



# The Message

THE OFFICIAL RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

## Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Saluting our Future Ready Scholars

The "Future Ready" event, a prestigious celebration of academic excellence, was held at the Tinley Park Convention Center on Tuesday, April 23rd. This significant gathering was dedicated to honoring Rich Township High School District 227 students who have shown remarkable academic achievements in several key areas:

- Advanced Placement (AP) Credit:** These students earned a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam or achieved a passing grade in an AP course for the first semester of FY 2022-23.
- Dual Credit:** A significant number of students successfully completed at least one RTHS course, earning both high school and college credits concurrently.
- Dual Enrollment:** Several seniors completed at least one college course at a post-secondary institution while still enrolled in high school.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our honored scholars for their extraordinary accomplishments and their unwavering commitment to academic excellence.

We were delighted to welcome back Mr. Glenn Marshall, an accomplished alumnus of Rich Central High School and current Morning Reporter at WGN-TV, as our guest speaker. A native of Matteson, IL, Glenn began his career with an internship at WMAQ-TV Chicago, progressing to his present role at WGN-TV. He holds a B.A. in Communications from Northern Illinois University and continues to serve as an inspirational figure for our students.

"We celebrate not just the outstanding achievements of our students tonight but also their resilience and dedication to setting a strong foundation for future successes. Their perseverance in these challenging times is truly commendable," said Dr. Johnnie Thomas, Superintendent.

The comprehensive list of Future Ready Scholars can be found on our district website: [www.rich227.org](http://www.rich227.org); News Feed

## Congratulations Scholars!

# Class of 2024

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Total Scholarship Dollars**  
**\$12,254,888**

### POST-SECONDARY DATA



Four-Year College



Two-Year College



Trade School



Military



Full-Time Employment



Undecided/No Response



**507**  
Graduates



**403**

Future Ready Scholars

# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

## Board Members

**Andrea D. Bonds**  
Board President

**Andre Allen**  
Vice President

**Tiffany Taylor**  
Secretary

**Mia Carter**  
Board Member

**Lamekia Davis**  
Board Member

**Janice Preston**  
Board Member

**Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow**  
Board Member

## Superintendent's Cabinet

**Dr. Johnnie Thomas**  
Superintendent

**Mr. Dennis Forst**  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Business & Operations

**Dr. Jeff Bonomo**  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Human Resources

**Dr. Kevin Galick**  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Educational Services

**Lynn Fields Jr.**  
Co-Principal

**Janice Wells**  
Co-Principal

Dear Rich Township Students and Families:

This has been an exciting year for Rich Township High School District 227! A lot has happened since May, and we are extremely proud of the work our students and staff have done over the past few months.

On May 18, 2024, Rich Township High School District 227 celebrated our graduating seniors by conducting the 68th Commencement Ceremony in the Fine Arts & Communication campus football stadium. During this ceremony, we celebrated 492 graduates as they took the first step in their post-secondary journeys.



On July 18, 2024, 15 more seniors completed their coursework and were honored at our Summer School Commencement Ceremony at the District Office.

We would also like to celebrate our AP scholars who had tremendous success in taking their AP exams. 108 Rich Township students scored a 3 or higher earning on the exams they took in April, earning them college credit.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Dr. Johnnie Thomas.

Dr. Johnnie Thomas  
Superintendent

## 2024-2025 Board Meetings

All Regular Board Meetings start at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

