

Center Academy graduates 14

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Center Academy Palm Harbor 2012 graduates are flanked by teacher's assistant Penny Kahl, left, and teacher Chris McKenna.



On May 18, Center Academy Palm Harbor, a SACS-accredited private school for students in grades 4 through 12, graduated 14 students at Countryside Country Club in Clearwater.

"This was a special group of students," said Center Academy Palm Harbor director Suzy Gaudin.

"Most of the graduating class has been with us since elementary or middle school. Each one of these students has overcome a unique challenge and has achieved success."

Valedictorian Jon Egan graduated with a 4.24 GPA, having earned 31 college credits through the Dual Enrollment Program at St. Petersburg College, and will be receiving the Bright Futures Academic Scholarship. He plans to finish his associate of arts degree at St. Petersburg College then transfer to the University of South Florida to pursue a degree in computer science.

Salutatorian Joseph Shanley graduated with a 3.73 GPA, having earned 12 college credits through St. Petersburg College's Dual Enrollment Program, and will be receiving the Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship. He will attend the University of South Florida in the fall to pursue a degree in pharmacology.

Most of the other graduates will be attending St. Petersburg College and other schools in the area, including Beacon College and Pinellas Technical Education Center.