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**Highlights of the Class of 2024**  
**24 Distinguished Graduates**  
**70 Academic & Technical Honors earned**  
**\$3.5 million in Scholarships earned**

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# PRINCIPAL'S POST

## Class of 2024!

Students and staff at Michigan City High School have numerous accomplishments to celebrate. This year has been exceptional, with remarkable achievements across academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. We are proud to be Wolves and grateful for the support of our community.

### Highlights and Accomplishments

- ▶ **24** students graduating with distinction and highest distinction (GPA of 4.1 and above)
- ▶ **70** students earned academic and/or technical honors diplomas
- ▶ **37** 21st Century Scholars who collectively received \$1.4 million in scholarships.
- ▶ **Total Scholarships:** The Class of 2024 reported and accepted over **\$3.5 million** in academic and athletic scholarships.
- ▶ **Technical Certifications:** 29 students earned 37 technical certifications in fields such as construction, nursing, EMT, culinary, welding, automotive, and machining.
- ▶ **Armed Forces:** 3 students will serve in the Armed Forces in the Army and National Guard.

These accomplishments reflect the strength, determination, and focus demonstrated by our students. While we will miss the graduating class, we are excited to see them continue to achieve great things.

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 school year at Michigan City High School, there is a palpable sense of anticipation and excitement among students, staff, and the community. Building on the remarkable successes of the past year, we are committed to continuing our tradition of excellence in all areas. Our academic programs will be further enriched with new and innovative courses designed to prepare students for the challenges of the future. We are particularly excited about expanding our STEM initiatives and enhancing our career and technical education programs, which will provide students with hands-on experience and industry-recognized certifications in high-demand fields.

Beyond academics, we aim to foster a holistic educational environment where students can thrive emotionally, socially, and physically. Our extracurricular programs, including sports, arts, and clubs, will offer numerous opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop leadership skills. We are also dedicated to strengthening our community partnerships to provide additional support and resources for our students. The upcoming year promises to be filled with growth, learning, and

achievements, as we strive to create a nurturing and stimulating environment that empowers every student to reach their full potential. The entire MCHS community is ready to embark on this exciting journey together, with a shared vision of success and excellence.

**One City, One Pack! Go Wolves!!**



Kyle Dean  
Principal

# Computer Science & Graphic Design

## Computer Science 2

The students of Computer Science 2 have recently completed their comprehensive Cybersecurity Reports on various companies. Each student conducted an in-depth analysis of their chosen company's cybersecurity measures, identifying strengths and vulnerabilities. The culmination of this project required students to present their findings in front of their peers and instructors, showcasing not only their analytical skills but also their ability to communicate complex technical information effectively. To further demonstrate their understanding, students performed quick demonstrations of their findings, illustrating potential security threats and mitigation strategies.

## Principles of Computing

In Principles of Computing, students have successfully completed their final projects, which consisted of either developing inventory systems or creating games. These projects were the pinnacle of their learning journey this year, integrating various concepts and skills acquired throughout the course. A significant challenge they faced was learning and implementing Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs), a crucial component that added complexity to their projects. Despite the difficulties, students demonstrated remarkable perseverance and creativity, resulting in

functional and innovative projects. These achievements underscore the students' capability to apply theoretical knowledge in practical applications, preparing them for future endeavors in the field of computing.

## Computer Illustration and Graphics

The final animation project for the Computer Illustration and Graphics class proved to be a challenging yet rewarding endeavor. Students were tasked with creating original character designs, developing storyboards, and animating their concepts. While many encountered difficulties at various stages—whether in conceptualizing characters, planning the narrative, or executing the animations—the results were outstanding. Each student's project demonstrated their dedication and growth in the field of animation. The effort and creativity put into these animations were commendable, and the instructor expressed immense pride in their accomplishments.

## Principles of Digital Design

Students in Principles of Digital Design completed their "Shades of Me" final project, a creative task that required them to produce a monochrome self-portrait and then recolor their faces using different shades of a selected

color. This project not only tested their technical skills in digital design but also encouraged self-expression and creativity. The final artworks were impressive, showcasing a wide range of artistic interpretations and technical prowess. Below are some examples of the students' exceptional work, reflecting their growth and proficiency in digital design.



## Graduation Pathways

The state of Indiana is requiring all students to be on a graduation pathway.



# Computer Science & Graphic Design

In the Computer Science and Graphic Design area of our school we offer 3 different pathways:

## Cybersecurity Pathway:

Courses:

- Principles of Computing (Freshman / Sophomore)
- Cybersecurity Fundamentals (Sophomore / Junior)
- Advanced Cybersecurity (Junior / Senior)
- Cybersecurity Capstone (Senior)

Ideal for students who are **analytical, detail-oriented**, and interested in **cybersecurity** and **data protection**.

## Computer Science Pathway:

Courses:

- Principles of Computing (Freshman / Sophomore)
- Topics in Computer Science (Sophomore / Junior)
- Computer Science (Junior / Senior)
- Computer Science Capstone (Senior)

Suitable for students who enjoy **problem-solving, logical thinking**, and have a passion for **programming** and **software development**.

