angelina will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kora Bernhard

Kora is the daughter of Doug and Kathleen Bernhard. She is a member of the Tennis, Badminton, and Bowling Teams, as well as Math Team and Science Team. She is also in French Club, Senior Class Committee, and the Ballroom Dance Club. Kora has been inducted into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the French National Honor Society. She is an Illinois State Scholar, SAT Pacesetter, a Ms. J Finalist, and JTHS Student Ambassador. Kora is the recipient of the Presidential Excellence Scholarship and will attend Bradley University where she will major in Civil Engineering.

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Lesly Cervantes

Lesly is the daughter of Octavio and Maria Cervantes. She is Vice President of the Symphonic Band, Color Guard Captain of the Marching Band, and been a member of the Speech Team, Science Olympiad Team, Reality Check, and Powder Puff. Lesly received Kiwanis Student of the Month recognition and the Joliet Region Education Scholarship Medal. She is the recipient of the Joliet Region Education Scholarship. In the fall, Lesly will attend Lewis University where she will major in Forensic Science.

Francisco Chavez

Francisco is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Chavez. He has been a member of the Robotics Team, Math Team, STEM Club, and Senior Class Committee. Francisco has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He is an Illinois State Scholar, an AP Scholar with Honor, and the recipient of the Adam Award. Francisco will attend either Illinois Institute of Technology or the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to major in Computer Science.

Callista Cromwell

Callista is the daughter of Susan Chirico and Kevin Cromwell. She has held numerous leadership roles in the JROTC program, including captain of the Rifle Team, PT Leader of the Raider Team, Drill Team Platoon Commander, and Armed Exhibition Commander. She has also been a member of the Color Guard, Steel Battalion Staff, and the STEM Club. Callista has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is an Illinois State Scholar, a Ms. J Finalist, and a JTHS Student Ambassador. Callista has received a 4-year Army ROTC Scholarship. In the fall, Callista will attend either Northern Illinois University or the United States Naval Academy to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Micaela Delgado

Micaela is the daughter of Clemente and Lorena Delgado. She is a member of Key Club, Club Puentes, and Powder Puff. She is an Illinois State Scholar, a Ms. J Finalist, and a JTHS Student Ambassador. She is the recipient of the Pablo Marquez Scholarship and the Dr. Daniel Gutierrez Scholarship. In the fall, Micaela will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago and plans to study Dentistry.

Kania Ferrell

Kania is the daughter of Nicole Taylor and Karl Ferrell. She is a member of the Volleyball Team, Black Student Union, and French Club. Kania has been inducted into the French National Honor Society and is the recipient of the Kwanzaa Award. She will attend South Suburban College and plans to study Nursing.

Jonathan Gabl

Jonathan is the son of Jim and Jennifer Gabl. He is a member of the Symphony Orchestra, Scholastic Bowl Team, Robotics Team, E-Sports Club, and Math Team. Jonathan has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He is an SAT Pacesetter and National Merit Commended Scholar. Jonathan is undecided about where he will attend college, but he plans to major in Computer Science.

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Danial Hamidi

Danial is the son of Fauziah Ghani. He has been a member of the Math Team and has been inducted into the Mu Alpha Theta. Danial is an Illinois State Scholar, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and an SAT Pacesetter. In the fall, Danial will attend Joliet Junior College, then transfer to a four-year university and major in Practical Mathematics Development.

Jeanette Ibarra

Jeanette is the daughter of Benjamin Ibarra. She is a member of Senior Class Committee, an Illinois State Scholar, National Hispanic Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and SAT Pacesetter. Jeanette will attend the University of St. Francis where she will major in Biology.

Sierra Lawson

Sierra is the daughter of Nate Lawson and Chanelle Doolin. While at Joliet Central High School, Sierra has been a member of the Cheerleading Team and Key Club. She is an Illinois State Scholar. Sierra will attend Joliet Junior College or Lewis University and plans to major in Special Education.

Lauryn Luangsomkham

Lauryn is the daughter of Lisa and Lone Luangsomkham. She is a member of the Cheerleading, Badminton, and Chess Teams. She is also the Concert Mistress for Orchestra, Battalion XO for JROTC, and a member of the Multicultural Education Outreach Foundation. She is a Ms. J Finalist and a JTHS Student Ambassador. Lauryn has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is an Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar, Adam Award winner, and has received the MacArthur Foundation Leadership Award, the Pritzker Citizen Soldier Award, the American Legion Military Merit Medal, and the George C. Marshall Foundation Leadership and Academic Award. In the fall, Lauryn will attend Lewis University, where she plans to major in Biochemistry and minor in Business.

Sebastian Pantoja

Sebastian is the son of Jesus Pantoja. In his time at Central, he has been a member of the Key Club, Model UN, Math Team, and Baseball Team. Sebastian has been inducted into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Spanish Honor Society. He is an Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar, Mr. J Finalist, and a JTHS Student Ambassador. In the fall, Sebastian will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he will major in Engineering.

Ronald Pinnick

Ronald is the son of Ronald and Chandra Pinnick. In his time at Central, he has been a member of the Key Club and Black Student Union. Ronald has been inducted into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Spanish Honor Society. He is a Mr. J Finalist and an Illinois State Scholar. In the fall, Ronald will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Hannah Rausch

Hannah is the daughter of Phillip and Debra Rausch. She is a member of the JC Engineers, STEM Club, the JROTC Drill Team, Color Guard, Rifle Team, Leadership and Academic Bowl Team, and is JROTC Battalion Commander. Hannah is a Ms. J Finalist and JTHS Student Ambassador. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is an Illinois State Scholar,

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AP Scholar with Honor, SAT Pacesetter, and Adam Award recipient. Hannah will attend Lewis University where she will major in Physics.

Nate Schultz

Nate is the son of Cathy and Mark Schultz. He is a member of the Tennis Team, Speech Team, and Model UN Team. Nate spent a semester in Washington D.C. serving as a US Senate Page and has been a campaign coordinator and finance intern for Illinois State Senate and Illinois Governor candidates. He is an Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, Adam Award Recipient, Mr. J Finalist, and JTHS Student Ambassador. He has been inducted into the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Spanish Honor Society. In the fall, Nate plans to attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where he will pursue a degree in International Relations.

Aidan Walsh

Aidan is the son of Shawn and Amy Walsh. In his time at Central, he has been a member of the Golf, Bass Fishing, and Scholastic Bowl Teams. Aidan has been inducted into the National Honor Society, is a Mr. J Finalist, and has served as a JTHS Student Ambassador. In the fall, Aidan will attend Ohio University where he will major in Sports Management.