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JUNE 5, 2015 6:30 P.M.



Cincinnati Country Day School Commencement, June 2015 High School Graduation for Hayley Christine Shepard

On the evening of June 5, we had the honor of attending Hayley's graduation ceremony as she completed her years at Cincinnati Country Day School.

The Commencement was held outdoors on a beautiful summer evening (temperature in the low 80s and low humidity) in the very pleasant setting on the lawn just outside the main lobby of the school. The graduating seniors numbered only 73 so the whole ceremony lasted just under 1 1/2 hours.

The faculty and seniors were piped in (a Scot was the bagpiper) and took their seats on either side of the main podium. There were short speeches by the Head of School, the President of the Board of Trustees and two of the seniors - the Senior Class President and the President of the Student Council. The two seniors did an excellent job and, I think, gave more interesting and inspiring talks than the faculty members.

Then the 73 seniors in turn received their diploma. We found it interesting that one of the teachers gave a short (three or four sentence) "biography" of every one of the graduates - a very nice touch and something possible only for such a small graduating class.

The whole ceremony was a wonderful occasion for us and Hayley's family and provided a stark contrast to the way Molly and I left Grammar School 55 years ago and, we believe, the way it happens even now in England. We just left!

One final note which only our American friends will understand. This was the only graduation ceremony that we have witnessed (school or university) where Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance march #1 was not played interminably as the seniors (sometimes several hundred) received their diploma. Our English friends may wonder why a British patriotic song is a "standard" at American graduation ceremonies - but we have no answer!

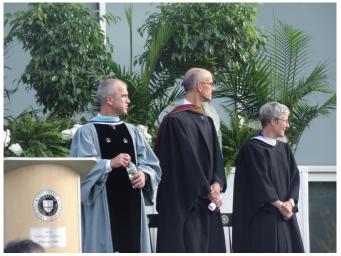
Below are a number of pictures which I hope capture the feeling of the event - and that of two very proud grandparents.





Proud family waits as audience arrives









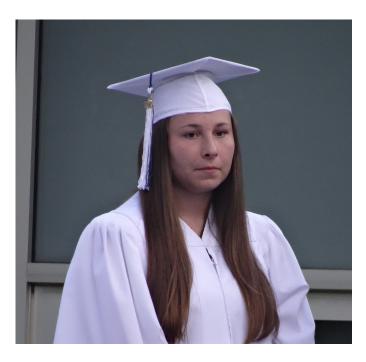


The Class President speaks



Wyatt receives his diploma







Hayley Christine Shepard
Class of 2015





Proud Grandma of a proud graduate at the conclusion of the ceremony.

And recognition at home..........

Following the ceremony we re-convened at Elizabeth and Chris' home for snacks, dessert and a celebratory drink! Hayley received a number of gifts, most notably a blanket with family portraits that will surely remind her of home when she is studying hard at Ohio University.





Class of 2015

Cameron Mitchell Alldred, University of Cincinnati Adam Robert Baker, The University of Alabama Leonard Jon Behrens, Stevens Institute of Technology Marissa Claire Bevette, Wellesley College Apurva Bhattacharjee, Miami University, Oxford Moriah Grace Boyd, Duquesne University Kacie Jane Bradfish, Purdue University Allison Marie Brinkman, University of Cincinnati William Tucker Cohen, Amherst College Marissa Victoria Cornist, Belmont University Ryan Apsley Davis, Valparaiso University Luke Christopher Deimer, Sewanee: The University of the South Prashanth Krishna Donepudi, American University of Antigua College of Medicine Ryan Edward Dougherty, University of Utah Irene Lake Drew, University of Vermont Mia Rae Fatuzzo, University of Pennsylvania Shifan Fei, Washington University in St. Louis Wyatt Thomas Fletcher, Northern Kentucky University Austin Edwin Frohn, Texas Christian University Kevin Price Geohegan, The Ohio State University Pratiti Ghosh-Dastidar, Miami University, Oxford Nathaniel Lewis Gibson, Washington and Lee University Jennifer Annette Gonzales, Boston University Elizabeth Michelle Grace, University of South Carolina Maxwell Benjamin Guttman, University of Colorado at Boulder Kaitlin Morgan Harden, University of Virginia Asher Mullen Hirsch, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Brandon William Holthaus, Miami University, Oxford Isabelle Hannan Hudson, Amherst College Kira Alexandra Hughes, DePauw University Robert John Hupper, Wake Forest University Yerin Im, University of Cincinnati

Hayley Christine Shepard, Ohio University



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