

Center High School
2018-2019

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BANQUET



AWARDS & DINNER
April 16, 2019

Schedule of Events

PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Krista McGee, Interim Principal

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Kathy Chirpich

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Alejandra Hernandez,

2014 Center Graduate

FRESHMEN SCHOLARS

Mr. Micah Fritz, Interim Assistant Principal

SOPHOMORE SCHOLARS

Mrs. Michelle Howren, Assistant Principal

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Mrs. Krista McGee, Interim Principal

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Mrs. Mary Kriegel, Teacher

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Marcie Calvin, Board of Education President

FRESHMEN

Samuel Asher
Travis Bentley
Brandon Chandler
Andrew Cook
Maddison Cunningham
Ethan Ford
Ceniah Giles
Marques Griffith
Rebecca Hanch
Savannah Holsman
Priyesh Joshi
Emilia Latas
Kaitlyn Lewis
Denny Mosby
James Myers
Arial Reberry
Joey Tejada
Jacob Westring
Kayshawn Whitworth

SOPHOMORES

Clayvonte Abner
Imane Bouhamidi
Phuong Thao Bui
Angeles Cruz
Karen Franco Perez
Tori German
Benjamin Lahann
Ainsley Lewis
Aniya Masterson
Bronwynne Miller
Nevaeh Misomali
Elhadji Mansour Ndiaye
Eleanor Peoples
Christin Rey
Emma Rogers
Khadidja Sonko
Kelby Wilchie-Morman

JUNIORS

Analynn Bullock
Gabriel Calvin
David Clarkson
Kimberly Cook
Joseph Ezeugo
Holly Gerry
Reina Gray

Xander Hacking
Ariana Hernandez
Brock Howerton
Ashly Mota-Perez
Zane Parker
Casey Rose
Demond Washington

YELLOWJACKETS



Bailey Calvin

Bailey Calvin is a 13-year Center student and will be studying elementary education and theater at Avila University next fall. She is currently a cadet teacher for Mrs. Devon Strahm at Red Bridge Elementary. She has been in the top 10% of her class all four years, participated on the math relay team, and enjoyed being a member of the swim team for three of her four years at Center. Bailey joined theater her senior year and recently had a role in the spring play as the medium Madam La Solda. This year, Bailey was inducted to the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Bailey has spent time volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House as well as at Children's Mercy Hospital. In line with her interest in different cultures, Bailey (and family) enjoyed hosting a foreign exchange student from Thailand her junior year.



Jaevyn Carson

Jaevyn Carson is a 9-year Center student who plans to study pre-law or media studies and also hopes to attend law school after obtaining her bachelor's degree. Jaevyn has always shown perseverance in pursuit of academic excellence, and has worked hard to letter in academics her junior and senior years and will graduate with a weighted GPA over 4.00. In addition, Jaevyn has been ranked in the top 10% of her class all four years while taking on a course load with many honors and dual credit courses. In her last two years of high school, Jaevyn has taken AP United States Government, dual credit Precalculus, AP American History, AP Spanish, dual credit Leadership, dual credit Statistics Honors, and dual credit Composition through the University of Missouri-Kansas City; she has earned As and Bs in all of these. Jaevyn has not only been involved in the classroom here at Center but in athletics as well. She has been a cheerleader for all four years of high school serving as the team captain her senior year and played girls' basketball and tennis for three years.



She played trumpet in the Mighty Marching Yellowjacket Band for three years. Jaevyn has also been a part of the Business and Finance Institute at CHS since freshman year. Jaevyn plans to enroll in the National Guard shortly, which will help to subsidize her educational costs. She has been accepted into several college programs including the University of Iowa, Nova Southeastern University, Seton Hall, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Northern Michigan University, the University of Houston, Missouri Western State University, and Graceland University, although she is undecided about where she will attend at this time. She has been awarded a renewable scholarship from Nova Southeastern University valued at \$64,000.



