

2014-15 Board of School Trustee Commendation Awards

August 2014

- Mr. Vince Rock, parent and Area Manager of Thieneman Construction, for donating all of the material and labor for the re-construction of the CPHS softball infield and for going above and beyond in support of quality education and the betterment of the school.
- Chris Gloff and Brent Barber for their hard work, diligence, and expertise to assist in the production of a professional, high-quality video highlighting the Crown Point Community School Corporation for the In View with Larry King production.

September 2014

- Crown Point High School Latin Club for placing 1st in Local Publications and 3rd in Publicity at the 2014 National Junior Classical League Latin Convention. In addition, students won several individual contest awards - Team: Casey Akers, Jackie Akey, Alexandra Baloski, Samuel Barber, Natalie Brigham, Renee Brigham, Julia Brown, Rebecca Burke, Brennen Chaussey, Callista Christ, Thomas Cooper, August Dailey, Benjamin Depta, Claire Dosen, Daniel Duncan, Emily Fender, Michael Keller, Eric Kim, Joshua Mazur, Kelly Merrill, Amber Moon, Simone Siew, Ryan Sizemore, Susan Szymanski, Kyle Thompson, John Verdegan, Andie Wahlberg, Ian Walls, Anna Werkowski, Emma Werkowski; Sponsors: Sara Robertson, Jeremy Walker
- 58 current CPHS students named AP Scholars by the College Board for earning a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. Honored students: Lauryn Adams, Arianna Amelse, Adeel Ashraf, Nabeel Ashraf, Catherine Berger, Julia Brown, Paige Buelow, Eric Burrell, Tristan Bushman, Brennen Chaussey, Marissa Darnell, Emily Dawley, Paul Dawley, Jonathan Dietrich, Nathan Doctor, Brandon Doty, Andrew Dumbisky, Kendal Eaton, Eric Fiacable, Antonio Garcia, Alyssa Harvey, Zachary Herbert, Anna Hopkins, Nathan Hovanec, Anthony Huls, Nicholas Isaacs, Cvete Karamacoski, Katherine Kennedy, Eric Kim, Alyson Kinzie, Kelly Kislowski, Danielle Klawitter, Joseph Krampen, Jacob Langbehn, Kyle Lecea, Cassidy Mangan, Joshua Mazur, Verda Mirza, Meghan Morasan, Patricia O'Brien, Brittany Robinson, Samantha Ruder, John Sakaleros, Sterk Schuelka, Simone Siew, Ryan Sizemore, Julianna Stuckert, Brock Swenton, Kyle Thompson, Goran Trimoski, Kyle Venditti, Luke Voss, Kiley Walker, Justin Waran, Kelly Williams, Lily Wisniewski, Johnathan Wrasman, Dylan Wright
- Crown Point High School Guidance Department for receiving the Gold Star Counseling Award from the Indiana School Counselor Association - Guidance Department: Robert McDermott, Brenda Wolski, Ami Marcinek, Michelle Bruss, Kim Swam, Kim Wilkinson, and Johanna Hess
- Principal Mary Ann Chapko, faculty, and staff of Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School, for the prestigious honor of being named a 2014 "Quality Matters" School by the Institute for Quality Education

October 2014

- Crown Point High School students named Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Students: Alyssa Harvey, Zachary Herbert, and Kelly Williams

November 2014

- Lake Street Elementary Spell Bowl Team for placing first in Lake County in the Red Class Division at the Elementary Spell Bowl Competition - Team: Isabella Nikruto, Jack Ruess, Rocco Jann, Molly Tully, Sean Tully, Michelle Macintyre, Austin Vesich, Chancellor Teibel; Coaches: Melanie Pociask and Kelly Anthony

