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

GREENWOOD, IN (May 23, 2023) – Center Grove High School (CGHS) honored 122 seniors for earning college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College (EC) program during a ceremony on Monday, May 22, 2023. Through the EC program, students can take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. Center Grove High School's commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the CGHS Vandermeer Gymnasium.

"We are so proud of the Early College class of 2023. Starting their high school career during a pandemic created unique challenges that they have proudly overcome," said Tracy McMahan, CGHS assistant principal and director of Early College. "Their resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit have guided them to the successes that they have earned while at CGHS. They have laughed together, learned together, and supported one another through the highs and lows. We are so excited to see where the future takes these amazing students. We know the sky is the limit!"

Sixty-two EC seniors will receive an associate degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma. Forty-one of those seniors have earned college honors. Fifty-two students will receive a 30-hour Indiana College Core certificate, which means they have met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana. Every member of this year's class of 122 earned more than 15 college credits. In total, this year's EC seniors earned 6,579 college credit hours.

The [Early College program](#) is open to all CGHS students. Students are selected for the program based on their reading level, grades, and recommendations. The program admits approximately 110 students per year. Students take all of their core classes with the EC faculty and 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 attachments: Early College ceremony; Tracy McMahan, CGHS assistant principal and director of Early College, congratulates a graduate during the ceremony on May 22, 2023*



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## 2023 CGHS Early College Graduates

Owen Baker*	Harrison Hite	Eyler Slater*
Ethan Benoit*	Raegan Hommel*	Victoria St Louis
Ainsley Blazek*	Alexia Hoskins*	Meghan Stanley
Kayla Briant	Tyler House*	James Studebaker*
Emilia Brown*	Cole Hyzer	Bawi Thang*
Mya Brown*	Conner Inman*	Carson Vlcan*
Logan Buckmaster*	Grace Ison	Lindsey Walker*
Kaysen Chapman*	Eliza LaFavers*	Julianna Weems
Connor Conkin*	Lauren LePage*	Aina Williams
Rosalyn Cranney*	Ryan Mang	Kolyn Wright*
Kristina Cutsinger*	Sarah McKinney	Owen Wright
Emma Dortch*	Matthew McRoberts	Michael Young
Hope Eberwine*	Garrett Messer*	Michael Yurs
Jacob Ellis	Megan Minnemann*	Evan Zapp*
Ariel Emberton*	Megan Morgan	* Denotes honors
James Feitl*	Zane Patterson*	
Isabelle Felke*	Lillian Peterson	
Dru Franklin	Joshua Powell	
Elizabeth Gettum*	Bre'Anna Redden*	
Bradley Gilliam*	Sarah Redden	
Madison Gradert*	Kaleigh Rice*	
Amelia Harrigan*	Jarret Rockwell	
Madison Harrigan*	Grant Sawa*	
Elijah Hatfield*	Kendra Shirrell*	