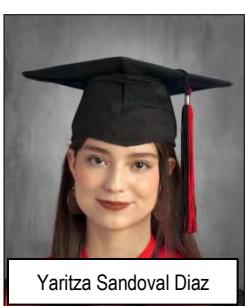
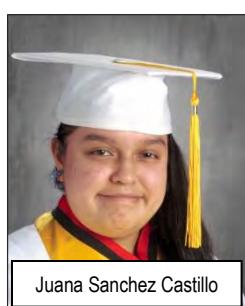
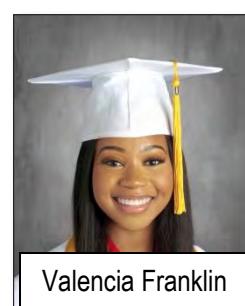
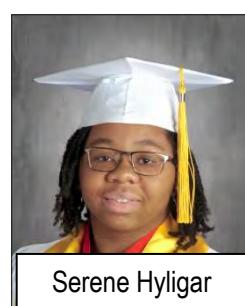
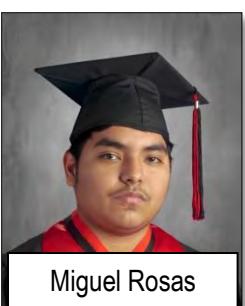
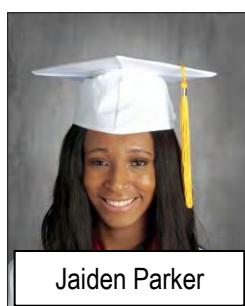
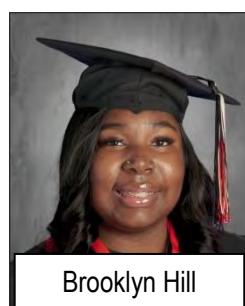
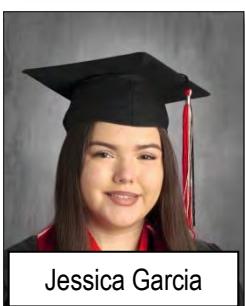
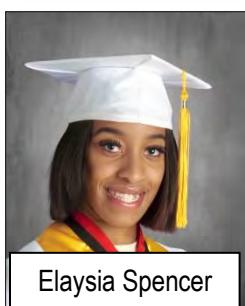
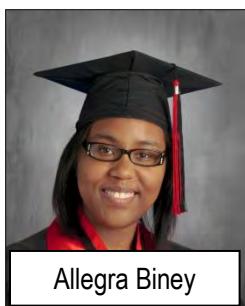
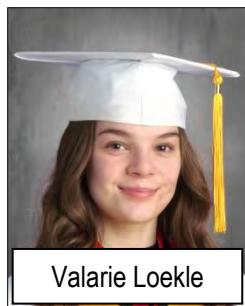
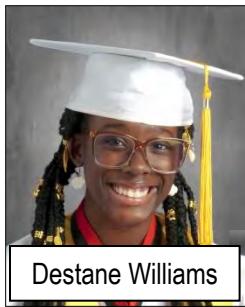
Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

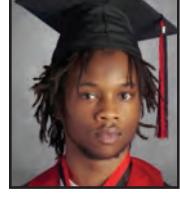
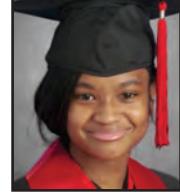
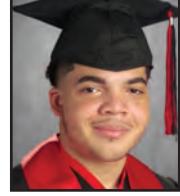
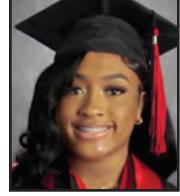
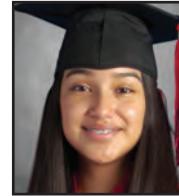
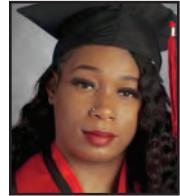
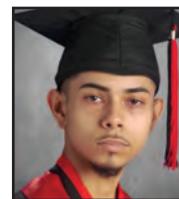
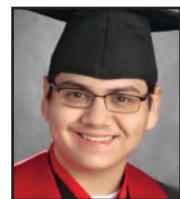