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- Eisenhower Elementary Spell Bowl Team for being named State Champions in the Orange Class Division, placing first in Lake County in their division, and having the highest score (54) of CPCSC at the Elementary Spell Bowl Competition - Team: Ella Hahn, Griffin Dusseau, Grace McBride, Marianne Gerona, Maria Paviadakis, Eli Davis, Sampreethi Swaminathan, Luke Dannels, Will Clark, Maya VanderWoude, Sanjana Kumar, Daniel Sibincic; Coach: Jennifer Meneer
- Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Cheerleading Team for being named State Champions in the Junior High Time-Out Division at the 2014 Indiana State Cheer Championship - Team members: Claire Anderson, Ella Arena, Lily Breuker, Jessica Davis, Tayler Gomez, Denise Knight, Jordan Kraus, Skylar Kroner, Jessica Loosemore, Keighton Morgan, Miracle Powell, Madison Price, Jenna Roberson, Taylor Schubert, Sadie Smith, Katelyn Spurlock, Madison Staggs; Head Coach: Venissa Ivasiecko; Asst. Coaches: Tammy Gardin, Kari Wolfe

December 2014

- Inklings journalism students for receiving national recognition - Alaa Abdeldaiem - Top ten finalist honors for Sport Story of the Year from the National Scholastic Press Association, 2nd place for Sports Page Design Portfolio from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and honorable mention for Sports Writing in the Journalism Education Association's Write-Off national competition; Maggie Gelon - Top ten finalist honors for Front Page Design of the Year from the National Scholastic Press Association and 3rd place for Page One Design Portfolio from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; Susan Reed - 1st place in Full Page Photo Layout from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association; Evi Lovin - 1st place in Full Page Photo Layout from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and an Excellent for Photography Portfolio in the Journalism Education Association's Write-Off national competition; Alex Stack and Tina Winfrey - honorable mention in the Journalism Education Association's Write-Off national competition; Inklings Sponsor: Julie Elston
- Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce 2014 Inspiring Educator Award - Winner: Liz Hanlon, CPHS; Finalists: Scott Reid, Taft; Joe Betz, Wheeler; Linda Johnson, Eisenhower; Amy Hochbaum, Lake Street; Joe Bysiek, MacArthur; Julie Gasparovic, Solon; Lynn Carlson, Timothy Ball; Amanda King, Winfield; Abbie Perkovich, Jerry Ross
- Crown Point High School, Robert A. Taft Middle School, Col. John Wheeler Middle School, Eisenhower Elementary, Lake Street Elementary, MacArthur Elementary, Solon Robinson Elementary, Timothy Ball Elementary, Winfield Elementary and Jerry Ross Elementary Schools' faculties and support staffs for providing educational support to learners of all levels contributing to high growth for students and helping the schools receive an "A" grade from the Indiana Department of Education

February 2015

- CPHS Academic Decathlon Team for being first in the region and named State Champions at the Indiana Academic Decathlon State Finals...first time in school history Team: Ryan Sizemore, Saym Imtiaz, Adrell Mable, Justin Waran, Kourtney Bruder, Dara Hutchison, Katherine Kennedy, Lily Sharp, Julia Brown; Coach: John Lambersie
- CPHS Girls' Swim Team Members Individual State Awards: Aly Tetzloff, 2nd place - 200 Yard Medley Relay, 100 Yard Butterfly, and 200 Yard Freestyle Relay; Kelsi Artim, 2nd place - 200 Yard Medley Relay and 200 Yard Freestyle Relay; Hannah Kukurugya, 2nd place - 200 Yard Medley Relay, 500 Yard Freestyle, and 200 Yard Freestyle Relay; and 3rd place -200 Yard Freestyle; Mackenzie Artim, 2nd place - 200 Yard Medley Relay and 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

