



# LAKE CENTRAL

## END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER

### PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE

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Dr. Larry Veracco,  
Superintendent

### Graduation Ceremony Ends One Chapter, UNI Project Begins Another

On June 2, 2019, the Lake Central Class of 2019 bid farewell to their formative education by participating in a classy and well produced ceremony. Beginning with the greeting from Mr. Begley and Olivia Longo through several other inspirational student messages, our graduates and guests were treated to a truly feel good afternoon.

I won't take the time to review the statistics regarding achievement, scholarships granted, or the pride we take in having numerous students elect to serve in our armed forces. There are numerous articles and pictures available online as well as the entire ceremony on You Tube at (<https://youtu.be/XLqR3sbe4kk>) and in this newsletter that will be more informative than any recap attempted by me. However, it was with great pride that I watched the caps fly as students smiled, hugged their classmates and parents and then hung

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## LCSC: Annual Unified Games

By: Kevin Holechko, graduate at LCHS

The Unified Games at Lake Central is one of the most popular and highlighted events within the district. This event brings together our entire student body from all three levels to participate in a unified game day.

The day is packed with races, field events, face painting and bubble blowing. Often times Unified Game Day reminds our staff of our core values here at Lake Central. The biggest one is service, countless students volunteer to work with our special needs students at all levels. From the peer mentors at the high school to the unified track teams at the middle school, our student body dedicates so many hours to helping promote a positive environment for everyone. "It's become so common to see West Lake students around the school and it definitely has made people more tolerant in general of others and their differences," Molly Fischer, graduate, said.







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around the school to take photographs for their scrapbooks. This culminating event is bittersweet for the entire LC education staff. While we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, we know as they leave, our time spent teaching, coaching, and leading these tremendous young people is over. We will take a rest and then gear up for next year's challenge. When we get back to work, we will do our best to ensure that our 2020 seniors make us just as proud!

The UNI project, Lake Central's own mobile library got off to a fantastic start as over 200 books were checked out at the first stop of the summer, Redar Park in Schererville. Additional books are being purchased and this is a great scenario for Librarian Elana Arens and her army of assistants who are determined to make it easy for children to keep reading throughout the summer months.

For anyone who is inspired by this initiative, donations are still being accepted at [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us), under the UNI banner. To view the upcoming locations for visiting the UNI, click on the UNI banner.

I would like to go over my limit by a few words to thank Lake Central Publications and our public relations interns for supporting the corporation newsletter as well as our individual school newsletters. Their efforts are instrumental to keeping all the positive events happening at Lake Central in front of our stakeholders!

## Homan: Kindy 500

*By: Gabriella Shumylo, graduate @LCHS*



On Tuesday, May 21, kindergartners participated in the Kindy 500. While at home, the students decorated their race cars to show off. During the school day, parents and family members gathered in the gym to watch the students race.



## ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS



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# Class of 2019

By: Kevin Holechko  
graduate @LCHS

**325**  
Academic  
Honors

**8** Academic Honors &  
Technical Honors

**7**  
Technical Honors

**451**  
Core 40 Diplomas

Class of 2019  
broken down  
by the  
numbers

It is the most wonderful time of the year. Students are graduating, teachers are going home for the summer and the weather is warming up. At this time we would like to say farewell to the Class of 2019.

The class graduated with a total of 791 students and we could not be more proud of them. The Class of 2019 is unique in the sense that they are the first class to go through the new high school for all four years. We wish the Class of 2019 the best as they embark onto a new pathway. Thank you for all the memories and laughs you have been able to share with us. Congratulations to all of graduates of the Class of 2019.

Beyond the doors of Lake Central  
students are taking a variety of  
pathways.

## 791 Students Graduating

**619**

Attending  
College

**22**

Joining the  
Armed Forces

**88** entering into  
apprenticeships

*"The future belongs to those who believe  
in the beauty of their dreams"-FDR*

The class motto for the Class of 2019

**2,340**

School Days  
from  
K-12

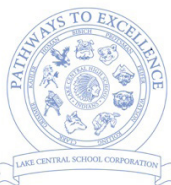
**16,380**

Hours spent in  
school

**June 2**

All coming down to  
graduation

**\$20,000,000+ earned in Scholarships**







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From the first day of school all the way to  
Commencement, here is the Class of 2019  
in pictures.



Congratulations to  
the class of 2019







A calendar of Lake Central events may be found on the front page our website. [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us). A few of the events are listed below as an example for you.

