

WELCOME TO THE
CENTER HIGH SCHOOL
2014-2015

*Academic Excellence
Banquet*

AWARDS & DINNER

MARCH 10, 2015
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

Mr. Joe Gunderson, Principal

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Kathy Chirpich, Teacher

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Marius Johnson, 2004 Center Graduate

FRESHMEN SCHOLARS

Mrs. Krista McGee, Counselor

SOPHOMORE SCHOLARS

Mr. Troy Butler, Assistant Principal

JUNIOR SCHOLARS

Mr. Joe Gunderson, Principal

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Ms. Sarah Foster, Teacher

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Joe Nastasi, Board of Education President

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Proprietor: Mario Brancato, Center High School Class of 1976

FRESHMAN

MacKenzie Anderson
Shelby Bass
Rose Becker
Cierra Britt
Justin Clubine
Benjamin Daniel
David Ezeugo
Joshua Gibbs
Trezmond Jackson
Duncan MacDonald
Bethany Miller
Keith Mueller
Abbie Nastasi
Garren Perkins
Sierra Reed
Terrannie Scott
Alexis Simpson
Jolleanne Tejada
Micheal Walburn
Shamar Ward
Mia Washington

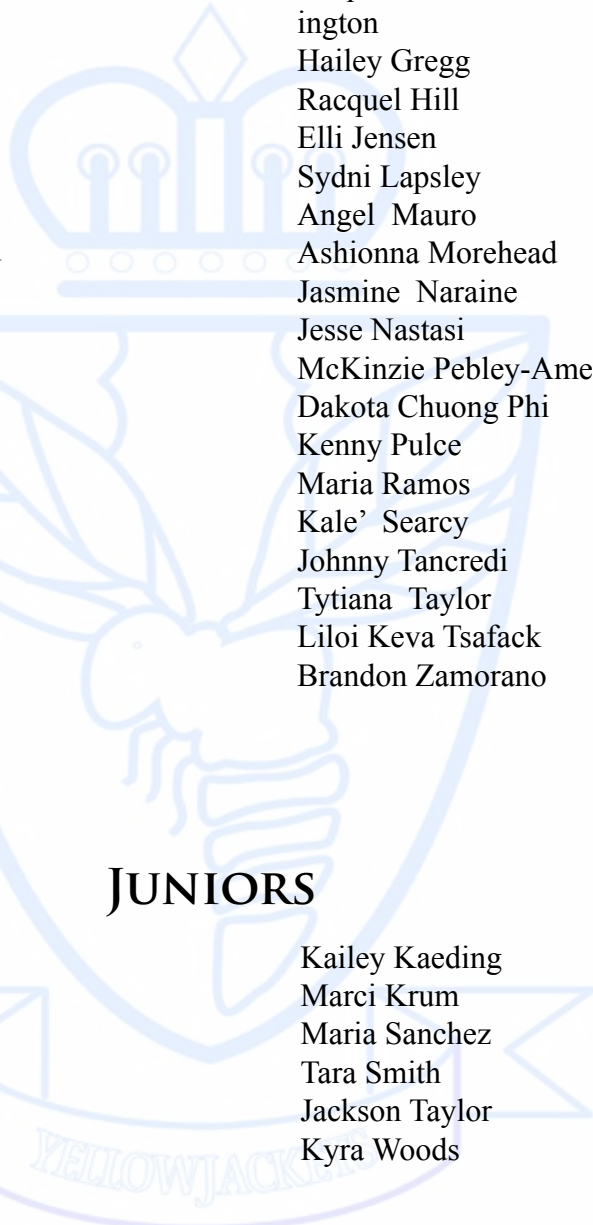
SOPHOMORES

Jessica Cruz
Josefina Esparza
Jacqueline Goldsmith-Buffington
Hailey Gregg
Racquel Hill
Elli Jensen
Sydni Lapsley
Angel Mauro
Ashionna Morehead
Jasmine Naraine
Jesse Nastasi
McKinzie Pebley-Amerine
Dakota Chuong Phi
Kenny Pulce
Maria Ramos
Kale' Searcy
Johnny Tancredi
Tytiana Taylor
Liloi Keva Tsafack
Brandon Zamorano

