

Below is a list of highlights from Grayslake North and Grayslake Central High Schools from the 2015-2016 school year. We are very proud of the students, staff, and community members who made these successes possible.

GRAYSLAKE NORTH ACCOLADES



2015 – 2016 Academic & Staff Accolades

- Washington Post Most Challenging School for 2015 we are ranked 1100 in the Nation. We are ranked 33rd in Illinois.
- Niche 2015 Rating is 60th in Illinois
- College Board – 172 AP Scholars with average score of 3.92
- National Merit – 1 finalist
- Ranked 15th in Illinois for 2016 Best Districts for High School Sports
- **History Fair Finalists:** Juniors Carissa Popp, Karissa Volda, Skye Curran, Nolan Elsing, Cameron Roark, and Kaydra Kerr earned honors at the National History Day State Competition in Springfield
- Twenty students attended the annual Man Up Conference with 3 staff members
- Voices presented at many different locations throughout Lake County this year on the topic of bullying prevention and presented at the SEDOL Senate Bill 100 Conference.
- Two students competed in the District level **American Legion** Oratorical Contest.
- One student advanced to the state level in **Voice of Democracy essay contest**.
- **Illinois Principal Association - Principal of the Year**, Dr. Jim Roscoe
- Roxanne Bristow was a nominee for **VFW Citizenship Teacher of the Year**.

North Athletics Accolades

Fall Sports

- The boy's cross country team qualified for the sectional meet along with Caroline Riss.
- The boy's soccer team earned the title of FVC Fox Division Champions.
- The Varsity football team qualified for the IHSA playoffs for the fourth year in a row and made it to the 2nd round for the first time in school history.
- The following athletes were recognized as our outstanding sportsmanship athletes:
 - Angelica Diaz – Cheerleading
 - JD Pelegrino – Football
 - Zach Nadeau - Soccer – boys
 - Sivani Gullapali - Tennis – girls
 - John Cesario - Golf- Boys

- Bri Dietz - Golf-Girls
 - Jennifer Switalla – Volleyball
 - AJ Amadio and Kaydra Kerr - Cross Country
 - Stephanie Lawrence - Dance
- The following athletes were recognized as All-Conference athletes in the Fox Valley Conference:
 - Jake Wright- football
 - Peyton Campbell- football
 - Stefan Davis- football
 - Dami Olaydamouri- football
 - Branson Watson- football
 - Sean Pearce- football
 - Blake Wilshire-football
 - Joe Geary- football
 - Kyle Hensley- soccer
 - Sean Dameron- soccer
 - Cole Karabinus- soccer
 - Jack Critzer- soccer
 - Marlon De Ita- soccer
 - Jason Rhodes- soccer
 - Kara Ahlemeyer- golf and Conference Runner-up
 - Kendall Buckman – volleyball
 - Taylor Johnston – volleyball
 - Liam O'Connell- corss country

Winter Sports

- The Cheerleading team qualified for State and placed 12th in the Medium Varsity Division
- The Girls Bowling team earned the titles of FVC Champions and qualified for Sectionals by placing 2nd in Regionals
- The Dance team qualified for the IHSA state tournament
- Two wrestlers, Joe Arroyo and Jake Wright qualified for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament in our first year in the 3A division. Joe Arroyo medaled by placing 6th in the 113 lb weight class.
- The following athletes were awarded the Sportsmanship Award for their sport this season:
 - Brad Keil – Wrestling
 - Christine Eaton – Cheerleading
 - Allie Pesche – Dance
 - JD Pelegrino – Boys Bowling
 - Payton Bertermann and Jessica Vaughn – Girls Bowling
 - Tyler Elias – Boys Basketball
 - Abby Rice – Girls Basketball
- The following athletes earned All-Conference Awards in their sport:
 - Joe Arroyo, Zach McCauley, Justin Bock, and Champion Jake Wright – Wrestling
 - Monica Myers, Kaylee Hall, Grace Andreakis, Brianna Torres, Mary Kate Morris Cheerleading

- Taylor Knight, Stephanie Lawrence, Katie Wood, Allie Pesche, Teagan Bosshart – Dance
- Gabby Silva, Payton Bertermann and Champion Jessica Vaughn– Bowling
- Aiden Einloth, Bobby Krebs, and Jamal Thomas – Boys Basketball
- Sidney Lovitsch and Brandi Thibeaux– Girls Basketball
- Max Haubrich – 2nd place 100 Fly and 3rd place 100 Back - Swimming

