# Grove Gazette

CGCSC's Quarterly Community Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



On Sunday, Center Grove High School celebrated 638 graduates in the Class of 2022. These students spent half of their high school careers dealing with COVID-19, yet as you can see in this newsletter, they have accomplished great things with many more ahead for them. This experience has helped all of us appreciate gathering in large groups and seeing the smiles of our friends and families. It has also grown our appreciation for our staff and how hard they work for our schools. Our teachers are the true heroes of our school district. We can't thank them enough for their dedication to our students. We hope our teachers, staff, administrators, and community members enjoy a safe and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,
Richard A. Arkanoff, Ed.D.
Superintendent






## View Photos

Class of 2022 Graduation

### Center Grove High School graduates Class of 2022



Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 638 students on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school's Ray Skillman Football Stadium.

The valedictorian of the CGHS Class of 2022 is Gavin Anderson. Gavin ended his high school career with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.864. He will attend Indiana University to study political science and music and plans to pursue a career in law.



The 2022 salutatorian for the Class of 2022 is Raef Sauer who finished with a GPA of 4.851. Raef plans to attend Indiana University to study Biochemistry and Spanish.

CGHS has several graduates who plan to serve in the military following graduation. Drake Buchanan has accepted an appointment to US Air Force Academy. Chase Ennis will attend Army ROTC. Eighteen students have enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marines, or Navy.

Among the graduates, 279 seniors received Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas, 13 received the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma, and 47 seniors received both. To qualify for Academic Honors, students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math. world language, and fine arts credits, earn a GPA of a B or better, and meet certain AP, dual credit, or SAT/ACT requirements.

Technical Honors recipients must also meet state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math credits, earn a GPA of a B or better, and complete either dual credits in a technical area or additional career-readiness criteria. Read more.

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## Center Grove High School seniors earn college degrees, certificates



Center Grove High School (CGHS) honored 119 seniors for earning college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College (EC) program during a ceremony on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Through the EC program, students can take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. Read more.

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## Five CGHS seniors named National Merit Finalists

Five Center Grove High School seniors were named finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Carina Oza, Stephen Reeves, Prakhar Saxena, Kailyn Spitler, and John Brooks. Read more.





## Seniors awarded white coats

Center Grove High School awarded 36 seniors their white coats during a ceremony on Wednesday, May 18. The students earned the honor by completing four years of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Science courses.

The recipients include Aalok Adhikari, Ananya Balaji, Grayson Blackwell, Drake Buchanan, Jasmine Cangany, Lauren Erickson, Connor Green, Madison Herron, Easton Hewitt, Bella Hodges, Avery Holubar, Kamry Houston, Jeet Kekre, Alexandra Kominowski, Michael LaRocca, Hope Mander, Abigail Matthews, Ian May, Sydney McConnell, Macy McGill, Paige Merrill, Ava Migliorese, Peyton Murphy, Mehar Oberoi, Emily Pham, Ishani Regmi, Raef Sauer, Maddie Siems, Ainsley Smith, Kiersten Smith, Connor Smith, Tori Spencer, Rebecca Stockman, Shelby Walker, Makena Wallace, and Shirley Zheng. Read more.




## Rachel Cline named CGCSC 2021-22 Teacher of the Year

Center Grove Schools awarded Rachel Cline from Walnut Grove Elementary the 2021-22 Teacher of Year during the district's annual Teacher Celebration on Wednesday, May 11. Mrs. Cline is a 2nd Grade teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary School. She has been a teacher for 11 years, six of which have been at Center Grove. Read more.





## CG teachers honored with Legacy Awards

Center Grove honored 77 current, former, and retired teachers with Legacy Awards at the 2022 Teacher Celebration on Wednesday, May 11. Legacy Award winners are nominated by Center Grove High School seniors. Seniors are asked to nominate the teacher they believe had the greatest impact on them during their time in Center Grove schools. Read more.