JUNIORS

Caitlin Campbell
Jacqueline Clemens
Audrey Colley
Amaia Cook
Rita Hanch
Mariana Hernandez
Annamarie Hurst

Kailey Kaeding
Marci Krum
Maria Sanchez
Tara Smith
Jackson Taylor
Kyra Woods





Philemon Abel will attend Williams College in Northwest Massachusetts in the fall and plans to study Pre-law. He wants to become a civil lawyer, a judge, an attorney general, and eventually a Supreme Court Justice. Philemon is being offered a \$52,670 scholarship package through Williams College. He also has been awarded the Belcher Scholarship for \$300. Philemon lettered in track his freshmen year. A member of the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band, he lettered for four years. His freshmen and junior years he was the Saxophone Section Leader and his senior year he was Woodwind Captain. His sophomore year, Philemon received the Excellence in Marching and Maneuvering Award. His junior year he received the Most Valuable Player Award for band. Philemon is a member of Players 58 and the Center Improv Team. He competed in Academic Team for two years. A member the Center Debate Team for three years, he received a First Place at Raytown South Student Congress, First Place at Lincoln Prep Parliamentary, and First Place at Washington High. This spring, Philemon has been selected to represent Center High School at the Regional Qualifier for The Great Communicator Debate Series. Philemon also competed in Math Relays his sophomore, junior, and senior years. Among many awards, Philemon has received First Place for Algebra Medley at Prep-KC 2012, First Place for Geometry Medley at Prep-KC 2012, Second Place for ACT Medley at Prep-KC 2013, Second Place for Algebra Medley at Prep-KC 2013, First Place in Calculus at Ft. Osage Math Relays 2014, and Third Place in Mental Math at Ft. Osage Math Relays 2014. He lettered for Mathletes in 2014. Philemon is the Vice President of National Honor Society. He is the President of Poetry Club. A member of PoliSci Club, he was Co-Secretary his junior year and President his senior year. Philemon attended Missouri Youth in Government for three years. He was awarded Most Promising New Attorney in 2012. He won First Place in the Moot Trial Competition in 2013 and Best Judge in 2014. Philemon also presided over the semi-final trial his senior year. Philemon attended the American Legion-sponsored Missouri Boys State in June 2014. At Boys State, he was elected Frank County Circuit Judge and Attorney General. Mr. Abel attended Missouri Scholars Academy in the summer of 2013. This year, Philemon has been an Attorney and a Judge for the KC Youth Court, volunteering approximately 40 hours to help first-time juvenile offenders. For his poetry, Philemon received First Place at the Omega Psi Phi Regional Talent Hunt winning \$300 and Third Place at Omega Psi Phi District Talent Hunt winning \$200. Philemon is involved at his church where he plays his saxophone with the choir. He received an academic letter and scholarship pin all four years here at CHS. This is the fourth year he has been honored in the top ten percent of his class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. His junior year, Philemon received 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In 2014, Philemon took the AP Calculus AB exam, scoring "Well-Qualified" and the AP Government exam, scoring "Qualified." This May he plans on taking the AP Calculus BC and the AP English Literature exams. Philemon has attended the Center School District for 13 years.