## Student **Highlights**

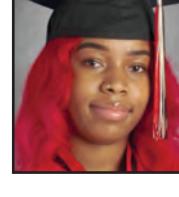
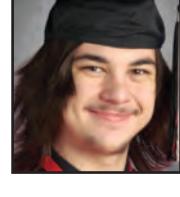
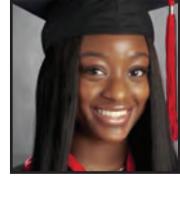
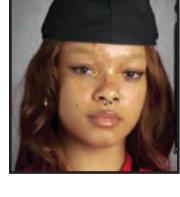
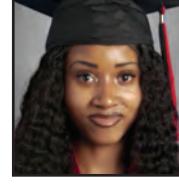
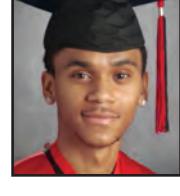
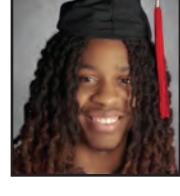
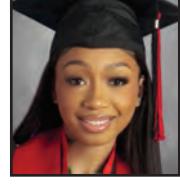
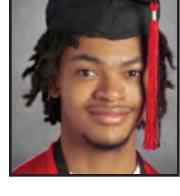
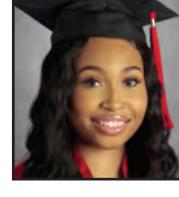
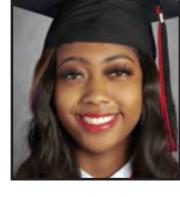
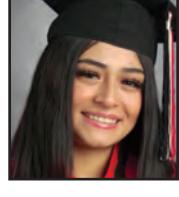
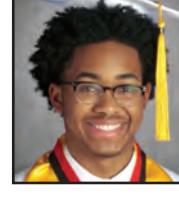
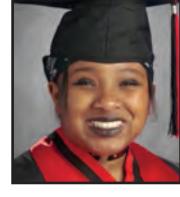
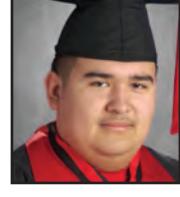
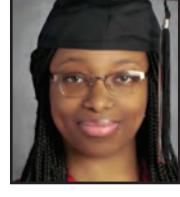
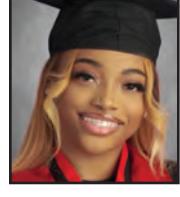
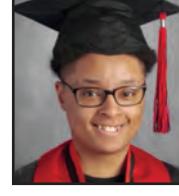
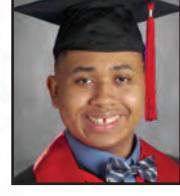
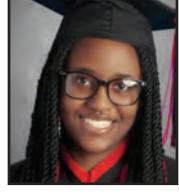
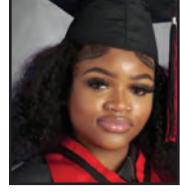
# Congratulations to the RTHS Graduating Seniors