2015-2016 Club Accolades

- The **Table Tennis Club** won the first match they competed in (and in school history) this year!
- **Debate Team** – Senior TJ Kilcullen placed 1st in his chamber at their first 3 debate tournaments this season (and 2nd at the other one). Ryan Zunker won a Best Presiding Officer award at one of tournaments. TJ Kilcullen made the final chamber at the IHSA debate competition, took the 9th highest score overall at the tournament, and is part of the All-State team! First in school history!
- **The Marching Knights** made their first appearance at the Illinois Marching Band Championships in Champaign this year and placed 2nd in class 4A. They also received awards for Best Drum Majors and Best Visual Performance along with 2nd place at the Renegade Regiment Musicfest in Sandwich IL.
- **Choir** - 30 choir students participated in the Disney Candlelight Caroling Processional over Thanksgiving weekend. They performed two hour long concerts along with a live orchestra, narrated by Gary Sinise.
- Josie Krook represented GNHS at the **Illinois Music Education Association** Senior festival *and* jazz festival, singing in the honors choir and in one of the vocal jazz ensembles.
- **Winter Guard** placed 4th at the State Competition! This is their second year in a row traveling and placing at State!
- **Science Olympiad** made it to State for the first time in school history
- Hosted our 1st **Life Skills Basketball Game**. This game included players from Grayslake North, Grayslake Central and Warren Township High School.
- The art department is currently hosting the presentation set for April 15th. Fifteen schools participated in displaying artwork in gallery spaces at MCC FVC Conference Art Show at **McHenry County College**. **Judges selected Best in Show** categories in 2-D, 3-D and Digital Photography, as well as Honorable Mentions. GNHS art students earned a Best in Show award for 3-D sculpture, a Best in Show for Digital and 2 Honorable Mentions in 2-D and digital photography.
- The North **Newspaper** was rated All-KEMPA through the Kettle Moraine Press Association critique.
- The newspaper and yearbook staffs had a successful day at our IHSA Sectional Competition: Tyler Elias placed 6th in Advertising; Connor Sinclair placed 4th in Editorial Cartooning and 5th in Newspaper Design; Aidan Walsh placed 4th in Feature Photography; Ashley Rayan placed 2nd in New Writing. **The Illinois Journalism Education Association** presented the schools with awards from their newspaper contest. The following is the list of awards for The Knight Times: Illinois Journalism Education Association Newspaper Contest Awards for Division 3:
 - 2nd Place Front Page Design – The Knight Times Staff
 - 2nd Place Overall Design – The Knight Times Staff
 - 2nd Place Website – The Knight Times Staff
 - 1st Place Centerspread Story Package – Hannah Rosemurgy

- 3rd Place Centerspread Story Package – Hannah Rosemurgy
- 3rd Place Feature Story – Tyrah Domingo
- 3rd Place In-Depth News Story – Ashley Rayan
- 1st Place News or Feature Photo – Brianna Nelson
- 1st Place News or Feature Photo – Aidan Walsh
- Honorable Mention News Story – Ashley Rayan
- 3rd Place Personality Profile – Erin McBriarty
- Honorable Mention Single-Page Story Package – Michelle Jimenez
- Honorable Mention Single-Page Story Package – Megan Davies
- 3rd Place Single Page Story Package – Tyrah Domingo
- 3rd Place Single Page Story Package – Evan Garrett
- Honorable Mention Sports Commentary – Connor Sinclair
- 2nd Place Sports Commentary – Connor Sinclair
- Honorable Mention Staff Editorial – Hannah Rosemurgy
- 2nd Place Staff Editorial – Hannah Rosemurgy
- 3rd Place Best Hybrid Publication (Both newspaper and on-line) – The Knight Times Staff

GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL ACCOLADES



2015-2016 Academic & Staff Accolades

- GCHS was ranked the **26th Most Challenging High School in Illinois** by the Washington Post. GCHS was also ranked 842nd in the Nation (**top 3.8%**)
- GCHS was awarded a silver medal and ranked **27th in Illinois by U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools**. GCHS was also ranked 765th in the Nation (**top 2.7%**)
- GCHS was ranked 36th in the **2016 Niche Rankings of Best High Schools**
- Senior, Victoria Liu, was named a **National Merit Scholarship Finalist**
- Meghan Fitzgerald and Marutinandan were chosen as part of the **2015-2016 Lake County Leadership Team**
- The **Personal Finance** class participated in the H&R Block Budget Challenge had students place nationally out of approximately 55,000 students participating:
 - BRANDON HAUSERSPERGER - 215th
 - ERICA KNIZHNIK - 502nd
 - CHRISTIAN TRUJILLO - 838th
 - JORGE PEREZ - 1,103rd
 - CHLOE BEAUDREAULT - 1,288th
 - ASHLEY JOHNSON - 1,663rd

