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Center Grove High School seniors honored for graduating with college degrees, certificates

GREENWOOD, IN (May 22, 2015)—Center Grove High School (CGHS) recognized 42 seniors Thursday evening who will receive college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College (EC) program later this month. The EC program allows students to take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. Center Grove High School's commencement ceremony is Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vandermeer Gymnasium.

The following 26 EC seniors will receive an associate degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma: Aria Baird, Matthew Baseley, Elizabeth Bennett, Michelle Bennett, Samantha Carroll, Grant Claridge, Adam Cullers, Gavin Everett, Rachel Eyrich, Abigail Ferrell, Kristabel Gichina, Jacob (Max) Glogoza, Makayla Haas, Rebecca Hendricks, Nicole Hernandez, Rachel Johnson, Megan Kelly, Austin Kent, Austin Mengle, Sarah Miller, Chloe Spenny, Connor Spenny, Tyler Spenny, Abigail Spradlin, Austin Teike, and Ryan Walker.

Sixteen other students will receive a 30-hour General Education Core Certificate, which means they have met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana. Another 54 earned between 3 and 45 credits for a total of 3,820 college credit hours earned by EC seniors.

"We are very proud of these students for what they've been able to accomplish during their four years at Center Grove High School," said Doug Bird, principal. "Early College is a great program and we are pleased to see the number of students receiving an associate's degree nearly double from last year."

"This is a remarkable accomplishment for a high school student," said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. "These students have shown a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication."

The [Early College program](#) is open to all Center Grove High School students. Students are selected for the program based on their reading level, grades, and recommendations. The program admits between 100-120 students per year. Students take all of their core classes with the EC faculty and with other EC students in a small learning community. This structure increases collaboration between faculty and leads to increased accountability and attention to students.

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Photo attachment: Center Grove High School Principal Doug Bird addresses the Early College graduates during Thursday evening's program as Vincennes University President Dr. Richard Helton and others look on.