

2015-16 Board of School Trustee Commendation Awards

August 2015

- Kristen LaCosse, CPHS Junior, for placing 3rd in the Long Jump at the 2015 IHSAA Girls State Meet

September 2015

- CPHS Unified Track Team for placing 3rd at the 2015 IHSAA Unified State Finals - Team: Michael Chambers, Seth Clark, Caitlin Fasano, Brandon Loney (team MVP), Michael Poole, Deserea Previs, Christian Redmon, Taylor Borowy, Renz Buenavista, Ashley Grimes, Da'Quan Harrell, Robert Harrell, Tyler Jones, Alex Ristovski, Adam Smith; Coach: Branden Lorek, Student Assistants: Sam Swope and Melissa Cooper
- CPHS Latin Club for placing 4th in Publicity and 5th in Local Publications at the 2015 National Junior Classical League Latin Convention - In addition, students won several individual contest awards. Team: Casey Akers, Alex Baloski, Annie Brigham, Natalie Brigham, Julia Brown, Becca Burke, Callista Christ, August Dailey, Ben Depta, Catelynn Doffin, Claire Dosen, Daniel Duncan, Sam Fargo, Emily Fender, Ben Janowski, Tyler Jeremiah, Kelly Merrill, Cameron Rachford, Alex Rettker, Hannah Reutter, Caroline Sarbieski, Simone Siew, Erin Sizemore, Ryan Sizemore, Susie Szymanski, Kyle Thompson, Meagan VanDrunen, Alyex Wahlberg, Hannah Walley, Ian Walls, Anna Werkowski, and Emma Werkowski; Sponsors: Sara Wietbrock and Jeremy Walker

October 2015

- Seventy-eight CPHS students named AP Scholars by the College Board for earning a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. Honored students: Jessica Aguilar, McKinley Anderson, Sunjay Anekal, Adeel Ashraf, Nabeel Ashraf, Caitlyn Baker, Carter Bisel, Ryan Bonaparte, Giulio Bracco, Renz Buenavista, Steven Carlson, Donnai Casillas, Callista Christ, Tea Chura, Donald Colvin, Ryan Czarnecki, Chloe Darnell, Paul Dawley, Devin De Both, Benjamin Depta, Elizabeth Dietrich, Brianne Droste, Emily Fender, Eugene Ferrari, Jeremy Flynn, Emily Fogarty, Scott Foster, Madeleine Gellinger, Andrew Gianfermi, Kyle Gilson Alyssa Guritz, Sarah Hautzinger, Jonathan Heintz, Samantha Herkey, Taylen Hovanec, Skylar Huppenthal-Lyle, Tyler Jeremiah, Alexander Kadah, Blake Kanoy, Connor Keaveney, Amanda Komasinski, Lainey Kowalczyk, Joseph Krampen, Matthew Krampen, Kennedy Krutz, Joshua Kvachkoff, Brandon Leslie, Alexis Linback, Angelica Longoria-Zellers, Elaina Ludwig, Amy McNally, Matthew Muller, Lance Noerenberg, Sophie Nonos, Claire Olah, Marie O'Malley, Danielle Pace, Abigail Padilla, Katie Pawlowski, Thomas Pawlowski, Nikola Petkovski, Robert Ponziano, Moiz Rasheed, Jordan Reindt, Christopher Rekitzke, Sydney Reyes, Nicholas Ricci, Kennedy Richardson, Alejandra Rodriguez, Savannah Schuljak, Noah Scibbe, Brock Swenton, Susan Szymanski, Kyle Venditti, Jordan Vinovich, Emma Werkowski, Marisa Wright, Leo Zdanowicz
- CPHS Athletic Department for winning the 2014-15 Boys DAC All-Sports Award - Bill Dorulla, Athletic Director; Mike Malaski, Assistant Athletic Director; Coaches: Bryon Angerman, Chris Korzeniewski, Clint Swan, Mike Bazin, Scott Vlink, Steve Strayer, Keith Iddings, Jon Haas, Kevin Enright