- NICOLE BUERGER - 1,938th
- HANNAH OGUNNUBI - 1,947th
- HEIDI THIEL - 2,254th
- **National French and Spanish Honors Societies** inducted over 100 students that have proven high achievement in French and Spanish in their pilot year.
- Jennifer White (choir director) was recognized by **Illinois State University** as **“Outstanding Teacher/Mentor”**
- Social Studies teacher, Adrijana Bisevac, was honored as the **VFW Post and District Civic Educator of the Year**
- Career and Technology Education teacher, Diane Keuth, was honored with the **Outstanding Activity Advisory Award**
- Social Studies teacher, Glen Roeck, was honored with the **Excellence in Character Award for 2015-2016**
- Career and Technology Education teacher, Melissa Priester, was awarded a seat on the **Real Care Customer Advisory Council for Reality Works**

2015-2016 Athletic Accolades

Fall Sports

- **Boys Soccer**
 - 3rd Place in FVC
 - All-Conference: Ben Sizelove, Josh Garcia, Trevor Veenstra, Nick Walker
 - All-Area Team: Ben Sizelove, Nick Walker
 - All-Area Honorable Mention: Josh Garcia, Connor Gosell, Paul Kulis
- **Boys Cross Country**
 - Coach Centella named 2015 2A Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year
 - 1st Place in FVC
 - 1st Place in Regional
 - 1st Place in Sectional
 - 1st Place in State-Team
 - 1st Placed in State-Individual: Jack Aho
 - All-Conference: Jack Aho, Matt Aho, Eli Minsky, John Girmscheid, Danny Vincent
 - All-Regional: Jack Aho, Matt Aho, Jack Battaglia
 - All-Sectional: Jack Aho, Matt Aho
 - All-State: Jack Aho, Matt Aho, Eli Minsky, John Girmscheid
- **Girls Cross Country**
 - 3rd Place in FVC
 - 1st Place in Regionals
 - 4th Place in Sectionals
 - 9th Place in State-Team
 - All-Conference: Elizabeth Aho, Megan Girmscheid, Lura Quandt, Sara O'Malley
 - All-Regional: Megan Girmscheid
- **Football**
 - All-Conference: Noah Comerford, Ryan Ford

- **Girls Volleyball**
 - 3rd Place in FVC
 - All-Conference: Allie Daul, Marie Gerbasi
 - All-Area: Allie Daul, Marie Gerbasi
 - Daily Herald All Area: Allie Daul, Marie Gerbasi
- **Girls Tennis**
 - Sectional Champions: Lian Boucek, Nicole Tatsuguchi
 - All-Conference: Avra Reddy, Trisha Yen, Danielle Kaply, Nikki Tatsuguchi, Lia Boucek, Mary Schimanski, Kelsey Litner
- **Boys Golf**
 - 2nd Place in Fox Division
 - All-Conference: Michael Murdy, Michael Sisk, Alec Novak
 - Sectional Qualifiers: Michael Murdy, Michael Sisk
- **The following students were awarded the Sportsmanship Awards for the fall season:**
 - Grant Hupp– Boys Golf
 - Jessica Kula – Girls Tennis
 - Kathrene Tolentino - – Girls Tennis
 - Jacqueline Hamrick – Volleyball
 - Eli Straus– Boys Cross Country
 - Julia Wasik – Girls Cross Country
 - Ethan Rockel - Soccer
 - Michael Andrews– Football

Winter Sports

- **Boys Bowling**
 - Sectional Qualifier: Logan Enerson
- **Girls Bowling**
 - Sectional Qualifier: Kelsey Holst
- **Wrestling**
 - State Qualifiers: Larry, Augustin, Austin Connelly, Alex Cramer
 - All-Conference: Larry Augustin, Austin Connelly, Alex Cramer, Ryan Mikes, Colin Pogue
- **Girls Basketball**
 - FVC Fox Division Champions
 - All-Conference: Quin Garbett, Amanda Larson, Kelly Moroney
 - Daily Herald All-Area: Amanda Larson
 - Daily Herald All-Area Honorable Mention: Quin Garbett, Kelly Moroney
- **Boys Basketball**
 - All-Conference: Jack Beckman
 - All-Area: Jack Beckman
 - All-Area Honorable Mention: Sam Ruhlmann
- **Dance**
 - All-Conference: Alyssa Dietsch, Katie Jakubowski, Erin Jung
- **Cheerleading**
 - 2nd Place in Sectionals
 - 9th Place in State

- All-Conference: Rebecca Feery, Maddie Jacobs, Aryana January
- **The following students were awarded the Sportsmanship Awards for the winter season:**
 - Javyn Stubbs - Boys Bowling
 - Erynn Schroeder - Girls' Basketball
 - Ashley Swajkowski- Girls Bowling
 - Justin Shepley - Boys' Basketball
 - Ryan Mikes - Wrestling
 - Katherine Jakubowski - Poms
 - Jenna Jueco - Cheerleading

