Excellence Snapshot
2015-2016

Preparation Leads to Success.
Four National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accredited Early Learning Centers
Skiles Test teacher, David Shafer, identified at Project Learning Tree National Outstanding Educator.

Skiles Test Elementary, Belzer Middle School, and McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology were STEM Certified by the Indiana Department of Education.

Fall Creek Valley Middle School teacher, Jason Williams, was identified as the 2015 Project Lead the Way Gateway Teacher of the Year.

McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology Interactive Media teacher, Eddie Mathews, and Winding Ridge Elementary second grade teacher, Wendy Coles, were awarded the 2015 Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship Grant. They each received $12,000 to implement their projects.

Amy Beverland Elementary School Nurse, Linda Bailey (right), was selected by Indiana’s Emergency Medical Services for children Program as one of Indiana’s 2016 Health Care Heroes for Children.

McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology teacher, Mr. Jeff Smith (left) won the state Woodie Flowers Award at the First Robotics State competition in Kokomo, Indiana. He will be the Indiana entry at the world event.

Assistant Director of Operations and Director of Athletics, Dr. Grant Nesbit (left) was inducted into the Indiana Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame after having been recognized as their Administrator of the Year.
Classroom Success

Lawrence Central had two National Merit Finalists: Chad Sharp & Alexa Austin

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2016 Indiana Academic All-Stars: Alexa Austin (LC) & Laine Rumreich (LN)
16 Lawrence Central students (left) were recognized for their performance on the National German Examination. These students received Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Achievement Awards.

The Marching Pride of Lawrence Township (MPLT) was invited to march in the 2017 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. The application process included a lengthy audition and recommendation from esteemed music educators from around the country. Tournament of Roses President, Brad Ratliff, visited LT Schools to present the Tournament of Roses flag to MPLT.

Julie Moffitt from WTHR Channel 13 filmed her weekly “What’s Cooking?” segment at McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology’s (MCIT) Bernie’s Place and featured culinary arts students, Angel and Maya.
The inaugural Forest Glen Robotics Team competed in the elementary VEX IQ State Championship, finishing in the Top 10 and earning the Excellence Award. They moved on to compete in the World Championship!

The MCIT 1024 The Kil-A-Bytes Robotics Team are one of five in the world to win every event they competed in during the 2015-2016 season. In April, they secured the Indiana state Championship to move on to the world competition.

Oaklandon Elementary School students (right) placed 1st and 3rd place at the 2016 Indiana State Museum EcoScience Fair.

Crestview Elementary School had two students recognized by the Indiana Center for Books as first place and honorable mention winners of the annual Letters about Literature competition.
Academic leaders from Lawrence Central (Sam Varie) and Lawrence North (Laine Rumreich) were featured below on one of multiple Lawrence Live programs filmed by students at Crestview Elementary.

Students from Mary Castle (Globetrotters) and Amy Beverland (Stars) Elementary Schools participated in the annual National Mathematics Pentathlon Academic Tournament.

Mayesha Awal (Lawrence North) was one of 600 to win the National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship and will study Persian in Tajikistan for the summer.
Athletic Success

LC Basketball Player: Kyle Guy
- 1st Team All MIC
- Indiana Junior Al-Star core team
- IBCA Subway Underclassmen All State Supreme 15
- All Time leading scorer in LC history
- ESPN – National Ranking - #25
- Hall of Fame Classic MVP
- MIC – Team Champion
- McDonald’s All American
- Jack Daly Sportmanship Award recipient
- Indiana Mr. Basketball 2016

Belzer Middle School 7th grade girls’ basketball won the Marion County Championship.

Lawrence Central senior and assistant football coach, Emanuel Duncan, was recognized nationally as a leader in life and in football, (RTV 6, The Indy Channel, Indy Star, Today Show) even catching the attention of NBA star, LeBron James.
Over fifty NCAA collegiate athletic commitments by students in the Class of 2016. Lawrence North senior, Duncan Hewitt, committed to Butler University for baseball.

Fall Creek Valley Middle School 7th Grade Girls’ Volleyball (Class of 2021) won their first ever MIIC championship.

Lawrence North seniors, Lauren Dickerson and Ae’Rianna Harris were named to the Indianapolis Star “Indiana All-Star” Basketball team.

Lawrence North dedicated the varsity gymnasium to legacy basketball coach, Jack Keefer. He has served as teacher & coach since 1976. with four state championships and 700+ wins.
The Skiles Test Lady Pilots won the first ever district sixth grade basketball championship.

The Sunnyside Boys Trailblazers won the first ever district sixth grade basketball championship.

Caleb Jones, Brandon Martin, & Marcus Taylor from Lawrence North made the Central Indiana All-USA high school football Super Team:
Performing Arts Success

Lawrence Township Winter Percussion was the Indiana Percussion Association (IPA) 2016 State Champion for Open Class Movement.

Five Lawrence North students in the New World Youth Symphony performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City under the direction of Mr. Adam Bodony.

Lawrence Central bass player, Isaiah Ward (right), was selected to participate in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side program.

The Lawrence Central Wind Ensemble made the ISSMA State Concert Finals for the 20th consecutive year.
Lawrence Central senior, Desmond Knowles (right) was named to the All State Honor Band.

Under the direction of Stacy Embry, Lawrence North put on a district production of the musicals, Cats. Elementary students filled roles as kittens.

Three Lawrence North students were selected for the Indiana Music Educator’s Association (IMEA) Honor/Junior Honor Band. Branden Haynie and Jordan Addison participated in the IMEA Honor Band, and Erik Wilhelm was selected to the IMEA Junior Honor Band.

The Harrison Hill dance team pumped up the crowd while performing at halftime of the 6th grade basketball championship.
Community Success

Lawrence Central senior, Sam Varie, met former Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan on his Ready for Success national tour.

McKenzie Automotive Services Program will be renamed, “The Ed Martin Automotive Group Automotive Careers Training Center.” Ed Martin will be making a $375,000 gift the school.

MSD of Lawrence Township and Indy PL celebrated their partnership and the distribution of library cards to all district students with an event at Brook Park Elementary.
100 LC & LN students attended the Indiana Latino Education Summit, hosted by the Indiana Latino Institute. LT had higher attendance than any other school district in Indiana.

Andres Lara, The Cuban Guy, spoke to Lawrence Central ESL students and over 70 district parents at the first Parent Engagement (PREP) Series of the school year. To coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month, the parent presentation was done entirely in Spanish.

Volunteers from Eli Lilly visited Skiles Test and Indian Creek as part of the Lilly Day of Service, engaging students in grades three and four in various Junior Achievement activities.
The second PREP speaker of the year, Mr. Robert Jackson, addressed families at Belzer Middle School.

Mr. Travis Brown (Mr. Mojo) presented the Mojo Up anti bullying program to 5th and 6th grade students at Harrison Hill and Winding Ridge prior to the parent engagement presentation at Fall Creek Valley Middle School.

LT hosted the second Realtor Breakfast at McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology, catered by students in the culinary arts program. Approximately 60 area realtors were in attendance.
Lawrence Central raised $25,638.29 in their second annual Dance Marathon benefitting Riley Hospital for Children.

LC & LN students were recognized by Castleton Kiwanis for their outstanding character. From LC: S. Varie, J. Lindsey, A. Jiang, & B. Miles. From LN: M. Brown & A. Cuaya.

Dr. Smith hosted Evening with the Superintendent at Lawrence North.

LECC hosted the first Early Childhood Extravaganza