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Center Grove High School Graduates 582 Students on Sunday, June 4, 2017

GREENWOOD, IN (June 4, 2017) – Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 582 students on Sunday, June 4, 2017 in the high school's Vandermeer Gymnasium.

The CGHS Class of 2017 Valedictorian is Ashley Varney. Varney ended the school year with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.864. She plans to study biochemistry at Purdue University with plans to go into pharmacy. The 2017 CGHS Salutatorian is Max Newport who finished with a GPA of 4.828. Max plans to attend Stanford University where he will study engineering physics.

One graduate, Parker Ferguson, plans to enter the US Air Force Academy. Another, Vanessa Kuechler, will attend Indiana University on an ROTC scholarship. Thirteen students have also shared plans to enlist in the military following graduation.

"This class has earned \$6 million in academic and athletic scholarships to continue their educations, which is exceptional," said Doug Bird, principal. "We are proud of the accomplishments of those who will be continuing their academic careers in colleges and universities in Indiana and around the country. We also take pride in those who have chosen to serve their country in the military after graduation. They all have bright futures ahead of them."

Among the graduates, 253 seniors received Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas. To qualify for Academic Honors, students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, including a GPA of a B or better, along with additional math, world language, and fine arts credits.

Twenty-nine seniors have received an associate degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma, through the CGHS Early College program. Forty-nine students received a 30-hour General Education Core Certificate, which means they met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana.

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Photo attachments: Ashley Varney, valedictorian, Max Newport, salutatorian