November 2015

- Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary Spell Bowl Team for placing 3rd in the state in the Orange Class, 1st in their class at the local tournament, and having the highest score (54) of all Crown Point Schools at the 2015 Elementary Spell Bowl Team- Team: Avery Clark, Kylie Ellison, Ysabel Maunes, Skevos Sdregas, David Stafford, Sampreethi Swaminathan, Marianne Gerona, Sanjana Kumar, Charlotte Annes, Ben Jackson, Grace McBride, Kalliopi Sakaleros, Erika Skoglund, Griffin Stuckey, Sam Novotny, Ethan Ogrentz; Coach: Jennifer Menear

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- Lake Street Elementary Spell Bowl Team for placing 1st in Lake County in the Red Class at the 2015 Elementary Spell Bowl Competition - Team: Isabella Nikruto, Harris Proudman, Nora Carpenter, Citlali Leal, Samantha Dommer, Ava Ziolkowski, Mallory Stanage, Olivia O'Keefe, Ellie Depta, Audrey Wilson, Mia Targett, Mary Clare McConnell, Avery Teibel, Camden Sorci, Kacey Sterkowitz; Coaches: Melanie Pociask and Kelly Anthony
- Robert A. Taft Middle School Spell Bowl Team for placing 1st in Class 1 and having the highest score (59) of all classes at the 2015 Regional Junior Spell Bowl Competition and placing 4th in their class at the State Competition- Team: Matthew Gerona, Jacob Clark, Lucas Dannels, John Goodwin, Rocco Jann, John Jorden, Kylie LaChapelle, Kailyn Longo, Kristian Maunes, Kiersten Pena, Daniel Sibincic, Kennedy Silberhorn, Jake Thunberg, Maya VanderWoude, Deyon Wright; Coach: Liz Franklin - Assisted by Kelly Jeremiah and Lisa VandenBerg
- Diana Bowman, CPHS Guidance Secretary, received the 2015 Supportive Staff Award from the Indiana School Counselor Association (ISCA)

December 2015

- Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce 2015 Inspiring Educator Awards - School Winners: Tracie Geer, Taft; Grace Santos, Wheeler; Kathleen Lucht, Eisenhower; Kelly Anthony, Lake Street; Sarah Scott, MacArthur; Kelly Wool, Solon Robinson; Suzanne Hufford, Timothy Ball; Kelly Elsey, Winfield; Dustin Miller, Jerry Ross; and Ashley Plumley, CPHS - School Winner and overall Corporation Winner

January 2016

- Alison Duncan, CPHS Girls' Volleyball Coach, for being named the Post-Tribune 2015 Girls' Volleyball Coach of the Year