Rayanna Dial

Rayanna Dial is a 11-year Center student and is off to study physical therapy next fall. For all four years at CHS she has been ranked in the top 10% of her class, and has participated in an intensive athletic schedule as well. Rayanna has played basketball, soccer, volleyball, and danced on the Sapphires Dance Team. She has shown her leadership through roles as captain of the volleyball and soccer teams. She lettered in soccer for three years and lettered in volleyball and dance for one year each. Rayanna also participated in drumline and in our Student Government Association for two years. Rayanna lettered in academics her senior year, and received the Academic All-State Team Award from the Missouri Dance Team Association, and received the Missouri Association of Student Council's Gold Award from Center. Rayanna has been accepted into the University of Missouri, to the University of Iowa, and to Northwest Missouri State. She received a \$2,500 scholarship from Northwest Missouri State, but she plans to attend Mizzou which has offered her grants and scholarships totaling over \$15,000 per year.

Devyn Eason



Devyn Eason has been a part of the Center School District for 10 years and has chosen to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City next year to major in psychology and minor in theatre. Devyn has fought hard academically and has managed to make the top 10% of her class her senior year. She has spent her time at CHS running around the soccer field, blasting her sax on the football field, and zipping around the school for the Student Government Association. She jumped at the opportunity to join our theater community at CHS her sophomore year and truly fell in love with the stage. Outside of school, she has recently picked up dance classes and has thoroughly enjoyed herself; she plans to continue taking lessons at Lorna's Studio of Dance. Devyn has been accepted to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Missouri St. Louis, Avila University, Rockhurst University, Missouri Western State, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. UMKC has awarded Devyn over \$8,000 in grants and scholarships for her first year of college, including a renewable scholarship for \$2,000 per year: the Provost's Award.



Jordan Glover

Jordan Glover came to the Center School District his 5th grade year, and is now off to study Aerospace Engineering at Wichita State University where he was accepted into the Cohen Honors College. Jordan has been in the top 10% of his class every year at CHS while maintaining a rigorous course load. Jordan attended Summit Tech during his high school years, successfully completing Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Aerospace Engineering courses as part of Project Lead The Way. Jordan participated in the Yellowjackets Mighty Marching Band and Concert Band for all four years (serving as Head Drum Major his senior year) along with making the Honors Band his Sophomore, Junior and Senior

years. Jordan also joined Jazz Band for his Junior and Senior years. At WSU, Jordan hopes to join the Shocker Sound Marching Band. Jordan was also a member of the Yellowjackets Baseball team for four years, a member of the Student Government Association for all four years, and served as SGA President his senior year as well as serving as Senior Class President. Jordan was a member of the National Honor Society for both his junior and senior years and served as treasurer his senior year. He represented Center High School at the 79th Session of the Missouri Boys State, serving as a senator. Jordan has been accepted into engineering programs at Wichita State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Missouri University of Science & Technology. Jordan wants to thank all of his teachers, coaches, counselors, college advisors, and principals for their time, reference letters, and guidance which helped him meet his goal of being accepted into some of the top engineering programs in the country.



Dae'rese Hafeez

Dae'Rese Hafeez is a 5-year Center student who plans to study accounting and economics this fall. During his junior and senior years at CHS, he has been in the top 10% of his class and also lettered in academics for both of these years while challenging himself with a schedule that consisted mostly of honors or dual credit courses. Dae'Rese will graduate having earned at least 12 college credits through Honors Statistics and the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Honors Composition courses. Dae'Rese was a part of the Center drum line for his freshman and sophomore years, and played on the soccer team sophomore year. Next year, Dae'Rese plans to attend Coe College, and has been awarded their Trustee Scholarship valued at \$68,000 over four years.