Spring

- Baseball
 - All-Conference: Ben Fitzgerald, Sam Nozicka, Sam Ruhlmann
 - Daily Herald All-Area: Ben Fitzgerald and Sam Nozicka
- Softball
 - All-Conference: Breanna Albert, Brooke Heraty, Reagen Radke, Morgan Smigielski, and Lexi Waigand.
 - Daily Herald All-Area: Reagen Radke
- Lacrosse
 - All-Conference
 - 2nd team: Cooper Brunk, Kyle Dinsmore, Luke Herrmann
 - Honorable Mention: John Corridon
- Boys Volleyball
 - Daily Herald All-Area: Keegan Zack
- Girls Track
 - FVC Indoor Conference Championship
 - FVC Championship
 - Placed 5th at Sectionals with 6 state qualifiers
 - Katherine Schroeder took 1st in State for pole vault
 - Sara O'Malley took 5th in State for high jump
 - Alexa Schmitt
 - Took 7th in long jump and broke the school record of 18'8"
 - High jump of 5'7"
 - Low hurdles--45.80
 - Sarah Ishamuddin
 - Broke the triple jump record of 35' 1.5"
 - Sara O'Malley
 - Broke 800 record—2 minutes, 19.09 seconds
 - Savanna Culhane
 - Broke discus record of 104' 5.5"
 - Megan Girmscheid
 - Broke 3200 run. 11:26.32
 - Katherine Schroeder
 - Broke pole vault record of 12'9"
- Boys Track
 - FVC Championship

- State Qualifiers:
 - Elijah Eugene
 - Jack Aho
 - Mikey Andrews
- Girls Tennis
 - Nikki Tatugushi won Sectional Doubles
 - Lian Boucek won Sectional Doubles
- **The following students were awarded the Sportsmanship Awards for the spring season:**
 - Anish Nekkapudi - Boys Tennis
 - Abigail Burgett - Girls' Track & Field
 - Lindsay Brust - Softball
 - Kaitlyn Wilson - Girls Soccer
 - Chris Akin - Lacrosse
 - Alden Aaberg - Boys Track & Field
 - Ryan Mikes - Baseball
 - Ethan Rockel - Boys Volleyball
 - Senior Awards Banquet – Ryan Mikes

2015-2016 Club Accolades

- **Academic Team:**
 - 4th place in the FVC Tournament and overall in the FVC WYSE State at Champaign
 - 2nd Place Physics: Zach Cinq-Mars
 - 6th Place Biology: Kathleen Aoki
- **JV Academic Team** tied for 3rd place overall in conference matches.
- **Band** placed 6th in state at the Class AA Solo/Ensemble
 - ILMEA District students:
 - Marching Band:
 - Tim Choi
 - Liam Coyne
 - Concert Band:
 - Umaiyal Sridas
- **Marching Band** competition placed 2nd at Marengo Marching Festival in October - Marching band show- "Elvis Lives!"
- **Debate Team:**
 - Catherine Cusick won Best Presiding Officer ICDA 1 & 2
 - Katherine Storms won Best Speaker ICDA 1
- GCHS newspaper, **The Rampage**, won the All-KEMPA News Magazine designation at the KEMPA Fall Conference in October 2015.
- **Math Team:**
 - Hannah Oelschlager and Mia Fidanze took 2nd place in the Frosh-Soph 2 person contest at Regionals and qualified for the State contest
 - Calculator team took 1st place at Regionals and qualified for the State meet
- **ENCORE!:**
 - Competed for the first time in the IHSA Drama/Group Interpretation series

- Drama: “And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson” took 3rd place in sectionals
- Group Interpretation: “Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend” took 4th place in sections
- Christine Barreca and Ian Commisford won All-Sectional cast honors for Drama
- Neil Bitun and Naomi Thompson won All-Sectional cast honors for Group Interpretation
- Will induct 25 new thespians in May to the International Thespian Society
- Thirty - nine students inducted into the **International Thespian Society** this year
- 12 students achieved **Honors Thespian** rank this year
- Two students chosen for the technical crew of the **Illinois High School Theatre Festival’s** All-State Production of Rent: Cat Cusick and Karyn Vasquez
- **Choir:**
 - 6th Place overall for IHSA State Class AA schools
 - Tina Sison won Best of the Day Vocal Award **at IHSA State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest**
 - Jake Gately: **ILMEA District Jazz Honors Choir**
 - Selectees to the **University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee Vocal Festival:**
 - Katelyn Connelly
 - Ashley Veltman
 - Matthew Colinelli
 - Jake Gately
 - Noah Jeleniewski
 - Tyler Stein
 - Jake Gately was chosen as a soloist
- Ashley Veltman was selected to the **ILMEA District 7 Honors Chorus.**
- Jake Gately was selected to the **ILMEA District 7 Honors Jazz Choir**
- **FVC Art Show Merit Award** winners - Audra Braun and Julia Patel
- First ever state **IHSAE Competition – Scholarship Winners:** Hope Caliendo, Rosie Ruhlman, and Zoe Schnitzler