Makayla Bullock will attend Missouri State University in Springfield in the fall. She plans to study nursing and she wants to be a Certified Registered Nurse of Anesthesia. She is waiting to hear about financial packages in April. Her freshmen year, she was a member of the Center High School Cross Country team and she lettered that year. Her sophomore and senior years, Makayla also lettered in track. Makayla was a member of the Center High School Swim team, lettering all four years. Her sophomore and junior years, she was the Captain of the Swim Team. Through her sophomore, junior, and senior years, she won All-Conference in the 500 Free Style, the 100 Back Stroke, and the 100 Fly Stroke. She participated in Academic Team her junior year. Makayla competed in Math Relays her sophomore year, placing in the top 10. Makayla is a member of National Honor Society and DECA. This year, Miss Bullock won Fifth Place for Principles of Marketing and Second Place for her Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan, which qualified her for the State competition. As a Lee's Summit Technology Program student, Makayla has gone through the process to be a Certified Nursing Assistant and she is already certified in CPR and First Aid. Makayla has worked at Diamond Gym Academy since her sophomore year. Makayla has over 98 hours of A+ Tutoring at Boone Elementary School where she helped a fourth grade class room. She was Homecoming Princess her freshmen year. She received academic letters all four years. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of her class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Makayla has taken several AP courses at Center High School. In addition, she was enrolled in 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri-Kansas City last year. In the fall of 2014, she received 3 college credits for Algebra from UMKC as well. She has attended the Center School District for 13 years.



Nick Cianciolo is deciding between several schools including the University of Missouri, the University of Michigan, the University of Alabama, the University of California- Los Angeles, the University of California- Berkeley, the University of Southern California, and California Polytechnic State University. He plans to study Computer Engineering. At this time he has been offered is \$158,800 total in scholarships for college, which includes the Alabama Presidential Scholarship for full cost of tuition. Nick is a

Missouri Bright Flight Scholar. He lettered on the Center Baseball Team for four years. He played short stop and pitcher. In 2013, he won All Conference and First Team All-District. He also played soccer for four years as well. He lettered on the Center Boys Soccer Varsity Team for three years. In 2012, his team was District Champion and made it to the State quarter-finals. He has been active in the Mighty Marching Yellow-Jacket Band for four years, lettering each year. He has been the Drumline Captain for two years. He received a 2 rating at State in 2012. Nick was a member of the Center Debate Team his sophomore year. He lettered his senior year for Academic Team, win-

ning First Team All-Conference this past weekend. Nick competed in Math Relays his freshmen and sophomore years. He won the Freshmen Division in 2012 and he won six First Place Awards and two Second Place Awards in computation over the years. Nick is president of National Honor Society this year. Mr. Cianciolo attended Missouri Scholars Academy in the summer of 2013. Nick participates in Project Lead the Way and in 2014 he was a State Finalist for Music Production. He is an Eagle Scout, with a Gold Palm. He has had a few jobs over the course of his high school career, working around 20 hours a week. He is an A + tutor for the engineering class. He was nominated for Courtwarming King his senior year. He received academic letters and scholarship pins all four years at CHS. This is the fourth year he has been honored in the top ten percent of his class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. His junior year, he received 10 college credits from the University of Missouri- Kansas City for Spanish. Nick took the AP Government exam in 2013 receiving a “Qualified” Score, and the AP US History exam in 2014 receiving an “Extremely Well Qualified” score. In 2015 he plans on taking AP English Literature, AP Calculus BC, and AP Chemistry exams. He started at Center his first grade year and has attended the Center School District for 12 years.

Natalie Estabrook is deciding between the University of Central Missouri, Kansas State University, and Longview Community College. She wants to be a professional helicopter pilot and plans to study aviation. She has been offered the Black and Red Scholarship at UCM for \$2,000 renewable every year. She was nominated for the 100 High School Girls Award sponsored by the Kansas City Branch of The American Association of University Women. Natalie swam for the Yellow Jacket Swim Team her sophomore year and played on the Center Volleyball Team her junior and senior years. She also competed in Math Relays and was a medalist her junior year. She lettered for Mathletes in 2014. Sophomore and junior years, she received academic letters and scholarship pins and she will receive an academic letter this year. Miss Estabrook has been an A+ tutor for Gifted English classes for 3 years and even volunteered several hours per week on her own time. Natalie has worked at multiple jobs over the last three years, averaging 24 hours a week on top of her studies. Natalie will take the AP English Literature exam in May. She is currently enrolled to receive 3 college credits from Rockhurst for Precalculus and 3 credits for College Algebra from Longview Community College. Natalie has attended several different types of schools including homeschool, private school, and public schools across three different states. Natalie, however, chose, despite having few ties to Center at the time, to stay in our school for the last three years. She truly is a YellowJacket at heart.





