

89th
COMMENCEMENT



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 Beyette, Wellesley College
 Aparva 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 Luke 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 Geohagan, 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 Happer, Wake Forest University
 Yerin Im, University of Cincinnati



Hayley Christine Shepard, Ohio University

Charlotte Ann Jackson, Lake Forest College
 Spencer D. Janning, University of Dayton
 Lindsey Nicole Jarrell, Davidson College
 RongQing Jia, University of California, San Diego
 William Thomas Koustmer, DePauw University
 Grace Katherine Krammer, The Ohio State University
 Nicholas Everett Langenbahn, The Ohio State University
 Stephen K Liao, Dartmouth College
 Alison Elizabeth Lusk, University of Cincinnati
 Gunnar David Lykins, University of Dayton
 Mitchell William Mack, Ohio University
 Celia Hauser Macrae, Duke University
 Pranav Krishna Madabhushi, Duke University
 Brianna Lauren Maggard, Kenyon College
 Alexander Frisch Maier, Trinity College
 Taylor Frisch Maier, Trinity College
 Danielle Alexis Mangat, Sewanee: The University of the South
 Matthew Jared McFarland, Miami University, Oxford
 Thor Jacob McMullen, University of Cincinnati
 Kailas S. Menon, Connecticut College
 Elizabeth Price Miller, Haverford College
 Mantero Valentino Moreno-Cheek, Amherst College
 Mackenzie Christine Patterson, Saint Louis University
 Augusta Clark Pohlman, The University of Alabama
 Austin Michael Pohlman, The University of Alabama
 Hayley Christine Shepard, Ohio University
 Kirsten Brie Simpson, University of Dayton
 Akshay Venkata Sonti, Brandeis University
 Benjamin Thomas Stegman, Purdue University
 Alexandra J. Sakin, Harvard University
 Hannah M. Taylor, University of St. Andrews
 Charles Brent Tholke, Miami University, Oxford
 Royal T Edward Thurman, Capital University
 William Graydon Voss, University of Mississippi
 Torayye Calvin-Jamarii Waite, University of Cincinnati, Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning
 Brandin James Ward, University of Kentucky
 Alexander Douglas Warner, Purdue University
 Russell Dmitriy Warner, St. Lawrence University
 Max Connor Wiley, Butler University
 Taylor Danielle Wolf, Indiana University at Bloomington
 Alexandra Nicole Wooden, University of Southern California