LaShawn Handson

LaShawn Handson is a 13-year Center student who is planning to become a nurse or health-care professional, a career path that she has jump-started by enrolling in the Foundations of Nursing program at the Herndon Career Center her senior year. In addition, LaShawn was selected for the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Students Award of Excellence through Washington Adventist University. While at Center High School, LaShawn has been in the top 10% of her class for three of her four years. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society and has earned academic letters her freshman and senior years. During her time at Center, LaShawn was a part of the Mighty Marching Yellowjacket Band, played girls' basketball, and was a member of the track and field team. Additionally, LaShawn has been an active participant in bettering her community both in and out of school. She has participated in the Student Government Association and the A+ Program in school while volunteering at Harvesters and at the Marlborough Community Cleanup outside school. LaShawn has been accepted to Langston University, to Lincoln University, and to Northwest Missouri State. She plans on attending college in the fall; however, she is unsure of where she will attend at this time.



Jillian Kramschuster

Jillian Kramschuster has attended school in the Center School District since 7th grade and will graduate ranked first in her class, a status she has maintained throughout her four years of high school. Jillian has also participated in diverse activities while in high school, including the school newspaper (where she has served as editor), the CHS Book Club (where she was a group leader), Missouri Youth in Government (where she served as the senior press leader), and the National Honor Society (where she



was the vice president her senior year). Jillian has also participated in numerous sports, including swim, cheer, and dance, where she has consistently received varsity letters. She attended the Missouri Fine Arts Academy at Missouri State University during the summer of 2017, and has also earned a total of 15 college credit hours while at still in high school. Although she has excelled in many areas, Jillian is choosing to follow her passion. After a summer of studying dance full time either at the Ailey School in New York City or in the Deeply Rooted Dance School in Chicago, Jillian will attend her first-choice of colleges, the Conservatory of Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. The Conservatory has awarded her the Trustees' Finalist Scholarship Award of \$10,000 and she was also a nominee for the Center School District's Belcher Scholarship.



Jaiden Mattic

Jaiden Mattic is an 11-year Center student who plans to pursue a career in the field of psychology. Although this is her first year being in the top 10% of her class, she has been recognized for her work ethic and academic ability by lettering in academics her freshman, sophomore, and senior years. During her time at CHS she has participated in three sports: volleyball, basketball, and soccer; she has lettered in all three. Jaiden has enjoyed being the captain of the volleyball and soccer teams as she enjoys leading others. She has been accepted to numerous colleges including Wichita State University, Missouri State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Newman University, and Graceland University. She has been awarded a renewable scholarship from Graceland University worth \$58,000 over four years. She plans to attend Wichita State University in the fall to begin working toward a degree in psychology.

Christian McDonald



Christian McDonald is a 13-year Center student who plans to major in Sports Broadcast Journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia to pursue his dream of becoming a sports broadcaster. Christian has always possessed a strong passion for sports: he created his first sports talk video, “Sports Talk with Christian” which was published on YouTube when he was eight. As a high school student, he created a YouTube series called “TakeOff” on HiveTV to hone his production and broadcasting skills. He also worked as an intern for Sports Radio 810 WHB. Christian not only has a love for sports but also for his community. He has worked to help families in need through his volunteer work with Harvesters and two mission trips in Chicago. Christian also served on the Kansas City PBS Youth Ambassador Committee and has worked with current PBS members to improve their outreach to the younger generation in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Christian was also a dedicated member of the CHS Soccer Team. He was a four-year starter and named as a co-captain his senior year. Christian was awarded the designations of First Team All-Regional and First Team All-District senior year while helping to lead the team to an 11-5 record, the best for the team since 2010. Christian also played the trumpet as a band member from grades 5 through 11. Christian will attend Mizzou where he will receive \$9,000 annually in recurring scholarships through the George C. Brooks and Mark Allen Shipman Memorial Scholarships as well as an additional one-time \$1,000 scholarship from the Black Achievers Society. Christian is grateful for the teaching, experiences, and relationships obtained from Center that have prepared him for his future success.