June 10:  
Lake Central  
Education  
Foundation  
meeting

June 17: School  
Board Meeting

June 28-29:  
Summer Play

July 1-5:  
Moratorium  
Week

July 4:  
Independence  
Day  
\*District Office  
Closed

July 15: School  
Board Meeting

For a more detailed list of what is going on in the corporation join eventlink. Eventlink can be found on the corporation website.

## Clark: Academic Excellence from Clark

*By: Karisa Candreva, graduate @ LCHS*

### Q&A with Harvard Commit, Kelly Nguyen

Q: How did Clark prepare you for going to college?

A: "Clark allowed me to develop a genuine interest in STEM classes, especially math. More importantly though, I learned a lot of life lessons from my middle school teachers that I'll definitely take with me to college."

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you got in?

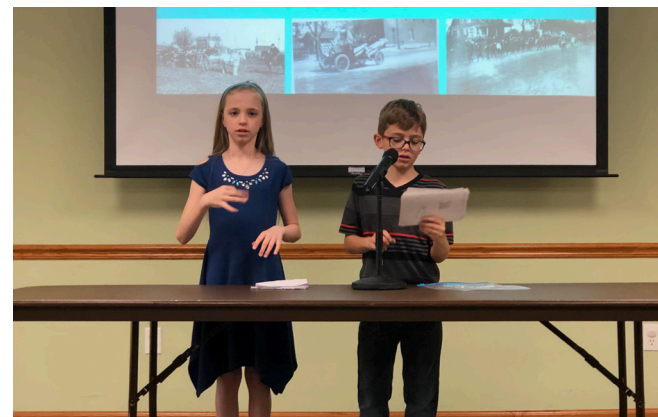
A: "[My reaction was] just pure disbelief. I honestly didn't think I would get in."

Q: What are you most excited for in the fall?

A: "I'm really excited to see my friends again and to meet more people. There's so much diversity at Harvard, and everyone had an interesting story to tell, so I can't wait to hear more about the parts of the world I haven't experienced, and [I'm excited for] the classes too, but that's more of a mixture of intense dread and nervous excitement."



## Bibich: Dyer History Project



*By: Danica Mileusnic, graduate @ LCHS*

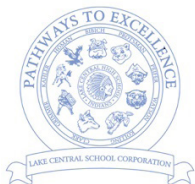
Students in Mrs. Julie Crary's third grade high ability class completed the annual 'History of Dyer' project.

Two students were assigned a certain topic of Dyer's history such as famous families and schools in the area. From there they were in charge of finding out the history of that specific topic.

Students from Miss. Snow's fourth grade class that did the project the year before also helped the third graders with their information.

On May 22, the students presented their information for their parents and classmates. Also, as an important part of the project, the students learned how to sign their projects in American Sign Language (ASL). Throughout the year, the students learned ASL and this is where they presented their high knowledge about it.





Effective  
Immediately from  
the Lake Central  
Administration

Attention community members: Are you looking for a new career or a have an interest in working with kids. The Lake Central School Corporation is now hiring substitute teachers for all schools in the district. Even though summer has arrived we are already looking to next school year. If you have a substitute license, the pay wage is \$75 a day, an increase of \$5 a day from last year's pay.

If you are a licensed teacher, the pay wage is \$83 a day, an increase of \$7 a day from last year's pay.

Finally If you are a retired Lake Central employee, the pay wage is \$86 a day, an increase of \$10 a day from last year's pay.

If you are interested in this new opportunity go to [lcsc.us](http://lcsc.us) for more information or call the Lake Central Administration office at 219-365-8507.



## Watson: Hero Day

*By: Ashley Robinson, graduate @ LCHS*

To celebrate Memorial Day, the kindergartners in Ms. Yelich's class held their annual end of the year patriotic program. The students performed songs and dances for their families in the cafeteria to honor the brave men and women who defend the country. Each child made his or her own shirt of an American flag with his or her hand print. They also created signs to hold during the song "What A Wonderful World." Thank you, Ms. Yelich, for holding another amazing show.



## Grimmer: Choir to Carnegie Hall

*By: Ashley Robinson, graduate @ LCHS*

The choir was able to visit and perform in New York City, from May 2 through the 6. After being discovered through a video on YouTube, the group was invited by Distinguished Concerts International New York, to perform at Carnegie Hall. In addition to their show, the 34 students got the opportunity to explore the city, from watching "Wicked" on Broadway to visiting the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. Congratulations on this incredible honor!







## Q&A with Marcus Orciuch



**Lake County  
Elections**

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Marcus Orciuch, graduate, Is a former senior who recently graduated from Lake Central. As a student, he has worked on an app with the Lake County Board of Elections that will benefit all citizens of Lake County during election night.

Q: What is the name of the app?

