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As a member of the speech and debate team, he went to state every year and placed in each category.

But don't call him an over-achiever.

"I just felt obligated to use my free time constructively," he said.

Chrzanowski completed Career and Technical Education programs in Arts, Information and Communications for music instrumental — playing alto and baritone saxophone every year except his senior — and in finance for Business & Management. He's heading to Swarthmore College, a private liberal arts school in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, in the fall to explore linguistics and neuroscience.

Swarthmore was just one of eight colleges to which he was accepted. He chose Swarthmore over the University of Oregon, Eastern Oregon University, Middlebury College in Vermont, the University of Richmond in Virginia, Colby College in Maine, the University of Chicago and the Ivy League school Dartmouth College in New Hampshire.

Chrzanowski said he didn't apply to those colleges based on their locations; instead, he chose them based on the programs they had to offer. His final two choices, Swarthmore and the University of Chicago, offered the best financial aid. Swarthmore won out because of its programs and its size — about 1,500 students — and because it is part of a consortium of colleges, with Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College and the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania, which means, he can take classes through those other institutions.

"So, it's a small school, but it has all the resources of all the larger ones, which is the best of both worlds, as far as I'm concerned," Chrzanowski said.

Before he participated in Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America, which helps certain students identify educational and leadership opportunities, he had no idea what colleges were available that would best suit his interests. He thought Harvard was the best option for him before participating in LEDA.

Now, he will choose between neuroscience and linguistics based on the classes that strike his interest the most. He also wants to take Polish, offered through the University of Pennsylvania, so he can learn the language of his birth country.

Chrzanowski said his interest in linguistics developed when he was in grade school and he created a short-hand system that teachers couldn't understand that he used in notes he passed in class. He also wants to finish a short-hand cypher he has created and turn it into a language.

His interest in neuroscience, which he said linguistics plays a part of, developed when he picked up a science book his stepfather was using when receiving his associates degree, and he became fascinated with how the human brain worked.

His family, he said, has supported his intellectual interests, although if he had been interested in athletics, he has no doubt they would have encouraged those endeavors.

"Academics is what has interested me most," Chrzanowski said.

He won't give up on the other activities he enjoys in college, however. Chrzanowski intends to continue playing the saxophone, which he said is cathartic, and knit, a skill he learned in high school, an activity that relaxes him and which he said is a good use of his time when watching television.

"This year, I'm trying to make a stuffed octopus,"

Chrzanowski said.

Chrzanowski said he will miss certain aspects of high school, including the teachers with whom he has developed a rapport. He said he hopes he will be able to work in small classrooms in college and develop the same relationships with his professors there.

After walking with his 279 or so classmates Saturday, Chrzanowski's plans this summer are fairly laid back, comprised of catching up on his reading — he has a big stack of books waiting for him, including Dante's "The Divine Comedy," which he got for his birthday. "I spend a lot of my free time reading," he said.

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they can drop them off at Lucky Endz Gifts to be entered in a drawing.

Pederson said the drawing prize this month is worth more than \$70 and features a variety of summer-themed items, including a tote bag, a pair of flip flops, candles and more.

Pederson said the event would allow people to have a fun time checking out the downtown businesses, while allowing the businesses to attract more potential customers.

"If each business can get a handful of people, maybe that's a handful that they didn't have last week," she said.

The businesses participating in the First Thursday event include Alexander Daniel Jewelry Works, Andee's Boutique, Bloomz, Defining

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