Daven Fowler will attend Howard University in the fall. He is deciding between two majors: Business Management and Communications. Mr. Fowler wants to be a sports agent one day. While he was offered several scholarships to schools which he will not attend, he is waiting to hear about his financial package from Howard University. Daven played on the Center Boys Basketball Team for four years. His junior year, he competed on the varsity Academic Team. He is a member National Honor Society and DECA. Daven

is involved at his church. He has worked at the College Basketball Experience for 16 hours a week, since his sophomore year. Daven has volunteered for 30 hours at Goodwill. Also through the Jack and Jill Association, he has volunteered at Mission and Harvesters. He is the Kansas City President for the Jack and Jill organization, a leadership organization for African American youth. He was the Homecoming Prince his freshman year. He is a technology support student at the high school currently. He received academic letters and pins all four years. This is the fourth year he has been honored in the top ten percent of his class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. His junior year, Daven received 3 college credits for Precalculus from Rockhurst University. In the fall of 2014, Daven received 3 college credits from Drury University for Dual Credit in Leadership. His senior year, he will receive 3 college credits from the University of Missouri- Kansas City for Algebra and 2 credits for Trigonometry. Daven plans to take the AP English Literature and AP History exams in May of 2015. He has attended the Center School District for 12 ½ years.

Anthony Gilyard is deciding between the University of Missouri Kansas City, the Missouri University of Science & Technology, Drake University, and Gustavus Adolphus College. He plans to study Computer Sciences or Management Information Systems. He will be awarded the Colleen MacAdams Scholarship this year, and he has been offered the UMKC Chancellor's Scholarship for \$2,500, which is renewable for five years. As a manager of the Center Baseball Team, he lettered for two years and he was the also Book keeper. His freshman year, Anthony played football and was a member of the Power Jacket Club. He lettered that year as well. His senior year he volunteered to be the lead camera man for the football team. Mr. Gilyard has been active in choir. Along with the 87th Street Singers, he received a "Superior" Rating at the District Competition. Anthony competed at State with the 87th Street Choir in 2014. Anthony competed in Math Relays, receiving First Place Finish in the District in 2013. Anthony is a member National Honor Society. He was in the Student Government Association his freshman and sophomore years. He was in the math club, the Pi Society, his junior year. His sophomore, junior, and senior years, he was the president of Future Business Leaders of America. His senior year, he competed with FBLA at Districts earning Fourth Place for his Business Presentation and Fifth Place for his Business Plan. His junior year he



co-created the NBA 2K Video Game tournament. Anthony volunteers as an A+ Tutor. He was the PE Student of the Month his freshmen year. Freshman, sophomore and junior years, he received academic letters. This is the fourth year he has been honored in the top ten percent of the class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. His junior year, he received 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and 3 college credits for Precalculus at Rockhurst. He is taking the AP English Literature, AP Chemistry, AP Spanish, and AP Calculus exams in May. Anthony has attended the Center School District for 13 years.



In the fall *Matthew Hauser* plans on attending Colorado State University. Matt has been offered scholarships but is still waiting to hear about the final package from Colorado State. He has been offered these merit scholarships so far: the Central State University Provost Scholarship for \$8,000 per year and the Western State Mountaineer Scholarship for \$7,500 per year. He lettered in wrestling his sophomore and junior years. He played for the Center Boys Soccer Team his junior and senior years. He competed on the Academic Team his junior year. Matt has been active in the Mighty Marching Yellow-Jacket Band since his sophomore year and has maintained his First Chair for the Tuba all three years he has been at Center. Matt participated in One Acts his sophomore and junior years, and his senior year he wrote and directed for the Senior One Acts. Matt is a member of National Honor Society, Student Government Association, PoliSci Club, and he helped to develop the Guitar Club. Matt attended Missouri Youth in Government where he won Semifinals his junior year and the Best Mentor his senior year. Sophomore, junior and senior years, he received academic letters. Mr. Hauser is ranked as an Eagle Scout. He won the Scholastic Gold Key for Photography in the Midwest Region and applied to Nationals. He has been an active participant in the Society of Creative Anachronism since his birth. His senior year, he has worked at Starbucks for 25-30 hours a week. His junior year he received 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri- Kansas City and this year he received 3 college credits for Algebra from UMKC as well. Matt took the AP Biology exam his junior year, receiving a score of "Qualified." He plans to take the AP English Literature and AP Spanish exams in May. He has attended the Center School District for 10 years total.

