

CENTER HIGH SCHOOL  
2017-2018

ACADEMIC  
AWARD BANQUET

AWARDS + DINNER  
APRIL 10, 2018  
6PM

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the awards presentation.*

# *Schedule of Events*

## PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

*Mrs. Krista McGee, Assistant Principal*

## INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

*Mrs. Kathy Chirpich*

## GUEST SPEAKER

*Mr. Bret Eubank,*

1999 Center Graduate

## FRESHMEN SCHOLARS

*Mrs. Michelle Howren, Assistant Principal*

## SOPHOMORE SCHOLARS

*Mrs. Krista McGee, Assistant Principal*

## JUNIOR SCHOLARS

*Mrs. Michelle Howren, Assistant Principal*

## SENIOR SCHOLARS

*Mr. Jonathan Dandurand, Teacher*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Mr. Joe Nastasi, Board of Education President*

## PROGRAM COVER DESIGN

*Ms. Rebecca Buss, Senior*

## FRESHMAN

Clayvonte Abner  
Imane Bouhamidi  
Phuong Thao Bui  
Angeles Cruz  
Karen Franco Perez  
Tori German  
Dajainae Lacey  
Benjamin Lahann  
Ainsley Lewis  
Jordan Manning  
Aniya Masterson  
Bronwynne Miller  
Elhadji Mansour Ndiaye  
Eleanor Peoples  
Christin Rey  
Emma Rogers  
Christian Shelton  
Khadidja Sonko  
Sania Tucker  
Kelby Wilchie-Morman

## SOPHOMORES

Sarah Asher  
Analynn Bullock  
Gabriel Calvin  
David Clarkson  
Kimberly Cook  
Joseph Ezeugo  
Holly Gerry  
Reina Gray  
Xander Hacking  
Ariana Hernandez  
Brock Howerton  
Jasmine Maqsood  
Ashly Mota-Perez  
Zane Parker  
Casey Rose  
Demond Washington

## JUNIORS

Bailey Calvin  
Jaevyn Carson  
Rayanna Dial  
Gracious Ford Brownlee  
Jordan Glover  
Jillian Kramschuster  
Christian McDonald

Trevor Rey  
Dereck Richardson  
Christian Ricketts  
Savannah Simpson  
Kathryn Tanner  
Audrey Tsafack  
Deontre Winston

YELLOWJACKETS



## SHELBY BASS

Shelby Bass has done it all during her time at CHS. She has captained the varsity cheer team, participated regularly with the drama department, sang in the honors choir, served as vice-president of the National Honors Society, college ambassador, and was elected both homecoming and courtwarming royalty. Shelby represented us at the Missouri Scholars Academy, received the UCA Leadership Award, and went to district and state with the choir. While earning a spot in the top 10% of her class every year at CHS, she also completed 22 college credits and was in HSAA four years. She was accepted into both Missouri State and Mizzou who have offered her a combined total of \$20,000 in merit-based scholarships. She is also a recipient of \$10,000 per year as a KC Scholar, a program created by the Kauffman Foundation and \$1,000 per year from the Black Achievers Society. Shelby will attend MU in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing or pharmacy.



## CIERRA BRITT



Cierra Britt is a 13 year Center student and is off to study criminology and psychology. During every one of her years at CHS, she has been in the top 10% of her class, played on the volleyball team and danced with our dance team. She has lead through her roles as co-captain of the dance team, senior class vice-president, and member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she has represented our district at Girls State, performed on the competition team of United Dance Studio, and stayed involved with the youth program at her church. Cierra has been accepted into the programs of MU, Missouri State, UMKC, UCM, and Northwest Missouri State. She will receive \$10,000 per year as a KC Scholar, and the Belcher Scholarship, and plans to attend Mizzou which has offered her grants and scholarships totaling over \$13,000 per year.



## REBECCA BUSS

Rebecca Buss will attend Metropolitan Community College next year. She was also accepted by Johnson County Community College, UMKC, and Lincoln University. Becca is a 13 year Center student, an A+ scholarship recipient, and has already earned 9 college credit hours.

While at CHS, she has been a vital contributor to our drama program, a proud member of our band, and served in the Student Government Association. She also designed the cover of tonight's program.



## JUSTIN CLUBINE

Justin Clubine will become a Roo next year at UMKC where he plans to study accounting. He has earned their Chancellor's Scholar and UMKC Achievement awards. His grants and scholarships amount to \$47,000 in aid over the course of his college career. Justin has been a Center kid since the second grade. During those years, he's represented us at Boys State, served as a member of the National Honor Society, earned 19 third place and higher awards in math competitions, worked with the drama department, been on the Academic Team, played in the band, and completed twelve college credits while staying involved with Boy Scouts and holding down a job.





