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Senior Graduation 2024

"CVCS has provided you with the necessary skills. The emphasis on God, family and country will serve you well. You will succeed when others will fail."

Those encouraging words were delivered by Waynesboro attorney Clint Barkdoll, the guest speaker at Cumberland Valley Christian School's 47th high school commencement. CVCS awarded diplomas to 27 members of the Class of 2024 during the graduation ceremony in the Open Door Church auditorium on May 24.

Some highlights:

- Levi Hassinger 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 Penn State University and major in Computer Engineering. He compiled a class-high 1,087 service hours during his four years of high school.
- Hassinger was also valedictorian and in his valedictory address told the graduates, "As we spend our final moments here at CVCS, I want to leave you with this challenge: live your life developing a strong character. As we have learned from the past year, life is full of decisions, and your life path will be carved by the decisions you make." He advised his classmates to make three decisions: to continue to learn, to choose strong priorities, and to live for God, not yourself.
- Liliana Wenger 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 political science.
- Wenger, also the class president and salutatorian, welcomed everyone to graduation. In her salutatory address, she challenged her classmates with this: "No matter what you do in life, do it for the honor and glory of God. Never become a stranger to Him and His word, and allow Him to guide your life in all that you do."
- Barkdoll also encouraged the seniors: "Be resilient in the face of adversity ... Dealing with adversity will make you a better person and show you how to treat other people." He added that the key is how they adapt and respond when faced with misfortune.
- CVCS seniors earned more than \$250,000 in scholarships.
- Twelve seniors earned college credits, led by Hassinger, who will have earned 30 college credits by the end of the summer.
- For their class gift, the senior class is presenting 10 new light tables for the Art Room, goal nets and corner flags for the soccer field, several wireless headsets for Drama and Choir, volleyball nets, and a 50th anniversary "Memory Wall" in the high school wing.



Race for Education

Race for Education 2024 took place May 3, 2024. Race for Education is an annual event that focuses on raising funds for tuition discounts, and students and families work diligently during the month of April to solicit donors for the event. Students can earn participation prizes, as well as awards for raising the most in their age bracket. The class that raises the most is awarded a pizza party. Congratulations to Mrs. Beckering's 5th grade class who raised an incredible \$4,468!

We were blessed with beautiful weather on Race

Day, and the students ran hard! The boy and girl in each age bracket with the most laps were also recognized with a certificate.

In total, over \$55,000 was raised this year, making 2024's Race for Education the most successful ever! Thank you to the students, parents, donors, and volunteers who helped make the event so special. You had a part in furthering our mission of offering affordable, high-quality Christian education. Thank you!

Alumni Notables

- **Laura Burkholder** (Class of 2021) graduated summa cum laude from Liberty University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and two minors in Accounting and Theology.
- **Emilee Beam** (Class of 2021) was named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Slippery Rock University. Emilee is majoring in Recreational Therapy.
- The following students were named to the Spring 2024 Dean's List at Shippensburg University: **Kendra Bard** (Class of 2022, Marketing), **Regan Bard** (Class of 2022, Exercise Science), **Adam Snyder** (Class of 2022, Mechanical Engineering), **Ryan Winters** (Class of 2021, Finance).

Have an accomplishment you want to announce? Dean's List, College Graduation, Marriage, New Job, Job Promotion, Something Notable? We want to know. If you have an accomplishment you'd like to announce, send it to tmiller@cvcslazers.com, and we will include it in our Alumni Corner.

National Honor Society

Eleven students were inducted into the CVCS National Honor Society during a special chapel on May 7.

Inducted were senior Morgan McMaster, junior Emma Gardner and nine sophomores: Andrew Diehl, Kayla Helman, Haerin Jeong, Landon McGhee, Makenna Morris, Joshua Rudy, Garrett Scheeler, Chloe Smith and Reagan Witmer.

In order to be eligible for Honor Society induction, students must maintain an average of 94% in all classes combined and demonstrate outstanding character.

Kent Lundy, a 2003 graduate of CVCS, was the guest speaker. He is now pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Chambersburg.



Celebrate with us

October 10-13, 2024



CVCS Homecoming

Cheer on our volleyball & boys soccer teams throughout the weekend and during a special homecoming.



Smoked BBQ

Enjoy delicious BBQ & sides. Tickets are required & available on our website.



Class Reunions by Decade

Walk down memory lane and reconnect with old classmates & friends



Special Sunday at TODC

Celebrate all God has done during a special service at 10am, with guest speaker Dino Pedrone



Family Activities & Games

Chili cook-off, bounce house, yard games, face painting, Kona Ice Truck, and more!



Anniversary Banquet

Join us for a meal after the Sunday service to cap off the weekend. Tickets required & available on our website



Scan the QR code for the weekend schedule & to reserve tickets



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