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- MacArthur Robotics Team B for winning the 1st place Elementary Design Award at the local/regional State Qualifying Tournament and Team C for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the State Robotics Competition - Team B: Dallas Hermanson, Caleb Kuiper, Kaleb Struve; Team C: Drayke Hermanson, Camren Kuiper, Dakota Newberry, Preston Kalil; Coach: Alycia Graczyk; Volunteer Coach: Ruth Jostes
- MacArthur 2014-15 Math Bowl Team for winning first place in the Red Division in the region and being in the state's Top Ten at the Regional Math Bowl Competition - Team: Christopher Murphy, Sean Castro, Ava James, Adam Fucela, Kailyn Longo, Alannah Schafer, Connor Powers, Keeley Bernard, Logan Culver, Ella Wesley, Benjamin Ogrentz, Mason Eaton, Joseph Kekelik, Jessica Nester, Parker Wojciechowski, Molly Kubal, Ashley Nester, Ty Collins, and Jace Wroble; Coaches: Joe Bysiek and Cliff Sumner
- Jerry Ross 2014-15 Math Bowl Team for winning first place in the Orange Division in the region and having the highest score of all CPCSC schools at the Regional Math Bowl Competition - Team: AJ Erdelac, Colin Porter, Gage Anderson, John Crutchfield, Ariana Cornett, Makayla Neal, Samantha West, Emma Baltzersen, Anabella Olinik, Allison Bates, Ashley Keneson, Nicholas Cashman, Hannah Keaveney, Aliya DeJesus, Enzo Zamudio, Eva Pycraft, Andrew Goldthorpe, Mason Hullinger, Austin Barley, Abigail Edwards, Joey Phillips, Emily Remesnik, Rachel Florkiewicz, Jacob Dasarda, Andrew Holbrook, Zoey Wells, Ahmed Malik, Mikala Dean, Imani Cuevas; Coach: Michelle Bourrell
- Eisenhower Bald Eagles for winning the first place trophy and raising a record \$22,283.00 in pledges having their heads shaved at the St. Baldrick's Day Benefit in Crown Point to support the eradication of childhood cancer - Honor Child: Aubrey Deno; Team: Savas Barajas, Billy McCall, Shaunna Frey, Luke Neal, Elias Paviadakis, Reme Solis, Will Clark, Trey Blanton, Ryan Hegeduis, Liam Begley, Quinn Begley, Jaxon Tortolano, Drew Croell, Brett Croell, Griffin Dusseau, Thomas Uram, Evan Vater, Cayden Kopman, Kasey Anderson, Eli Osterhoff, Eli Stoelb, Aiden Skrabala, Owen Siavelis, Zander LaChapelle, Luke Patterson, Tyler Hudak, Jacob Mok, Leonard Coulman, Luca De Maso, Connor Thiel, Luke Dannels, A.J.
- Lux, Owen Gard, Eli Davis, Seth Davis, Braden Rahmany, Matteo De Maso, Zach Hill, Suzannah Lopez, Sam Novotny, Aidan Siavelis, Noah Musleh, Mr. Sojka, Adam Musleh, Mr. Chris Tortolano; Sponsors: Jori Dusseau and Emily Clark
- Crown Point High School Varsity Dance Team for being named State Champions in AAA Kick and State Runner-up in Pom at the IHSDTA State Finals - Team: Caitlyn Baker, Haleigh Darnell, Riley Geoghegan, Nadia Giedemann, Xiomera Torres, Valerie Jones, Ashley Kohler, Paytn Grady, Alicia Pinchok, Brianna Walters, Elisabeth Walters, Jessica Wayman, Chelsey Stinnett, Hanna VanProoyen, Jordan Vinovich, Alexis Hernandez, Jill Steiger; Annie Vassar, Coach; Michelle Hamstra, Asst. Coach
- Crown Point High School Junior Varsity Dance Team, for being named JV State Runner-up in Pom at the IHSDTA State Finals - Team: Kelsey Baird, Allison DeVries, Liz DeYoung, Angela Dukleska, Alyssa Granholm, Taylor Hoskins, Taylor Kraft, Makayla Jurek, Autumn Latulip, Sydney Manhattan, Lauren Surufka, Madison Stepnoski, Aaliyah White, Gabby Zirkle, Abby Smith, Karlye Sopczak, Cassidy Stanage; Chloe Hoffman, Coach; Christina Lundy, Asst. Coach
- Crown Point High School Wrestling Team members Darden Schurg for being named State Runner-up in the 160 lbs. division, and Morgan Kral for winning 3rd place in the 220 lbs. division at the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals

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- CPHS CPTV for being named the 2015 State Champions for Best News Broadcast, Best Radio Sportscast, and Best TV Show Opening; and runner-up in the Corporate Video category at the Indiana Association of Student Broadcasters Competition at the University of Indianapolis - CPTV Student Staff: Haley Bramewell, Drew Zimmerman, Blake Bonin, Tiffany Dewes, Riley Geoghegan, Brianna Rhodes, Johnny Supan, Abbey Wellman, Alexis Berdine, Kelsea Costello, Megan Fernandez, Valerie Jones, Brooke Kiran, Tony Lourenco, Raquelle Majors, Zach Pierce, Nick Sansone, and Tina Winfrey; CPTV advisers: Chris Gloff and Brent Barber
- Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Dance Team for being named State Runner-up in AA Pom at the Indiana High School Dance Team Association State Championship - Team: Brittany Kohler, Madison Mazure, Gracie Frazier, Lizzy Hohos, Abby Plemons, Ava Dzurovik, Allison York, Emma Frank, Molly Angel, Jane Georgas, Corrin Hummel, Brooke Lowe, Sammy Maks, Hailey Lawhead, Devon McSurley, Amber Barker, Kaitlynn Smith; Tammy Betz, coach – the team performed a jazz routine.

April 2015

- CPHS Inklings staff for receiving The Hoosier Star, Indiana High School Press Association's highest award, at the IHSPA state convention; and the George H. Gallup award, the highest honor, from Quill and Scroll, the Crown award and Gold Medalists ranking from Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and the All-American award from the National Scholastic Press Association at the national convention Co-editors: Maggie Gelon and Dylan Taylor; Advisor: Julie Elston Individual Awards: Maggie Gelon - 1st place, Newswriting and Page Design and 3rd Place, Infographics; Collin Raiser - 1st Place, Cartooning; Alaa Abdeldaiem - 2015 Indiana Student Journalist of the Year and 2nd Place Sports Writing; Tina Winfrey - 2nd Place Feature Writing; Evi Lovin - 3rd Place Feature Photo; On-Site competition: Collin Raiser - 1st Place, Editorial Cartooning; Alaa Abdeldaiem - 1st Place Sports Writing; Tina Winfrey - 1st Place Front Page Design; Becca Burke - 1st Place Infographic Design; Arriana Rainwater - 2nd Place Editorial Cartooning; Verda Mirza - 2nd Place Ethics and Leadership; Lauren Massow - 2nd Place Copy Editing; Olivia Elston - 3rd Place Copy Editing; Sam Barloga - 3rd Place Multi-Media
- Alyssa Harvey, a senior at CPHS, for being named an Indiana 2015 Academic All-Star by the Indiana Association of School Principals based on her SAT/ACT composite score and grade-point average for seven semesters; and her extracurricular activities related to academics and nonacademic, student leadership, and community service involvement
- Colonel John Wheeler Cheerleading Team for being named Middle School Division Champions and Grand Champions at the Midwest Cheer/Dance Open National Competition - Team: Claire Anderson, Jessica Davis, Jordan Kraus, Madison Price, Jenna Roberson, Sadie Smith, Lily Breuker, Miracle Powell, Denise Knight, Jessica Loosemore, Ella Arena, Taylor Schubert, Tayler Gomez, Madison Staggs, Keighton Morgan, Slylar Kroner; Coaches: Venissa Ivasiecko, Tammy Gardin, and Kari Wolfe
- Clint Swan, CPHS Boys' Basketball Coach, for being named the 2015 Northwest Indiana Times Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year
- Bus mechanics, Fred Brey, Nick Damjanovic, and Patrick Jamroz, for receiving a 100% passing in the first round of the annual bus inspection from the Indiana State Police, ensuring that the buses are operational and safe for the drivers and students of the Crown Point Community School Corporation.