April 2016

- Timothy Ball Elementary Math Bowl Team for winning third place in the state in the Orange Class and having the highest score (28) of all Crown Point schools at the Regional Elementary Math Bowl Competition - Team Members: Mike Bennett, Steven Budzevski, Ethan Flaherty, Anastasia Garcia, Nori Gubbins, Alex Hebda, Allie Hopkins, Alik Hopkins, Sarah Leitzel, Isabella Lipari, Suman Multani, Andrew Panozzo, Max Poole, Ana Pudleiner, Grace Sauter, Jade Sanchez, Sonya Sud, Ethan Zemburski; Junior Members: Linus Chariton, Trevor Johnson, Logan Cotton; Coaches: Lynn Carlson and Todd Emory
- 2015-16 MacArthur Elementary MacRobotics Team 10227D for winning 2nd place at the Indiana VEX IQ Elementary School State Championship - Team: Joseph Kekelik, Travis Henderson, Dimitar Trajcevski, Caleb Wolf; Coaches: Alycia Graczyk and Ruth Jostes
- CPHS senior Alexandra Baloski for being named the top winner in the nationwide 2016 Senior Scholarship Competition from The Academy of Art for demonstrating outstanding artistic talent winning a full-year's tuition scholarship, and a 2016 Tri Kappa Scholarship Award; CPHS senior Vanessa Garcia for being the overall winner for the First District of Indiana in the nationwide 2016 Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute and the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and for winning an \$8,000 scholarship in the nationwide 2016 Senior Scholarship Competition from The Academy of Art for demonstrating outstanding artistic talent; and CPHS junior Courtney Bishop for being named Runner-up for the First District of Indiana in the nationwide 2016 Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute and the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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- CPHS Latin Club for being named overall state champions winning the sweepstakes trophy, for placing 1st in the Helen Wampler Spirit Competition, Publicity, Publication, Delegate Spirit, T-shirt, Scrapbook Contests, and 1st in the Sharon Gibson Community Service Award at the Indiana Junior Classical League State Convention - Team: Casey Akers, Kayla Apking, Sarah Banks, Jessica Bao, Tabitha Beishuizen, Annie Brigham, Nick Christ, Callista Christ, Dugan Dailey, August Dailey, Ben Depta, Cat Doffin, Claire Dosen, Daniel Duncan, Maddie Edwards, Sam Fargo, Cameron Fasel, Emily Fender, Alexis Grimes, Taylen Hovanec, Maddie Johnson, Lauren Jostes, Isabelle Kalil, Lester Lowe, Emma Maddack, Cece Maginot, Ana Maksimovich, Isabelle Melchor, Stephanie Perez, Luke Perrin, Matthew Pytel, Cameron Rachford, Alex Rettker, Taylor Richards, Caroline Sarbieski, Skyler Sheck, Erin Sizemore, Nick Stockton, Sam Swope, Susie Szymanski, Julie Tran, Meagan VanDrunen, Rachel Wadkins, Alyex Wahlberg, Hannah Walley, Alex Werner; Sponsors: Sara Wietbrock, Jeremy Walker, and Ryan Collier
- 2015 Crown Point High School Excalibur Yearbook staff for earning The Hoosier Star, Indiana High School Press Association's highest award; and receiving an All-American ranking from the National Scholastic Press Association, scoring 4,575 points out of 4,700 with five marks of distinction for Concept/Essentials, Coverage, Design, Writing/Editing, and Photography - Student Journalists: Jordan Al-Nimri, Brandon Dwyer, Mary Freda, Reagan Holderby, Jaycee Hopper, Casey Lytle, Shannon McCloskey, Taylor Mrzlock, Alexis Rivera, Taylor Smith, Felicia Wacasey, Emily Wachowski; Adviser: Lisa Keene
- CPHS Inklings staff for receiving The Hoosier Star, Indiana High School Press Association's highest award, at the IHSPA state convention; the national Pacemaker award from the National Scholastic Press Association; the George H. Gallup award, the highest honor, from Quill and Scroll; and the Crown award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association at the national convention - Student Journalists: Sam Barloga, Hannah Bauner, Natalie Brigham, Audrey Gacsy, Maria Leontaras, Lauren Massow, Dylan Wallace, Alexia Wojciechowski; Adviser: Julie Elston
- CPHS 2015-16 Varsity and Junior Varsity Dance Teams - Varsity Dance Team for being named State Runner-up in Varsity AAA Kick and Pom, and the Junior Varsity Dance Team for being named State Runner-up in JV Pom at the IHSDTA State Finals - Varsity Team: Caitlyn Baker, Haleigh Darnell, Riley Geoghegan, Paytn Grady, Sydney Manhatton, Alicia Pinchok, Karlye Sopczak, Cassidy Stanage, Xiomera Torres, Jordan Vinovich, Jessica Wayman, Sydney Young, and Julia Zamora; Junior Varsity Team: Hannah Brown, Liz DeYoung, Angela Dukleska, Sophia Genovese, Alyssa Ganholm, Lizzy Hohos, Makayla Jurek, Taylor Kraft, Sara Kwiatkowski, Kennedy Lecea, Abby Plemons, Abby Smith, Lauren Surufka, Madison Stepnoski, Olivia Wagner, and Ali Winter; Head Coach: Chloe Hoffman; Assistant Coaches: Chelsea Bowman and Christina Lundy
- Elementary, Middle School and High School Food Service Departments for their vital role in CPCSC receiving the national HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award for nutrition and physical fitness excellence from the United States Department of Agriculture 2, 2016 - Food Service Director: Pam Maloney; Food Service Coordinators: Dianne Bushman and Michelle Simonovski; Managers-in-Training, Kim Oostman and Michele Milner; School Cafeteria Managers: Mary Kay Ruble, Eisenhower Elementary; Michele Hillegonds, Lake Street Elementary; Anna Mackey, MacArthur Elementary; Shirley Tokarz, Solon Robinson Elementary; Brandi Frassione, Timothy Ball Elementary; Polly Smith, Winfield Elementary; Eileen Maxwell, Jerry Ross Elementary; DeAnn Alleva, Taft Middle School, Cathy Spencer, Colonel Wheeler Middle School; Michele Kral, CPHS