A: The name of the app is Lake County Elections. You can find it in either the App Store for your iOS devices or the Google Play Store for your Android devices.

Q: How long did it take you to create this app?

A: Well actually, this app was a project that I started around my junior year in February and have been developing it ever since as a part of my learning process of making apps.

Q: Where did you learn to make an app?

A: Learning to make an app, or anything related to programming, isn't like learning history or biology, using memorization and repetition. It is a process of application in which the entire process of developing an app, from the conception of the idea to the finalization of the app, is the learning process. This is actually my first app and going through this learning process was very rewarding for me and taught me a lot about how to make stable information infrastructures.

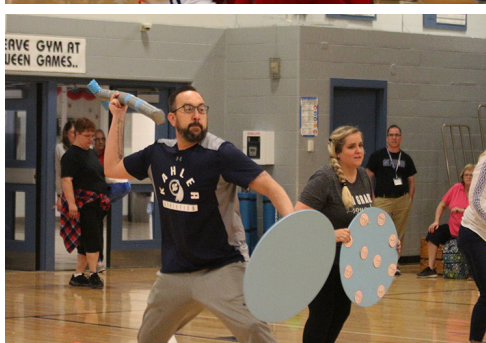
Q: What were some difficulties you encountered when creating this app?

A: I've encountered more road blocks than I could count. One of the most notable ones was when Apple kept rejecting my app from their App Store. They have rigorous expectations and standards that need to be followed, which I have, but what they struck down my app for was ridiculous. It was hard to contact them and appeal in a timely matter and it took months to get our app available for the public.

Q: What is the primary purpose of the app?

A: The app serves as a utility to get real time election results to your smart-phone, and with the implementation of push notifications,

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## Kahler: Day of Play

*By: Kevin Holechko, graduate @ LCHS*

"Live to play everyday" is a quote that all Kahler students live by. Which is a quote by Mr. Joe Ameling, a former gym teacher who passed away during the school year back in 2011.

Every year Kahler comes together on their Day of Play to pay tribute to Mr. Ameling by taking a break from classroom academics and focusing on physical health education. The day is filled with outdoor activities and at the end of the day, the students body and staff come together for an assembly.

This year the Kahler staff performed a dance and lip sing battle. Following the lip sing, the students competed by grade in a dodge ball contest. The team that won faced off against the staff in a battle. The game ended with teachers being defeated by the student body. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Day of Play possible.



## Kolling: Walk-A Thon

*By Gabriella Shumylo, graduate @ LCHS*

On Wednesday, May 15, all students who donated \$5 were able to participate in the Cougar Crawl. Patti's Gymnastics helped the crawlers warm up. Students who donated \$30 won a water bottle and a pencil. Mrs. Cassandra Cruz even wore the cougar mascot costume.







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everyone with the app can feel closer to the race than ever before. I've also included several useful resources to inform citizens on how to vote. I've also got some other ideas in the works on how to make this app more useful in the future.

Q: Will you be doing anything else for the Lake County Board of Elections?

A: I will continue to work on improvements on the app as well as monitor the platform during election nights to make sure everything is running smoothly.

Congratulations to Marcus on this amazing achievement, and we wish you the best as you continue your academic journey.

## LCHS: Senior Honors Night

*By: Kevin Holechko graduate @ LCHS*

Lake Central honored their brightest students in academics and athletics on May 15. Senior Honors Night was held in the auditorium and the students graduating with honors, receiving department awards or awards from the school were honored for their hardwork throughout high school.

This year Lake Central had 33 AP scholars with distinction, 15 AP Scholars with Honors and 51 AP Scholars. Congratulations to these students on their achievements and we wish the best as they continue their academic career in the future.



## Peifer: Folk Dancing

*By: Karisa Candreva, graduate @ LCHS*

On Thursday, April 25, the fourth grade Dance Club students led their families and friends in folk dance. The students have been practicing all year long and decided to celebrate all they have learned with their family and friends. Students from Clark Middle School Band also came to play live music for the dancing.





*Rebecca Gormala,  
Director of Lake Central  
Special Education*

This spring, Lake Central graduated thirteen students from our Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP). Students with disabilities are eligible attend TAP through age 22 to receive additional training related to daily living and vocational skills. During their years at TAP, students receive on the job training at a variety of job sites. Jobs experiences include retail sites, banquet halls, nursing homes, preschool classrooms, and hotels.

As students progress through TAP, they begin to specialize and focus on job sites that match their skill sets. Many students leave TAP with employment opportunities in our community. Congratulations to our class of 2019!