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- CPHS Super Bowl Team for being named State Runner-up in the Fine Arts Category and 3rd Place in the Science Category at the Indiana State Academic Super Bowl Competition - Fine Arts Team: Susie Szymanski, Eric Kim, Emily Fender; Science Team: John Sakaleros, Joey Krampen, Saym Intiaz, Justin Waran; Team Sponsor: Jason McGee
- CPHS Latin Team for being named overall State Champion and awarded the Sweepstakes Trophy - Team: Sarah Banks, Annie Brigham, Natalie Brigham, Julia Brown, Rebecca Burke, Callista Christ, August Dailey, Daniel Duncan, Chad Dykman, Samantha Fargo, Benjamin Janowski, Eric Kim, Cece Maginot, Ana Maksimovich, Isabelle Melchor, Amber Moon, Alex Rettker, Caroline Sarbieski, Lily Sharp, Sabrina Siew, Simone Siew, Nick Stockton, John Verdegan, Alyx Wahlberg, Hanna Walley; Advanced Team: Brennen Chaussey, Joshua Mazur, Ryan Sizemore, Anna Werkowski, Alex Baloski, Emily Fender, Tyler Jeremiah, Susie Szymanski; Intermediate Team: Casey Akers, Ben Depta, Claire Dosen, Taylen Hovanec, Cameron Rachford, Skyler Sheck, Emma Werkowski; Novice Team: Maddie Edwards, Taylor Richards, Erin Sizemore, Meagan VanDrunen; Team Sponsors: Sara Robertson and Jeremy Walker
- Taft Academic Super Bowl Team for winning 1st Place in Lake County in the Science Category Class 1 Division at the Regional Academic Super Bowl Competition - Team: Dimitri Massow, Bailey Brumbaugh, Mary Cunningham, Lindsey LaBuda, Ethan Trump; Coach: Liz Franklin; Volunteer Coach: Dan Knaga
- Taft Science Olympiad Team members for earning 2nd and 3rd placements at the State Science Olympiad Competition - Team members: Giovanna DaSilva and Anthony Saberniak, 2nd place in Environmental Chemistry; Dugan Dailey and Daniyaal Rasheed, 2nd place in Anatomy and Physiology; Cassidy Clarke and Matthew Gerona, 3rd place in Trivia Time; Benjamin Baker and Bailey Brumbaugh, 3rd place in Wheeled Vehicle; Chris Newlin and Anthony Saberniak, 3rd place in Entomology; Coach: Tracie Geer
- Winfield Elementary for partnering with the American Heart Association to teach young students the core values of caring and giving to others in our community, state, nation, and world. Most recently, the school and community of Winfield raised a school corporation record of \$32,524 to help fight heart disease and stroke. Carrie Bruce, Youth Market Director, American Heart Association - Midwest Affiliate, presents the District Champions Plaque to the School Corporation for the successful partnership. Since 2011 Col. John Wheeler Middle School, Robert A. Taft Middle School, Lake Street Elementary, Douglas MacArthur Elementary, Solon Robinson Elementary, Timothy Ball Elementary, and Winfield Elementary have partnered with the American Heart Association and have raised a total of \$83,040 saving 1,661 lives.
- Principals, Faculties and Staffs of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lake Street, Solon Robinson Elementary Schools, Robert A. Taft Middle School, and Colonel John Wheeler Middle School for receiving the prestigious honor of being named 2013-14 Indiana Four Star Schools - Principals: Mrs. Mary Ann Chapko, Mrs. Cindy Wise, Mrs. Barb Merrill, Mr. Michael Hazen, and Mr. Tim Vassar
- 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year/Employee of the Year Award Presentations to Karen Cox, Teacher of the Year - secondary level; Linda Johnson, Teacher of the Year - elementary level; Laura Newman, Employee of the Year - Teacher of the Year Finalists: Rachele Raloff and Amy Berchem, CPHS; Anne Equihua, Taft; Laura Andrews, Col. Wheeler; Amy Hochbaum, Lake Street; Julie Gasparovic, Solon Robinson; Megan Owczarzak, Timothy Ball; Amanda King, Winfield; Employee of the Year Finalists: Shari Hodorowicz, Eisenhower; Carey Govert, Lake Street; Anita Griffith, Winfield; Pam Mattox, Transportation

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June 2015

- Crown Point High School Music Department for being the recipient of the 2014-2015 Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award - Johann Sletto, Band Director; Joanne Haley-Borodine, Choir Director; Tom Reed, Orchestra Director

July 2015

- Mitchell Kessler, CPHS senior, for being named the IHSAA State Champion in the Shot Put