## Graphic Design Pathway:

Courses:

- Principles of Digital Design (Freshman / Sophomore)
- Digital Design Graphics (Sophomore / Junior)
- Interactive Media or Graphic Design and Layout (Junior / Senior)
- Digital Design Capstone (Senior)

Perfect for students who are **creative, artistic**, and interested in **visual communication** and **design technologies**.

Students must receive a **C or better** in a pathway course and take at least three courses in a pathway. These pathways are designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to succeed in their chosen fields, ensuring they are well-prepared for both higher education and future careers.

# Early College

## Celebrating a Decade of Excellence

Michigan City High School proudly celebrates the 10th anniversary of its Early College program, a pioneering initiative that has set the standard for educational excellence in Northwest Indiana. As one of the first schools in the region to adopt this innovative approach, the Early College program has significantly impacted students' academic and personal growth, preparing them for success in higher education and beyond.

### *What is Early College?*

The Early College program allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credits, giving them a head start on their post-secondary education. By partnering with local colleges and universities, Michigan City High School offers a curriculum that integrates college-level coursework into the high school experience. This enables students to complete substantial college credits, and in some cases, an associate degree, by the time they graduate from high school.

### *Importance of Early College*

The Early College program is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it provides students with a rigorous academic challenge, fostering a college-going culture and encouraging higher educational aspirations. Students in the program develop critical thinking skills, time management, and the ability to handle the demands of college-level work, which are essential for their future academic and career success.

Secondly, Early College helps reduce the financial burden of higher education. By earning college credits while still in high school, students and their families can significantly lower the cost of a college degree. This is especially important in today's economic climate, where the cost of higher education continues to rise.

Lastly, the program promotes equity in education by providing opportunities for all students, regardless of their background, to access college-level coursework. This inclusivity ensures that students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds can benefit from advanced learning opportunities and are better prepared for the competitive demands of the workforce.

### *Decade of Success*

Over the past decade, the Early College program at Michigan City High School

has seen remarkable success. Hundreds of students have graduated with college credits, saving thousands of dollars in tuition fees and shortening their time to degree completion. The program's graduates have gone on to excel in various fields, demonstrating the lasting impact of the Early College experience.

As we celebrate this milestone, we recognize the dedication of the educators, administrators, and community partners who have made this program possible. Their commitment to providing high-quality education has transformed the lives of countless students, setting them on a path to lifelong success.

### *Looking Ahead*

As Michigan City High School looks forward to the future, the Early College program remains a cornerstone of its commitment to academic excellence and student success. The school continues to innovate and expand its offerings, ensuring that future generations of students will benefit from this exceptional educational opportunity.

The Early College program exemplifies the school's motto: "One City, One Pack." It brings together students, educators, and the community in a shared mission to achieve greatness. Here's to another decade of empowering students and shaping bright futures at Michigan City High School. Go Wolves!

# Early College





# MCJROTC

## Cadets Honored

The Michigan City High School (MCHS) Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MJROTC) conducted an awards ceremony at the high school on May 8th. Cadets were recognized for service to the community and school, for superior performance in JROTC and school extracurricular activities, and outstanding academic achievement. Many representatives of veterans and civic organizations attended to personally present their awards.

Major Tom McGrath, the Senior Marine Instructor, noted the high number of parents who attended. "The great attendance of parents, who also brought a significant amount of food for the celebration of their sons and daughters, shows what they think of our program."

The Marine Instructor, Master Sergeant Jeff Benak, echoed the interest that parents have for JROTC. "We have a great group of kids whose enthusiasm for all of our activities has spread to their parents."

### Awards & Honorees

Among those activities are the MCHS military Drill Team, the Raider Team, and the CyberPatriot Team. Cadet

Captain Marcus Mantel earned the American Legion Military medal for his extraordinary performance on the Drill Team, as he commanded four different units, requiring him to memorize four different drill cards. He plans on serving in the Marine Corps, specifically in Force Reconnaissance. Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Alexandra Reed earned the Sons of the American Revolution medal as the top female cadet. That award was accompanied with a check for \$1000.00. Reed plans on attending college on an ROTC scholarship (worth \$180,000.00) and serving as a Cyber Security Officer. Cadet Staff Sergeant Daniel Kohn earned the Marine Corps League medal as the best sophomore cadet. Kohn was a stalwart performer on the Raider team. He plans on attending the U.S. Naval Academy (education valued at \$350,000.00) and serving as a Navy SEAL officer.

### Cadet Achievements

- ▶ Cadet Corporal Aiden Gorden earned the Veterans of Foreign Wars medal as the best male cadet
- ▶ Cadet Corporal Peyton Downs earned the Daughters of the American Revolution as the top female sophomore cadet
- ▶ Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Ann Sawyer earned the Women Marine medal for extraordinary extracurricular activities. Sawyer

is the top hitter in the Duneland Athletic Conference softball league

- ▶ Cadet Staff Sergeant Jaiden Sledd earned the American Legion Scholastic medal for having the best grade point average
- ▶ Cadet Staff Sergeant Savannah Timm earned the Daughters of 1812 for working the most community service hours
- ▶ Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Wilson earned the Military Officers Association of America award for superior endurance and overcoming adversity. Wilson was in a serious car accident during the winter. He made an exceptionally fast recovery and amazingly has already returned to school and is catching up on all of the school work he missed.