## BIMAL DAHAL

Bimal Dahal has been employed by the Center School District for the past year. While his cohort class was starting their Junior year, Bimal began studies on the campus of Metropolitan Community College. When they began their last year of high school, Bimal began working with our technology department to keep the hundreds of machines used every day by Center School District students and staff running. He has earned certificates in Network Pro, IT Fundamentals, and will leave us with a completed Associate's Degree in Applied Science. He plans to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science at the University of Central Missouri. He did all of this, participated on the soccer team, and track team after completing work in our English Language Learners program during his freshman and sophomore years.



## DAVID EZEUGO



David Ezeugo will be the first of his family to attend college in the United States. He and his family courageously made a new start here when David was in the fourth grade. A proud Nigerian and American, David has built a strong start on his family's hard work. He has taken on challenging coursework, been in the top 10% of his class multiple times, attended the Rockhurst Summer Math Program, played a key role on the soccer team, worked in drama productions, kept a part-time job, was crowned courtwarming royalty, and earned 9 college credits. He plans to study health sciences at Mizzou in the fall where his tuition and fees are largely covered by grants and scholarships earned through his successes here. Notably, he considers one of his most important accomplishments in our community to have been his ability to brighten others' days, to be a cheerful confidant, and friend.



## CHEYENNE HENDRICKS

Cheyenne Hendricks plans to attend UMKC or Avila this fall to study film. She was also accepted into the programs of Lincoln University and Johnson County Community College. A student at Center since the sixth grade, she has been a Girl Scout, and worked on the crew of the drama department. During her four years in the band as a flutist, she is especially proud of her participation in the Royals Day Parade after Kansas City won the World Series.



## HAYDEN JUNDT



Hayden Jundt is a 13 year Center student. He has been a member of the band for eight years and trumpet section leader since Junior year. Hayden has captained the CHS golf team for three years, was a sectional qualifier sophomore year, all-district and state qualifier junior year, and won a tournament at the Country Creek Golf Course. He is a member of the National Honors Society, and volunteers regularly at Christ Community Church. Hayden will graduate this spring having completed 9 college credit hours and knowing that he earned “TWO” A’s in Steliga’s class. He will study Urban Planning and Design at UMKC who has awarded him their Chancellor’s Scholar Award, worth up to \$12,500 over the course of his college career.





## JULIAN KIWINDA

Julian Kiwinda has been accepted in the the undergraduate programs of the University of Virginia, Brandeis University, New York University, the University of Minnesota, Loyola, Trinity, and Buena Vista. Together, they have offered him over \$470,000 in institutional scholarships. He is still weighing his options, but plans to study political science in the fall. While here at Center, he has played saxophone in the band for eight years, been in the top 10% of his class three years, earned college credits in multiple courses, worked with the Young Entrepreneurs Program, and partnered with Fishtech. Julian took on many roles in extracurricular activities including: Captain of the Improv Team, Political Science Club President, and National Honors Society Treasurer. As an Eagle Scout, he worked to benefit the Rose Brooks organization through a donation drive. He attended the United States Naval Academy Summer Stem Camp in 2016 and the Missouri Youth and Government Convention from 2014 - 2017, focusing on the Government Conference on National Affairs in 2017 and 2018.



## DUNCAN MACDONALD

Duncan MacDonald has been at Center since Kindergarten. In the top 10% of his class every year at CHS, Duncan attended Summit Technology Academy, is an Eagle Scout, a member of the National Honors Society, and was co-chair of the blood drive. He has been in the band for eight years, served as drumline co-captain, lettered 4 years, and was named most improved performer freshman year. Duncan will leave us having already earned college credits from UCM, UMKC, and Rockhurst and plans to study cyber security and engineering.





## BETHANY MILLER

Bethany Miller is a 13 year Center student. She has been in the top 10% of her class every year during high school, played in the band since the 9th grade, and served as a drum major senior year. Bethany is in the National Honors Society, a volunteer at Indian Creek Elementary, and a member of the math relay team, earning first place in two categories and second in another. As a KC Scholar, she will receive \$10,000 per year towards her undergraduate degree. Bethany will leave us having earned nine college credits and acceptance into the programs of UMKC and Lincoln University. She plans to study dental hygiene in the fall at UMKC who has granted her the Chancellor's Scholar Award.