Noah Jensen is deciding between Vanderbilt University, Pitt State University, Truman State University, the University of Missouri, and Missouri State University. Noah plans to study Business Administration. He played for the Center Cross Country, Baseball, and Wrestling teams. He was the Wrestling Team Captain his senior year. He won the Most Academic Wrestler Award his junior year. He has been active in the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band for four years. He also lettered for three years. Junior year, he was the Section Leader for the trumpets. He received the Excellence in Marching and Maneuvering Award his junior year. Also at the Parade of Bands, he was named winner of the band writing competition. Finally, he was named Drum Major his senior year. Noah has been active in Players 58 for four years. He played Herbie in Gypsy his freshmen year. He ran crew his sophomore year. He was the male lead, Manolo Costazucla, in The Odd Couple his junior year. He was also the male lead, Joseph, in My Three Angels his junior year, for which he won a Cappie Award for Best Actor. He won the Players 58 Best Actor Award his freshmen and junior years. He was awarded the Players 58 Outstanding Leadership Award his junior year. Noah competed on the varsity Academic Team his junior and senior years. Noah competed in Math Relays his sophomore through senior years, and he was the Mathathlete President his junior year. He lettered for Mathletes in 2014. He received First Place for Geometry Team Relay that year as well. Mr. Jensen is a member of National Honor Society, Student Government Association, Poetry Club, and PoliSci Club. Noah is the Blood Drive Chair for NHS. In addition, Noah has worked at Old Navy for 14 hours a week for his junior and senior years. Noah is very involved at his church as a member of the Student Contributors Team. Noah volunteers at Church for 2 hours a week. He was an A+ tutor for Gifted English class in the fall of 2014. Noah was nominated for Courtwarming King this year. Noah was the Dartmouth Book Winner in 2014-2015. He received the academic letter and scholarship pin his freshman and sophomore years and he received an academic letter his junior and senior years. This is the fourth year he has been honored in the top ten percent of his class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Noah took Precalculus through Rockhurst his junior year, receiving 3 college credits. He also took 10 college credits through the University of Missouri-Kansas City for Spanish his junior year. Noah took the AP Biology exam his junior year, receiving a score of "Qualified." He plans to take the AP American History, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, and AP English Literature exams in May. He has attended the Center School District for 9 years.





Ayana Littlejohn will attend the University of Missouri in Columbia where she will study to become an Occupational Therapist. She was offered the Wichita State Founder's Scholarship for \$4,000 a year, and decided on accepting the MU Diversity Award for \$2,500 a year. While at Center High School, Ayana managed the Girls Basketball team her senior year. Ayana was a Tech for Shrek: The Musical. Miss Littlejohn is a member of the Student Government Association; DECA; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; and Future Business Leaders of America. She was the Vice President of FBLA her junior year. Through DECA, she received Fifth Place at Regionals for her Innovation Plan and went to State. She also won First Place for her Entrepreneurship Participation and went to State. She won Best Store Manager for DECA. Her junior and senior years, she lettered in academics and earned a scholarship pin. In the fall of 2014, she received 3 college credits for Algebra from the University of Missouri- Kansas City. She is currently enrolled to earn 2 more college credits for Trigonometry through UMKC. Ayana is taking the AP English Literature exam and AP US Government exam in May. Bouncing between KCK, KCMO, and Blue Springs School Districts, Ayana has only attended the Center School District for these last 2 years, but she finally found her home as a Center YellowJacket!