Trevor Rey

Trevor Rey is a 13-year Center student and will be studying Biology and Pre-Med at Truman State University this fall. Trevor has earned 21 college credit hours during his time at CHS. He has been in the top 10% of his class each year. Additionally, he has been awarded \$24,000 in renewable scholarships and a \$30,000 Army ROTC scholarship to be used at Truman State University. He has also been awarded \$120,000 in renewable Athletic Scholarships from several colleges. The total sum of Trevor's grants and scholarships from the many programs he has been accepted to is \$267,600; these are both academic and athletic scholarships. He has been a part of the varsity wrestling team for all four years and has 98 career wins. He is a two-year co-captain, an Adidas All-American, and a State Qualifier in wrestling. He is also a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Community Service is also important to Trevor. He has documented over 650 hours of service, including seven mission trips and many hours volunteering at the ReStart homeless shelter. Additionally, Trevor has earned the Congressional Gold Medal Award; he is the only award recipient in Missouri's 5th Congressional District and only 1 of 11 individuals recognized in the state of Missouri for 2019. For 13 years Trevor has been a member of the Boy Scouts. He earned his Eagle Scout rank in May of 2018 and the title of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. In this line of service, for the past seven years he has served in the US Naval Sea Cadets Corps. He has risen to the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class and was third in command in his unit. Trevor has also taken on the task of earning money for college by working part time as a stocker at Price Chopper for the past year.

Dereck Richardson



Dereck Richardson is a 5-year Center student known for his outstanding work ethic and excellent character. Dereck will graduate from Center with a weighted GPA of 4.00 and has been in the top 10% of his class sophomore, junior, and senior years; during his junior and senior years, Dereck took on a rigorous course schedule, earning high marks in AP United States Government, Algebra II Honors, dual credit Pre-calculus, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Honors Composition. Dereck was also inducted into the National Honor Society, where he now serves as secretary. He has pursued his passion for culinary arts by enrolling in the Culinary Arts Program at Herndon Career Center where he was part of the management team. This culinary team competed and won first place at the state level and will be competing in Washington D.C. this Spring. He accomplished this goal by excelling in his ProStart classes at CHS. Dereck has also been a part of the Business and Finance Institute since his sophomore year, which has helped him prepare for a career in finance or business management. He also has an interest in studying psychology. Outside of school, Dereck has danced for Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey and has volunteered with his church. Dereck has been accepted to Northwest Missouri State University and has been awarded the Sullivan Scholarship—valued at \$16,000—though he is undecided about where he will attend next fall.



Christian Ricketts

Christian Ricketts is an 11-year Center student who plans to study business and sports management this fall. During his illustrious career at CHS he has been in the top 10% of his class each year, and has played on the varsity soccer and baseball teams. He was selected two times to captain or co-captain the soccer team and helped the team to an incredible season his senior year. Christian has been inducted into the National Honor

Society, was a member of the Student Government Association, was a College Ambassador, an A+ Tutor, and competed in the Math Relays while in high school. Christian is also quite involved in activities and in the community outside of school. Christian participates in club soccer, YWP of Second Missionary Baptist Church service group—where he has served others for over 200 hours of community service—and has participated in Boy Scouts. He has been accepted to numerous college programs including the University of Miami, Arizona State University, Rockhurst University, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Louisiana State University. Christian has been selected to receive a renewable scholarship of \$10,000 per year as a KC Scholar and has also been awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 from the Black Achievers Society. Christian plans to attend Mizzou which has offered him grants and scholarships totaling over \$11,000 per year.



Savannah Simpson



Savannah Simpson has been a part of the Center School District for 13 years and is planning to further her education in the area of arts and sciences next year. Savannah has lettered in academics and remained in the top 10% of her class every year of her high school career. She has also remained involved outside the classroom during her time at CHS: she has been an active member of the CHS Book Club, Game Club, and Key Club, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society. Lettering twice as a member of Key Club, she has earned more than 100 hours of community service at this time. Savannah has also shown leadership and determination as co-captain of the girls' varsity swimming and diving team; she has lettered in this sport every year. Savannah will begin her college career with 12 credit hours that she has received through dual credit math courses and through the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Honors Composition courses. She has been accepted into several college programs and is now making her final decision between the University of Missouri-Columbia and Missouri Western State Univer-

sity. Savannah has been awarded \$500 as a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship essay contest; she is also the winner of the UMKC High School College Partnerships Scholarship Essay contest. Winning this contest includes the potential to be selected for a \$5,000 renewable scholarship, and her essay will be considered for publication in UMKC's Sosland Journal.