## ABBIE NASTASI



Abbie Nastasi is off to study Early Childhood Education at the University of Central Missouri where she has been awarded the Red and Black Scholarship valued at \$10,000 over four years. She was also accepted into Northwest Missouri State, Missouri State, and Truman. She has been selected for Truman's A+ Recognition award, Northwest Missouri Tower Scholar award, and a scholarship from the Daughters of the American Revolution. During her 13 years as a Yellowjacket, Abbie has earned 18 college credits and a place in the top 10% of her class every year of high school. She attended Girls State, won multiple awards on the math relay team, volunteered extensively at Boone Elementary, with the Eagle and Girl Scouts, served as Secretary of NHS, and visited Costa Rica with her Spanish Class. In band, Abbie held many leadership positions at Districts and attended State twice. On or behind the stage, Abbie has been a part of theater productions since the 6th grade. She has been a stage manager, chorus member, President of Players 58, playwright, director, starred in Rumors as Chris Gorman and William Barfee in The 25th Annual County Spelling Bee.



## SIERRA REED

Sierra Reed is a renaissance woman. An accomplished dancer, she was a Universal Dance Association All-American Dancer, qualified twice as a soloist at State, was on the Missouri Dance Team Association Academic All-State Team 4.0, placed first as a soloist at the KC Classic Dance Competition, and was a featured performer at the Kauffman Performing Arts Center for the Future Stages Festival. She has been a leader in our school as NHS President, SGA President, College Ambassador, Volleyball Captain, and Danceline Captain. On the side, she has maintained her place as a top scholar in her class, was accepted into Avila, Rockhurst, Creighton, UMKC, Stevens, and the Honors Colleges of KU, MSU, and the University of Minnesota. Collectively, they have offered her more than \$418,000 in the hopes of luring her to their institutions. Next year, she will attend Avila to focus on dance and pre-med.



## TERRANNIE SCOTT

TerrAnnie Scott will be the second generation of her family to attend the University of Missouri - Kansas City where she will study architecture. She is the recipient of the Chancellor's Scholar Award and has almost entirely financed her college career through a combination of scholarships and grants. TerrAnnie has earned a spot in the top 10% of her class every year at CHS, has earned 18 college credits through UMKC and Rockhurst, lettered in tennis, participated on the golf team, and served as Future Health Professionals secretary. She also designed the cover of this year's Graduation program.





## ALEXIS SIMPSON

Alexis Simpson has been in the top 10% of her class every year of high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, and a Summit Technology Academy Student Ambassador. She volunteered at Don Bosco and People-to-People, is active with the Key Club, BFI, the Rotary Club, and Book Club. As an athlete, Lexi played on the baseball team, lettered on the tennis team and swim teams, and was nominated for Kansas City Scholar Athlete of the Year. She is a 13 year Center student and will leave us having earned 21 college credits and acceptance into the programs of MU, Northwest Missouri State, the University of Denver, and the University of Northern Colorado. In addition to the DAR Scholarship, the Good Citizen Award, and the Angela Pearson Scholarship, the previously listed institutions have collectively offered Lexi scholarship and grant packages totalling over \$88,000. She plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado this fall to study Environmental Science and Sustainability.



## JOELLEANNE TEJADA



Joelleanne Tejada is a 13 year Center student and has been in the top 10% of her class every year of high school. She has been accepted into the programs of Missouri State, UMKC, Mizzou, and the University of Central Missouri. They have awarded her the MSU Deans' Scholarship and the UCM Red and Black Scholarship valued at \$16,000 over four years. Having earned 27 college credits, Joelleanne will attend Missouri State next year needing just one additional course to be classified as a sophomore. She participated in the danceline, cheer team, band, and was a homecoming princess. She was a member of SGA and Players 58 throughout high school, acting in three musicals, serving as dance choreographer assistant for two years, a techie, and a makeup artist. Even with all of these accomplishments, she is most proud of the diversity of her friends, what they have taught her, and how she has been able to encourage them.



## MIA WASHINGTON

Mia Washington has been awarded over \$250,000 to pursue her undergraduate degree in Biology by Clark Atlanta University, Howard, Coe College, the University of Iowa, Benedictine, Iowa Wesleyan, George Mason, Saint Louis University, Maryville, Missouri Western, and Stephens College. She has been in the top 10% of her class since freshman year and has already earned nine college credit hours. In her years at CHS, she has been a member of the FCCLA and was homecoming court royalty. Mia lettered as a member of the cheer, swim, and track teams as well as for her role as a football manager. Outside of school, she volunteered with a reading program and the Pulse Performing Arts Competition for four years. She is most proud of her perseverance in the face of challenges and sees graduation as both a singular moment of achievement as well as one step in a larger journey.