### Looking Ahead

The cadets have no time to rest on their laurels. They will continue to support community and school organizations, to include the MCHS graduation on June 2nd. They will also be marching in the Michigan City Memorial Day parade and participating in the Memorial Day ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery. Cadets will be preparing for next year's Drill and Raider seasons by participating



# MCJROTC

in conditioning sessions over the summer. They will also be sending cadets to national Drill and Cyber camps over the summer. All of these activities are done at no cost to MCHS or the cadets. All costs are covered by the Marine Corps.



# Special Education

## Celebrating the Legacy of Marlene Chandler

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This summer, Marlene Chandler will be retiring after more than 30 years of dedicated service as a special education paraprofessional. Marlene's commitment and passion have touched countless lives in our community, making a profound impact on students and colleagues alike.

Throughout her distinguished career, Marlene has been a pillar of support, compassion, and dedication. Her unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of her students has made her an invaluable asset to our educational community. Her colleagues and students will miss her immensely, as her presence has been a source of inspiration and strength.

As we bid farewell to Marlene, we extend our deepest gratitude for her decades of service and the positive difference she has made. Her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of educators and students. Thank you, Marlene, for your remarkable contributions and for making our community a better place. Best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement!



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES





# Esports

## Esports Awards Banquet

The recent Esports Awards Banquet held on May 8th was a resounding success, bringing together families and students for an evening of celebration and recognition. The event provided a platform to honor the dedication and talent displayed by students in various esports games.

In each game category players were acknowledged with the prestigious Most Valuable Player (MVP) award and the esteemed Wolf Award, which recognizes individuals with a never-give-up attitude, a commitment to excellence, and a willingness to accept constructive criticism.

The awardees in each game category were as follows:

### Overwatch 2:

- ▶ Wolf Award: Eme Attar
- ▶ MVP: Isaac LaFrance

### Super Smash Bros:

- ▶ Wolf Award: Aidan Kelly
- ▶ MVP: Katelyn Ast

### Rocket League:

- ▶ Wolf Award: Anthony Jaimes
- ▶ MVP: James Symons

Additionally, two students were recognized with the Caster Award for their exceptional skills in commenting on esports matches. The recipients of this award were **Trevor Ackerman** and **Cordae Grandberry**.

The Spirit Award, presented to the student who embodies a never-give-up attitude and exudes positivity, was bestowed upon **Carlos Serrano** for his outstanding sportsmanship.

Among the top honors of the evening were the Overall Esports MVP and Wolf Award.

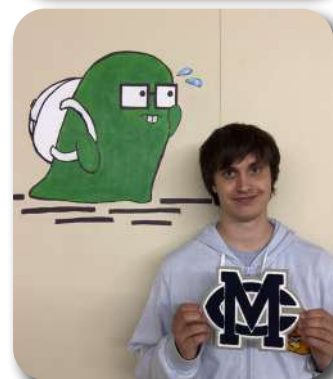
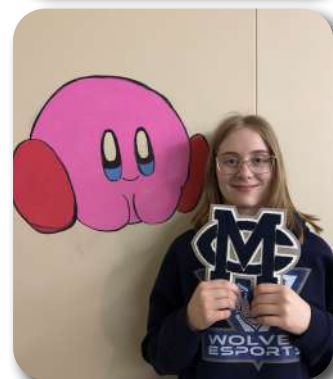
- ▶ Wolf Award: Dylan Mashburn
- ▶ MVP: Cordae Grandberry

## New Achievement Unlocked

Furthermore, the commendable efforts of the students were acknowledged by Michigan City High School, which awarded Varsity Letters to 12 students who competed at the Varsity level, recognizing their hard work and dedication to esports.

## Looking Ahead

Looking ahead to the next year, the esports program is eager to reintroduce a popular game title while potentially adding a new one, promising an exciting and challenging season for all participants.





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION





# Senior Picnic





# Graduation Pictures





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# Healthy Culture

## Final Potluck

Healthy Culture had its final festive Potluck on May 1st. Thank you to all the staff that participated throughout the school year. We look forward to new themes next school year. Some awesome dishes including desserts, shrimp ceviche, salads and much more.

The goal of the Healthy Culture is to create a positive environment for both students and staff.

Thank you to Elizabeth Stahl, Amanda Stolarz, Sara Long, Adam Goebel, Judy Kovalick and Amy Wojo

## Catching Kindness

Students were caught being kind at MCHS. Thank you to the Unity Foundation for funding a grant for Amy Wojo (Healthy Culture) to recognize students who are caught doing random acts of kindness. They are also provided a pin to keep!

Thanks to all the students and staff!





# AUGUST

# CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## August Events

- ▶ [8/10 Back to School Rally](#)
- ▶ [8/14 First Day of School](#)