In the fall *Hannah Nguyen* will attend the University of Missouri- Kansas City. She plans to study Molecular Biology in the Pre-Medicine program. She thinks she wants to be a dermatologist. Her junior year, she played on the Center Tennis Team and her senior year she lettered and played varsity. She has lettered in the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band for four years. Her sophomore through senior years, Hannah has been Flute First Chair. Her freshmen year, she competed with a flute solo and trio at Districts, receiving a 1 ranking. At State, Hannah received a 2 ranking for her flute solo and trio. Her sophomore year, Hannah did a piano solo at Districts, receiving a score of 1 ranking. She attended State and received a 2 for her piano solo. Her junior year, she won the YellowJacket Way Award in band. She hopes to attend State her senior year as well. Her senior year she was Drum Major. In addition, Hannah played the flute for Shrek the Musical this year. At her temple, Hannah volunteers and plays the flute for celebrations. Hannah has competed in Math Relays since her sophomore year. She lettered for Mathletes in 2014. She received the Fourth Place for Data Relay Team at the 2012-2013 PREP KC Regional Math Relays. At the Smith Cotton High School Math Relays, she was placed at the 11th grade level as a sophomore and she won Fifth Place. She won Fourth Place her junior year, placed at the 12th grade level. She received Fourth Place for Delta ACT, Second Place for Algebra Relay, and First Place for Number Sense Medley during the 2014-2015 PREP KC Regional Math Relays. In 2015, she received Fourth Place in Division III Geometry, Fourth Place in Division III Senior Math



Topics, Fifth Place in Division III Algebra, Third Place in Division III, Fourth Place in Division III Outstanding Senior, and Third Place in Division III Trigonometry. This past weekend, Hannah was on a team which placed in every single event. Ms. Nguyen garnered Fourth Place Overall as a senior. Hannah was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. She earned Principal's Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance since her freshmen year. She won the Citizenship Award this year. Hannah is the Secretary of National Honor Society. She participated in the PoliSci Club. She was involved with Project Lead the Way her senior year. Through this program, she will present research at Union Station in April. She is gaining a certification and college credit for Biomedical Interventions through Lee's Summit Technology Program. She volunteered as an A+ tutor for 50 hours, helping a Center Middle School student in algebra. She volunteered at Research Medical Center for over 50 hours in the summer of 2013. She received academic letters and scholarship pins all four years at CHS. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of her class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Her junior year, she received 10 college credits for Spanish from the University Missouri-Kansas City and 4 college credits for Medical Terminology and Introduction to Health Care Careers from the Metropolitan Community College. She took the AP Calculus exam and received a "Qualified" score her junior year. She plans to take the AP Calculus BC exam and AP English Literature exam in May. Hannah was born in Kansas City, but her parents speak Vietnamese in the home. She has attended the Center School District for 13 years.



Stephanie Romero is deciding between the University of Kansas, San Diego State University, Loyola Marymount University, and Chapman University. She plans to study Film Production and wants to write and direct her own films one day. Stephanie is still waiting to hear back about financial packages, but she has been offered the nonresident KU Excellence Scholarship, which is \$10,508 per year a total of \$42,032. Stephanie played her sophomore year for the Center Girls Soccer Team. She has been active in Players 58 for four years, lettering each year. She acted in one acts her freshmen year, she acted in Gypsy, and she was the lead in a senior-

directed one act this year. Stephanie is a member National Honor Society. She was nominated to attend Missouri Scholars Academy in 2013. She volunteers as a Library Aide at Center High School, and with her family, she has donated to children in need. Miss Romero earned an academic letter and pin her freshman year and academic letter her sophomore and senior years. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of the class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Her junior year, she received 3 college credits for Precalculus from Rockhust University. Stephanie took the AP Government exam her junior year, receiving a score of "Qualified." She is planning on taking the AP English Literature and AP Calculus AB exams in May. She has attended the Center School District for 6 years.

