

CIM Recognition honors students who meet state requirements

The Vernonia School District honored students' achievements in meeting state academic standards during the 2000-2001 school year in a well-attended CIM Recognition Night on October 24. Students received awards for successful performance on both state tests and classroom work samples in one or more subject areas.

Those attending were welcomed to the high school gym with music performed by Mackenzie Carr, Charles Gendron, Antonia Montanus and Adelaide Schmitt. The Vernonia High School Choir opened the ceremony with a performance of the Star Spangled Banner and later sang the mediaeval hymn, Soli Dea. The evening also included a performance by the Vernonia Community String Orchestra conducted by Madeline Gendron, and composed of Charles Gendron, Brittany Murray, Ceila Gendron-Herndon, Yolanda Gendron-Herndon, Alissa Gardner, Juliana Pelster and Carol Pelster.

Robyn Cochran, the district's Curriculum Director, gave the district's first PowerPoint presentation explaining the CIM, benchmarks and the CIM implementation timeline. Students were recognized at the ceremony for their performance last year on state tests and on classroom work samples at the benchmark levels in grades three, five, eight and ten. Cochran ended her presentation by saying that this year the district was proud to recognize 36 fourth graders, 29 sixth graders, and 41 high school students.

Washington Grade School Principal Kirk Sherrill and Vice Principal Anne Kingsley started the presentation of awards. These went to students who successfully met the first benchmark, in the third grade last year. This year's fourth

graders receiving awards for meeting the standard in math, were Laci Bowman, Cody Uerling and Jacob Dixon. Brianna Alexander met the standard in English. The first benchmark in English and Math was met by Siera Roberts, Katie Stevens, Brandon Gilbertson, Collin Moeller, Wayne Fogel, Callie Johnston, Dillon Vaughn, Karly Dewitt, Dollyanna Mudd, Chris Bamburg, Alex Lende, Dakota Burch, Chris Bero, Tony Dotter, Amy Rethwill, Tiffany McNeil, Levi Timmerman, Zach Shaw, Audra Terrill, Lita Foster, Adrian East, Joshua Hovey, Preston Roach, Melissa Sandstrom, Calvin Barnes, Tim Brown, Katie Wilson, Peyton Chesley, Charles Tungwenuk, Dillon Snyder, Zack Dillon and Danny Vanderschelden.

Receiving awards for success at the second benchmark (this year's sixth graders) in English were Miranda Bunter, Eric Strand, Michael Calhoun, Ashley Eastlick and Brittany Villarreal. Mathematics awards were earned by Alyssa Brucken, Jolene Botche, Jessie Devine, Ben Bamburg, Leah Seabring, Conner Flynn, Shandy Cota, Perry Gomez, Laura Terrill, Willie Carroll, Matt Threet, Mackenzie Carr, Aaron Puera, Cari Shaw, Alex Gould, Kevin Cook and Brandon Kozachenco. Meeting the benchmarks in both English and Mathematics were Elise Blum, Jeramy Lende, Shawn Westlake, Heather Bassett, Kelsey King, Sandi Bevans, and Cody Kammerman.

Vernonia High School Principal Mike Durbin and Vice-Principal Jane McClellan presented awards to freshmen who successfully met the third benchmark last year, while in the eighth grade. In addition to English and Math, eighth grade requirements include testing in Science. Kevin Swayze and Kimberly Bernardi received awards for success in English,



Seniors earning the CIM included, from left to right, Charles Gendron, Liana Traylor, Alexandria Hayes, Brass Sears, Katie Prpich, Rose Peets and J.P. Allison. Not pictured is Melissa Templin.

Michael Hensley received an award for Mathematics. Jennifer Busch, Jessica Dupuis John Ogden, Jodi Reynolds and Torin Tierney received awards in Science. Freshmen meeting the standards in two subject areas were Rebecca Knowlton, Natalie Rombach and Gina Cropp for English and Science; Tiffany Cutright and Rocky Jones for English and Math; Jordan Harrison, Royd Johansen and Kyle Elliot for Math and Science. Receiving awards for all three subject areas were Shirea Ray, Kyle Suess, Alex Barton, Luke Enneburg, Ashley Forster, Christopher Richardson, Brandi Johnston, Brandon Puera, Elizabeth Bobbit and Zack Rumbolz.

Students' first opportunity to test at the fourth benchmark level and achieve the CIM, is in their sophomore year. Additional opportunities are offered in the junior and senior years. Megan Pattison received an

award for successfully meeting the standard in English and the following students were recognized in Science: Paul Orlando, Shawn Robertson, Jaki King, Josh Ward, Holly Murphy, Jordan Love, David Koch, Marcus Kintz, Jennifer Kinney, Mathew Kelly, Charlie Hansen, Alex Kinney, Shane Cutright, Rachel Bentson, Aaron Hunt, Casey Waltz, Adam Tanner, Katarina Hall, Shilo Stevens, John Walters, Jesse Borst and Edith Nelson.

Successfully achieving the

fourth benchmark in science and math were William Hales, Jacob Corey, Alex Dinger, Heather Forster, Michael Jenkins, Emilee Suess, Kim Normand, Stephanie Hein and Eric Weller. Darcy Kunkel met the benchmark in English and Science.

The climax of the evening was the presentation of the Certificate of Initial Mastery to nine students. These students met or exceed the state standards on tests and work sam-

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