Kathryn Tanner

Kathryn Tanner is a 13-year Center student. She has been accepted to the undergraduate programs of the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, the University of Minnesota, the Missouri University of Science & Technology, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Together, she has been offered over \$120,000 in scholarships and grants to pursue her degree. While at Center, Kathryn has earned at least 9 college credits (pending AP test results) and has been in the top 10% of her class every year. She has been thoroughly involved during her time in high school and has held many leadership positions with aplomb: National Honor Society President, Student Government Association Treasurer, captain of the girls' tennis team, woodwinds section captain, and CHS Book Club President. Outside of the classroom Kathryn has dedicated much of her time to serving others and has been a Children's Mercy Student Volunteer throughout her high school years. Last summer Kathryn partook in an internship program and represented Center as a Young Entrepreneurs Program Kansas City (YEP) Scholar. While she is still undecided at this time about where she will attend next year, Kathryn plans to major in chemical engineering.

Audrey Tsack



Audrey Tsack is a 6-year Center student who is off to study criminology this fall. During every one of her years at Center High School, she has been ranked in the top 10% of her class and has also received academic letters each year. She will graduate with 12 college credits through dual credit Spanish and through dual credit Composition offered by the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She is also the recipient of this year's Center English Language Learners Scholarship, a one-time scholarship valued at \$1,000. Audrey has the gift of language. Her first language is French and she started studying English in 2013 as a seventh grader when her family moved to Kansas City from Cameroon. By the end of her freshman year here at CHS, Audrey had tested out of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program and began to study Spanish, her third language, with a passion. Only a person who loves language would pursue learning a third language. She has always attempted to talk with her Spanish-speaking classmates using only Spanish. Additionally, Audrey possesses a helpful and compassionate spirit: she has always been willing to help others who are struggling with their class work. She is a great example for her peers. Audrey also has earned perfect attendance over her four years at CHS, a considerable feat. Next year, Audrey plans to attend Metropolitan Community College (MCC) at Penn Valley.



Deontre Winston

Deontre is a 13-year Center student who plans to study sports business in college next year at Arizona State University. In high school Deontre has been top 10% of his class each year, lettering in academics each year as well.

Due to this academic excellence, Deontre has been accepted to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Rockhurst University, the University of Kansas, Northwest Missouri State, and Arizona State University. Deontre has been awarded the renewable KC Scholars Traditional Scholar-

ship valued at \$40,000 to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and in addition has been offered a renewable scholarship worth \$58,000 over four years to attend Arizona State University. While demonstrating excellence in the classroom, Deontre has also excelled in extracurricular activities. Deontre has participated in track and field, boys' basketball his freshman year, and has been a key member of the football team each year, even being selected to be a captain his senior year. Deontre has been inducted as a member of the National Honor Society, and is active in the Student Government Association. Deontre also chooses to serve others outside of school, participating in Harvesters outreach programs, and serving on the board of CommunityAmerica's teen program.



Townsend Yu

Townsend Yu is a 13-year Center student who plans to study either nursing or computer science in college. During his four years at CHS, he has been in the top 10% during his freshmen and now senior years. Known by staff and peers for his strong work ethic, Townsend has graduated from Center's English as a Second Language Program and will also graduate from Center with at least 3 college credits with the potential to earn more through AP testing. During his high school years, Townsend has played two seasons as a member of the boys' soccer team, has marched for three seasons with the Mighty Marching Yellowjacket Band, and has played for the golf team for three years. Throughout high school, Townsend has diligently work to help support his family by working at the family restaurant every day after his school and extracurricular events. He has applied to and been accepted by the University of Missouri-Columbia, which he plans to attend in the near future. Townsend first plans to enlist in the National Guard to serve others and to subsidize his college expenses.



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