Lacee Stanley will attend the University of Central Missouri and plans to study Speech Pathology with a minor in Spanish and Theater. Lacee is a member of National Honor Society and attended American-Legion Sponsored Missouri Girls State in 2014. She was an A+ Tutor for Spanish. She participated in Relay for Life her freshman and junior years. Also, Lacee mentored at Junior Arts Academy in 2012 and 2013. Lacee has lettered in the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band for four years. Sophomore year, she won the district essay contest for band, receiving \$50. Her junior year she was Drum Major and this year she is the French Horn Section Leader and First Chair. It is an understatement to say that Miss Stanley has been active in Theater. She has participated in every single show, which totals to 16 productions, since she has been in high school. Her sophomore year, she was the Vice President of Players 58. The following year she was the President. Her junior year she was published twice in Cappies. Her junior and senior years, she was captain of the Center Improv Team and she won Best Female Improviser both years at Comedy City. Her junior year she was awarded Best Thespiant at Center. That year, she was also nominated for Best Leading Actress by Cappies and she won Best Make Up by Cappies for her performance in *My Three Angels*. In addition, she won Third Place at State in the Shakespeare Competition, receiving \$50. This year she was chosen to attend Nationals at MOFEST and performed her two monologues for the entire 2,000-person audience. She is most proud of her roles in *Pigman*, *All Out*, *Shrek*, *Odd Couple*, and *My Three Angles* as well as the makeup she did for *Shrek: The Musical*. Her theater career culminated this year when she wrote and directed in her Senior One Act, *Oops!* When she attended MOFEST this year, 13 different schools offered her scholarships. Lacee received an academic letter her sophomore year and her freshman, junior and senior years she received an academic letter and scholarship pin. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of her class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. To UCM, Lacee is taking 10 college credits from the University of Missouri- Kansas City for Spanish and 3 college credit hours from Rockhurst for Precalculus. She plans to take four AP exams this May: Calculus, Spanish, Literature, and Biology. Lacee has attended the Center School District for 13 years.





Clarissa Tejada is deciding between Missouri State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri, and Northwest Missouri State University. She plans to study nursing. Clarissa has been awarded the Northwest Missouri State Distinguished Scholarship for \$3,500 a year. She has been granted the A+ Scholarship at Northwest Missouri State. Clarissa has lettered for the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band for four years. Clarissa has been in danceline for four years and she has been the Captain of

the danceline for the last two years. The team recently took Second Place in Kick and Fourth Place in Pom at the State competition. Clarissa has managed the Center Boys' Soccer team for two years. She has been active in Players 58 for four years. She served as Historian in Players 58 her senior year. She choreographed for Shrek: the Musical. The Cappies awarded her Best Costumes in My Three Angels. Clarissa is a member the National Honor Society, the Student Government Association, Ballet Club, and Key Club. She has volunteered at Harvesters and Habitat for Humanity. She is involved in her church. Miss Tejada was a Homecoming Queen Nominee her senior year. Clarissa received an academic letter and pin her freshman year and an academic letter her junior year. Clarissa is a student in the Center Health Sciences Accelerated Academy Program, through which she is receiving her Certified Nursing Assistant certification and a summer internship. She has received college credits through Metropolitan Community College. Her junior year, Clarissa received 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri- Kansas City and 3 college credits from Rockhurst for Precalculus. Clarissa will take the AP English Literature exam in May. Clarissa is a first generation US citizen: her parents coming from the Philippines at a young age have raised her speaking many languages in the home. Clarissa has attended the Center School District for 9 years.

Anna Thomas leads her class academically. She is planning to study Biology or Psychology. She has been accepted to a multitude of schools from across the nation, but she is deciding between the University of California-San Diego and San Diego State University. She has been accepted into the San Diego State Honors Program. She has been offered the Presidential Scholarship from Drake University which is \$27,000 total in annual merit scholarships. She was also offered \$20,000 for the Chancellors Scholarship but is waiting to receive additional offers from Rockhurst. She was offered the Non-Resident Tuition scholarship from the University of Arkansas, which is \$10,881 in annual scholarships. Anna swam two years with the Center Swim Team and played soccer two years for the Center Girls Soccer Team. She was active in Players 58 for two years. She was Secretary of Players 58 her sophomore year and won awards as the lead sound engineer for Leadership and Sound Excellence. She also was



