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CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES

Top Row, L-R: Nolan Egolf, Seth Bumbaugh, Aaron Minnier, Noah Ickes, Brandon Craig, Dhriti Rathod
Middle, L-R: Chloe Shunk, Tiana Spangler, Alexis Coffey, Eva Burkholder, Brittany Popluhar
First Row, L-R: Reagan Ward, Ruth Hepler, Kelly Stepler, Emmalyn Hott, Ava Bumbaugh, Addison Frey
Not Pictured: Jadon Jetnarayan, Pai-Hsin "Perkin" Yang

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

CVCS awarded diplomas to 20 members of the Class of 2023 during High School Graduation on May 26. Some highlights:

- Aaron Minnier received the Dino J. Pedrone Award, which carries a \$2,000 scholarship and is awarded to the senior who displays outstanding Christian character. He plans to attend Lancaster Bible College and play baseball.
- Emmalyn Hott received the Carl G. McKee Scholarship, which also carries a \$2,000 scholarship and is awarded to the senior who excels in Christian service and academics. She plans to attend Shippensburg University and major in early childhood education.
- Class President Dhriti Rathod welcomed everyone to graduation, saying, "We've laughed together, cried together, been angry together, and persevered together. ... I can't wait to see how much everyone has progressed in their lives and their relationship with God."
- Daryl Welch, pastor at Johnstown Bible Church in Hedgesville, WV, was the graduation speaker. He encouraged the seniors: "Find something big to do. Find something great to do. Most of all, do what God wants you to do with your life."
- He also said, "When we look at our days, we have to understand that God wants us to live in the day He has given us. Some people say, 'Live for this day.' What I'm saying is to live for this day so that you can get to where God wants you to be."
- Rathod was also valedictorian. She is headed to New York Institute of Technology to major in Chemistry. She said in her valedictory address: "Never be filled with fear when trying something new, and always remember, 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil. For you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me'" (Psalms 23:4).
- Eva Burkholder, who is going to major in Business/Economics at Liberty University, was the class salutatorian. She told her classmates: "Trusting in God's plan for our lives may not lead to what we thought we wanted, but we can be sure it will result in a far more fulfilling life than we could achieve on our own."
- CVCS seniors compiled 2,580 service hours during their four high-school years and earned more than \$466,000 in scholarships.
- Eleven seniors earned college credits, led by Burkholder and Rathod each with 48, meaning they are starting college as second-semester sophomores.
- For a class gift, the senior class is presenting 10 new light tables for the Art Room, goal nets and corner flags for the soccer field, and several wireless headsets for Drama and Choir.

RACE FOR EDUCATION

Race for Education 2023 took place on Friday, May 5th. CVCS students and their families worked diligently to solicit sponsors and raise funds for the event. The CVCS staff created goals and competitions among the students in order to earn prizes. While there were individual class goals, the biggest prize was a school-wide field day for 100% participation. Needless to say, the students reached that goal and were able to earn that prize.

We were blessed with a beautiful day for Race Day. The sun was shining and the students were excited to finally be able to run! The Development Office rewarded participants who raised the most money and ran the most laps. We also rewarded the class who raised the most money a pizza party! Congratulations to Mrs. Kauffman's 4th grade class who raised \$4,138!

The student body as a whole raised \$45,000! Thank you to all of those who donated to this special event. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and supports our ability to offer discounts and scholarships to our families. Race for Education 2023 was a record year for this event and we are super excited for what's in store for 2024.





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