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- Colonel John Wheeler 2015-16 Dance Team for being named State Runner-up in JH AA Pom at the IHSDTA State Championship - Team: Amber Barker, Katy Smith, Ekaterini Kostouros, Jane Georgas, Myah Garza-Mendak, Brooke Lowe, Madison Janickovic, Paige Cook, Emma Taylor, Emma Jurek, Eleni Kostouros, Whitney Stanage; Coach: Tamara Betz

May 2016

- CPHS senior Grant Gelon for being selected to the 2016 Indiana High School Basketball North All-Star Team
- CPHS Academic Super Bowl Team for placing 3rd in English at the state Academic Super Bowl Competition: Team: Susie Szymanski, Sarah Hautzinger, and Maddie Gellinger; Sponsor: Jason McGee
- CPHS VEX Robotics Team 1233A for receiving the World Service Award at the VEX World Championship Competition finishing with an impressive 7 and 3 record, and entered the world competition as the highest ranked team in Indiana- Team: Ralph Knipper, Zach Otano, Robbie Ponziano, Margaux Scott, Will Stratton, Nathan Halsey; Sponsor: Mark Querry
- Lake Street PTO for purchasing playground equipment that includes: 2 slides, clift climber, vertical ladder, Den Rock, poly bench with back and a poly picnic table - PTO Members: Melanie Pociask, Julie Walkowiak, Brandee Newell, Mary Pellegrini, Kristin Blimm, Kelly Anthony
- Crown Point High School Music Department for being the recipient of the 2015-2016 Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award - Johann Sletto, Band Director; Joanne Haley-Borodine, Choir Director; Tom Reed, Orchestra Director
- Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Music Department for being the recipient of the 2015-2016 Indiana State School Music Association All-Music Award - James Hensley, Band Director; Stephen Dean, Choir Director; Aaron Zemelko, Orchestra Director
- 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year/Employee of the Year Award Presentations to Laura Andrews, Teacher of the Year - secondary level; Kelly Shih, Teacher of the Year - elementary level; Leslie Peschke, Employee of the Year
Teacher of the Year Finalists: Jeremy Walker and Tom Reed, CPHS; Mike Holabawski and Teresa Myres, Taft; Trinda Copeland, MacArthur; Dee Ready, Solon Robinson; Nicole Szypczak, Winfield; Abbie Perkovich, Jerry Ross
Employee of the Year Finalists: Judy Einikis, Eisenhower; Tammy Loosemore, Timothy Ball; Sara Jones, Taft; Bernadette Nicholson, CPHS

July 2016

- CPHS Unified Track Team for placing 3rd at the 2016 IHSAA Unified State Finals - Team: Michael Chambers, Juilus Kirk, Michael Baltensberger, Angel Olivieri, Robert Hughes, Xaviar Moormann, Ryan Musgrove, Renz Buenavista, Alexis Grimes, Matthew Stiener, Ashley Grimes, Tyler Jones, Alex Stevenson, Adam Smith, Christian Redman, Nate Hanlon, Sam Swope, Christian McWhorter, Melissa Cooper, Jared Pytel, Alex Ristovski; Coach: Branden Lorek; Asst. Coaches: Craig Lorek and Andy Jurczak

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- CPHS junior, Kristin LaCosse, for winning 2nd place in 100 meter hurdles and 3rd place in 300 meter hurdles at the 2016 IHSAA State Girls Track Meet
- CPHS Athletic Department for winning both the 2015-16 Boys and Girls DAC All-Sports Awards - Bill Dorulla, Athletic Director; Mike Malaski, Assistant Athletic Director; Boys Coaches: Bryon Angerman, Chris Korzeniewski, Clint Swan, Mike Bazin, Scott Vlink, Steve Strayer, Keith Iddings, Jon Haas, Kevin Enright; Girls Coaches: Bryon Angerman, Chris Mikrut, Ginger Britton, Lindsay Moskalick, Chris Seibert, Jon Haas, Alison Duncan, Ami Pysh, Brian Elston