in the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band for three years. She was the Co-Captain of the Flute Section her sophomore year. Miss Thomas is a member of National Honor Society. She is editor of the YellowJacket Yearbook. Her sophomore year, Anna was a member of the PoliSci Club. She has volunteered over 100 hours for A+ and more than 50 hours outside of school to feed the homeless. In addition to her many commitments and her scholastic success, Anna has worked part time for two years. She averages 32 hours a week and is the night manager at Planet Sub. She received academic letters and scholarship pins all four years at CHS. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of the class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Her junior year, she earned 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Anna took the AP Government exam very early, as a sophomore and received a “Qualified” score. She took two additional AP tests her junior year: scoring a “Well-Qualified” on the AP Calculus AB test and a “Qualified” on the AP US History test. This allowed her the honor of being awarded as an AP Scholar her junior year! This year she plans on taking three more exams: AP Calculus BC, AP English Literature, and AP Spanish. Anna has been in the Center School District for 10 years.



Off to Lawrence, *Haley Thomas* will attend the University of Kansas in the fall. She is going to major in Biology, Ecology, and Evolutionary Biology so that she can then get a Master’s Degree in Zoology one day. She has been offered in-state tuition at KU. She has been granted the UMKC Excellence Scholarship which offers \$10,508 a year renewable for four years. She has been offered \$20,000 for the Chancellor’s Scholarship but is waiting to receive additional aid from Rockhurst. She was offered the Achievement Scholarship at Indiana University-Bloomington for \$5,000 a year. She was offered the UMKC Excellence Scholarship for \$10,508 a year. She was offered the University of Missouri Excellence Scholarship for \$2,000 a year. She was offered \$3,625 a year at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities. She was an A+ Tutor, tutoring a Center Middle School student in algebra. Haley has been active in the Mighty Marching YellowJacket Band as the student assistant for four years. She ran crew for theater her sophomore and junior years and put her theater background to the test her senior year by joining Cappies. Haley is a member of National Honor Society. Miss Thomas has worked 30-35 hours a week since her junior year and she is a manager at Planet Sub. Haley earned an academic letter and a scholarship pin all four years. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of her class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. She received 10 college credits her junior year for Spanish from the University of Missouri Kansas City. She took the AP Biology exam and scored a “Qualified.” She also earned a “Qualified” score on the AP US History exam her junior year. She plans to take the AP English Literature exam in May. Joining us in the 3rd grade, Haley has been in the Center School District for 10 years.

Megan Tripses will attend Longview Community College for two years before attending the University of Missouri- Kansas City. She plans to study Library Sciences and she wants to be a librarian one day. She will receive free tuition at Longview through the A + Program. She was awarded the STRAWS Charitable Foundation Scholarship for \$500 in 2009. Megan was on the Center Swim Team her freshmen year and improved her time significantly over the course of the year. She also played golf her freshmen year. Miss Tripses helped with makeup for Pigman. Megan competed in Math Relays her junior year. She lettered for Mathletes in 2014. She is the treasurer for National Honor Society this year. She was in Student Government Association her freshmen and sophomore years. She was in PoliSci Club her freshmen, sophomore, and junior years. She won Best Picture in the Newspaper at Missouri Youth in Government, which she attended for three years. She participates in Project Lead the Way and was on the Robotics team her junior year. She volunteered 32 hours in the summer of 2012 at Children's Mercy Hospital. She has been an A+ Tutor with math and is currently a Center Library Aide. She also has been on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years. Freshman, sophomore and junior years, she received academic letters and scholarship pins and this year she will receive an academic letter. This is the fourth year she has been honored in the top ten percent of the class at the Academic Excellence Banquet. Her junior year she earned 10 college credits for Spanish from the University of Missouri- Kansas City and 3 college credits for Precalculus from Rockhurst University. She earned 3 college credits in the fall of 2014 for Composition from UMKC and she is currently enrolled to earn 3 more college credits. This May, Megan plans to take the AP American History, AP Calculus, and AP Spanish exams. Megan has attended the Center School District for 6 years.