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## NASRO to award Dr. Bill Long for school safety leadership



The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) will present the Nick Derzis Safe School Leadership Award for contributions and dedication to an SRO program to Dr. William Long, CGCSC assistant superintendent. Dr. Long worked to establish the Center Grove School Police Department in 2008. He was also instrumental in establishing the Center Grove Emergency Operations Center, a collaborative effort between multiple agencies to create a central response location to provide quicker, life-saving services to the community. Read more.

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## CGHS names the Top 20 in the Class of 2022

Center Grove High School has named the Top 20 Students in the Class of 2022. The students were honored during a dinner and ceremony on Thursday, April 28. Each student honored one elementary or middle school teacher and one high school teacher who inspired them during their academic career.

The Top 20 Students include Gavin Anderson, Ananya Balaji, Ryan Beach, Sharvi Bhat, Drake Buchanan, Katrina Buehrer, Nathan Ensley, Jarah Hassett, Jeet Kekre, Felipe Kroll, Daniel Mangan, Paulina McIntire, Carina Oza, Urvi Parihar, Stephen Reeves, Raef Sauer, Connor Smith, Kailyn Spitler, Rachel Stewart-Allen, and Isabel Wilson. Read more.

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## CGHS team finishes Top 10 in national Samsung Solve Challenge

The Center Grove High School team of seniors Ananya Balaji, Hope Mander, Paige Merrill, Madelyn Siems, Shelby Walker, and Shirley Zheng finished in the Top 10 of the 12th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. The team's project uses biometric technology to create a device that will sit on the dashboard and alert the driver when their eyes look away from the road. The team's sponsor is CGHS teacher Andrea Teevan. Read more.

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## CGHS students medal on National French Exam

Four Center Grove High School students received medals for their outstanding scores on the National French Exam.

- Bianca Montecampi, Level 5, Silver Medal
- Krishaan Vadia - Level 2, Gold Medal
- Isabella Tran - Level 2, Silver Medal
- Adeline Moore - Level 2, Bronze Medal

Twelve students were honored with certificates.

- Level 5AP: Katrina Buehrer, Andreus Mullendore, Ananya Balaji
- Level 4: Irène Richardson, Zach Hoffman, Sarah Bernhardt
- Level 3: Gourav Pany, Isabella Dills
- Level 2: Rupesh Vats, Layla Raber, Evelynn Ridlen, Anubhav Majumdar

Read more.

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## CGHS students top state math competition

Three Center Grove High School students participated in the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Math Contest on Saturday, April 23.

- Anubhav Majumdar - 1st place, Geometry
- Daniel Liu - 2nd place, Algebra 2
- Shawn Liu - 3rd place, Algebra 2

The students were recognized during a ceremony on June 3 at the Indiana Statehouse.



## CGHS HOSA impresses in State Finals competition

Center Grove High School's HOSA (Health Occupations Student of America) team sent 34 members to the state competition April 21-24. They came home with two state

champions and 42 Top 10 finishes. CGHS junior, Gowthamm Mandala, was elected Indiana HOSA Vice President. The team's sponsor is Andrea Teevan. Read more.




## Norman honored by WRTFD

The White River Township Fire Department honored Center Grove Health Services Coordinator Amy Norman, BSN, RN, with its Community Award during the department's annual dinner on WRTFD annual dinner on May 6. The award recognizes Norman's work to continue offering CPR classes to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Buckler named next CGES principal

Craig Buckler will be named the next principal of Center Grove Elementary School. He will replace Dr. Krista Nelson, who will move to a district-level position, Director of Human Resources and Student Services. Mr. Buckler's appointment was approved by the CGCSC Board of School Trustees at its April 21 meeting.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Buckler join the Center Grove Elementary staff," said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. "Craig brings a tremendous amount of experience and success as an educational leader across Indiana."