## Protsman: Mother's Day Brunch

*By: Danica Mileusnic, graduate @ LCHS*

Students in Mrs. Blandine Baldwin's French IV Honors Class came into Protsman once a week to teach elementary age students the basics of French.

This was a pilot program to get elementary school kids immersed in languages earlier.

From greetings such as 'Bonjour' and 'Ca va?' to colors to the alphabet, the students in the club learned several things over the couple of weeks the club occurred.

It was held after school and the Lake Central students came on a bus.

Mrs. Baldwin plans on continuing the program into the next school year.



## UNI project

*By Kevin Holechko, graduate @ LCHS*

At Lake Central we are more than aware that the opportunities that are available to our students are not always available to everyone in the community. This is why over the summer, Lake Central will be going out into the community with the UNI. The UNI is a mobile library that will be going out to community functions throughout the summer for the community to rent books from. The books can be kept all through the summer until school resumes or you can always find the next event the UNI will be at to return the book.

If you would like a full schedule see pages 11-12 or if you would like to donate go to [lcschs.us](https://lcschs.us) and click on the UNI tab. Or visit the link below to donate.

<https://lcschs.revtrak.net/Donations/up>







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## Teacher of the year: Cheryl Bussy

*By: Kevin Holechko graduate @ LCHS*

Congratulations to Mrs. Cheryl Bussy, first grade, on being awarded as the Lake Central School Corporation's Teacher of the Year. Bussy who comes from Kolling is also retiring. Thank you for your service and dedication to teaching. Mrs. Bussy, we wish you the best as you enter a much earned retirement.



## Commencing into a new chapter



*By: Kevin Holechko graduate @ LCHS*

This year Lake Central graduated 13 students from the Transition into Adulthood Program, or TAP. These students will go out into the world ready for jobs with impressive resumes. Along with career opportunities, TAP has taught these students how to live on their own and function as citizens. Congratulations to all of our graduates from TAP, we wish you the best as you embark on your next journey in life.





### UNI Schedule

The following dates below is the complete schedule for the UNI project and the times it will be visiting each location. If you need additional copies of the schedule head over to [www.lcsc.us](http://www.lcsc.us) and click on the large UNI logo.

June 11: Northgate  
Park 9-12

June 13: Pine Island  
9-12

June 17: Lake Hills  
Park 9-12

June 18: Lake Hills  
Park 9-12

June 20: Sherwood  
Lake Apt. 9-12

June 25: Northgate  
Park 9-12

June 27: Redar Park  
9-12

July 8: Lake Hills  
Park 9-12

July 9: Lake Hills  
9-12

July 11: Pine Island  
Apt. 9-12

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## A year in photos

*By: Kevin Holechko, graduate @ LCHS*

As we reflect on the school year, we look back at all of the smiles and joys we have been able to share with our student body. Have a safe and happy summer Lake Central!







## 2018-2019 Public Relations Graduating Staff

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July 16: Northgate  
Park 9-12

July 18: Redar Park  
9-12

July 23: Prairie West  
Park 9-12

July 25: Barberry  
Apts. 9-12

July 30: Northgate  
Park 9-12

Aug 1: Redar Park  
9-12

Aug 6: Prairie West  
Park 9-12

Aug 8: Sherwood  
Lake Apt. 9-12

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[earens@lcschools.com](mailto:earens@lcschools.com)  
happy summer Lake  
Central.



Karisa Candreva

School: Ball State

Major: Environmental  
Management

Representing: Clark  
and Peifer



Kevin Holechko

School: DePaul  
University  
Major: Secondary  
Education

Representing: LCHS,  
Kahler and LCSC



Danica Mileusnic

School: Indiana  
University  
Bloomington

Major: Marketing

Representing: Bibich  
and Protsman



Ashley Robinson

School: Indiana  
University  
Bloomington

Major: Marketing

Representing:  
Grimmer and Watson



Gabbie Schuymlo

School: Ball State

Major: Secondary  
Education

Representing: Homan  
and Kolling



As our time at Lake Central comes to an end, we reflect on all of the things we have been able to do here. For myself and the public relations staff, it has been the greatest honor getting to serve the Lake Central School Corporation as your public relations staff. From the hours spent working with the staff and students, it has made our high school experience truly unique and special. A very big thank you to Dr. Larry Veracco for all of the help and support he has given us. Without him and his support, the public relations program would not exist. Thank you to our parents and the people who have been there to support us throughout our academic and extracurriculars here at Lake Central. As we take our next steps in life and go out into the world, we know that Lake Central has given us a solid foundation and we will be ready for what ever life has to throw at us. Thank you for everything Lake Central. It has been a blast, signing off for the last time  
-Kevin Holechko, Student Director of Public Relations.