"I am very excited to join the Center Grove Elementary community," said Buckler. "I am looking forward to making connections with the students, staff, and families and beginning this next chapter in my professional journey." Read more.




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CENTER GROVE SCHOOL BOARD
Community Tour
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM · PGES CAFETERIA
Meet the CGCSC Board of School Trustees.
Town Hall format. Share thoughts, ideas, & concerns.
All are welcome to attend.

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## CG Indoor Percussion shines at WGI World Championship

Center Grove High School Indoor Percussion finished 12th in WGI World Championship Finals in Dayton, Ohio. CGHS was one of 15 schools from across the country to make it to the final competition in the Percussion Scholastic World Division. This is the 18th time Center Grove has earned a place in the WGI Percussion Finals. CG Indoor Percussion is directed by Josh Torres.





## CGHS Red Alert finishes strong in World Championship

Center Grove High School's Red Alert Robotics team competed in the 2022 FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas April 20-23. CGHS ended its most successful season to date as a World Championship Division Finalist in the Turing Division. 400 teams from around the world competed in Houston. This is the first World Championship Finals appearance by Red Alert. The team was the only Indiana team to appear in the finals this year. Red Alert's lead mentor is Nathan Coulombe.




## CGHS students compete in state baking competition

Center Grove High School students Eva Alejo, Grayson Roberts, and Emily Boyer advanced to the Skills USA Commercial Baking State Competition on Saturday, April 8 in Indianapolis.

The students took three of the top eight spots in Region 5 to qualify to for the state competition. Their teacher is Susanne Ebacher-Grier. This is CGHS's first time competing in this competition.

All three of our Center Grove High School students placed in the top 10 of the Skills USA Commercial Baking State Competition - 5th, 6th, and 10th.

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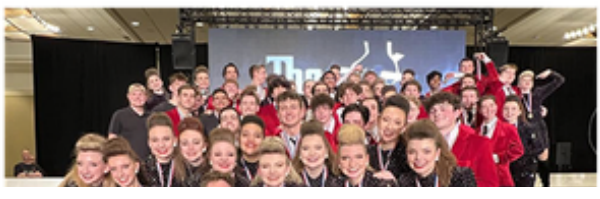





## Center Grove HS Choirs crowned National Grand Champions in Orlando

Center Grove High School's Sound System, Debtones, and CG Singers choirs competed at Heart of America National Competition on March 19, 2022.

Sound System was awarded National Grand Championship in Large Mixed Division with caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Show Design, Best Crew, and Best Costumes. The Debtones were awarded National Grand Championship in Large Unisex Division with Caption awards for Best Choreography, Best Costumes, and Best Crew. CG Singers were awarded 1st Runner Up in the Concert Choir Division. Read more.

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## CGHS Color Guard place in top 10 in WGI competition

The Center Grove High School Color Guard was awarded 9th place in the Winter Guard International World Championship competition in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, April 9. The Guard placed 11th in preliminary competition and 10th in semifinals to advance to the finals. This is the color guard's 34th appearance in the WGI Finals competition. The color guard is directed by Tyler Richards.






## Eleven CGHS student-athletes commit to colleges

Eleven Center Grove High School seniors made the commitment to continue their academic and athletic careers at colleges or universities on Wednesday, May 4. Congratulations to these student-athletes:

- William Boas - Wabash College (Track & Field)
- Isaac Chandler - North Park University (Football)
- Kylie Crum - Milwaukee School of Engineering (Track & Field)
- Bryce Crump - University of Indianapolis (Wrestling)
- Garrett Crist - University of Southern Indiana (Swimming)
- Kiersten Smith - Lewis University (Swimming)
- Harrison Stomps - Indiana State University (Football)
- Bennett Strain - Wabash College (Tennis)
- Lauren Todd - Hanover College (Cross Country & Track & Field)
- Jordan Vaughns - Indiana University East (Basketball)
- Carson Wools - Trine University (Football)









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