## TOP 20

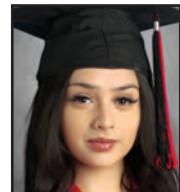
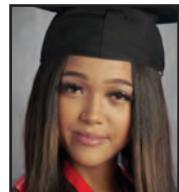
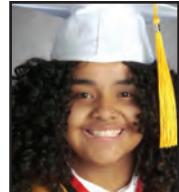
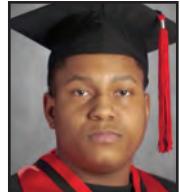
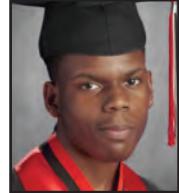
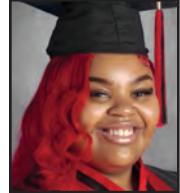
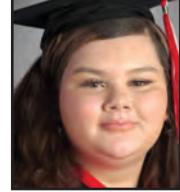
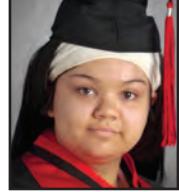
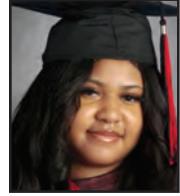
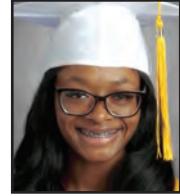
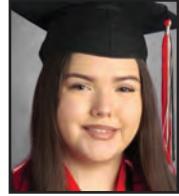
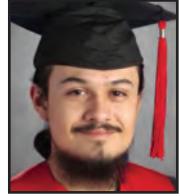
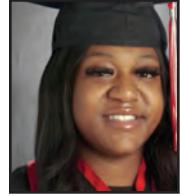
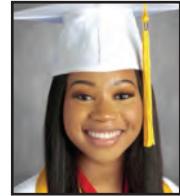
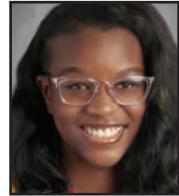
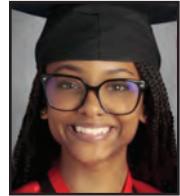
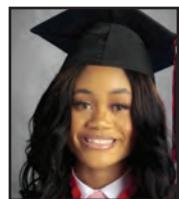
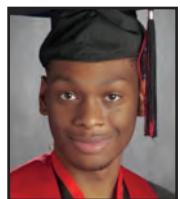


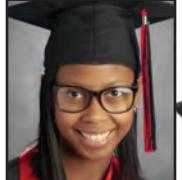
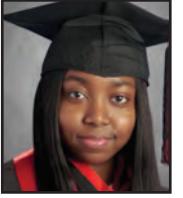
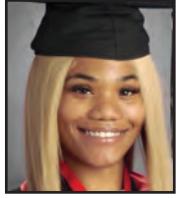
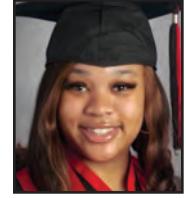
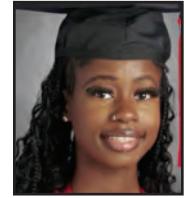
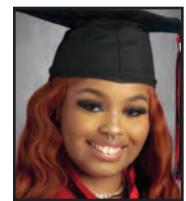


2024

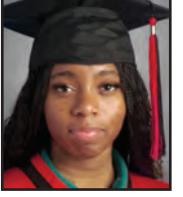
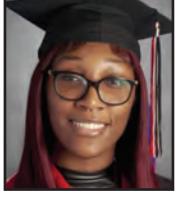
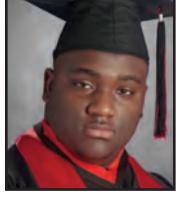
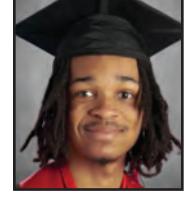
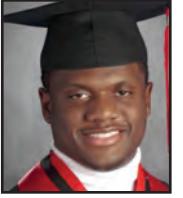
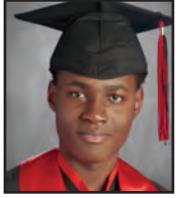
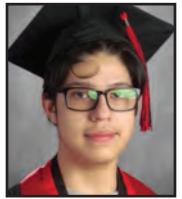
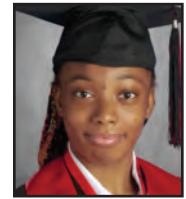
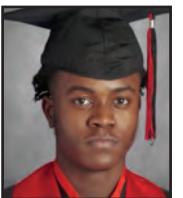
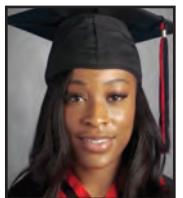
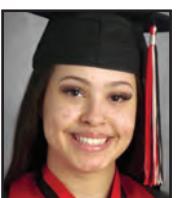




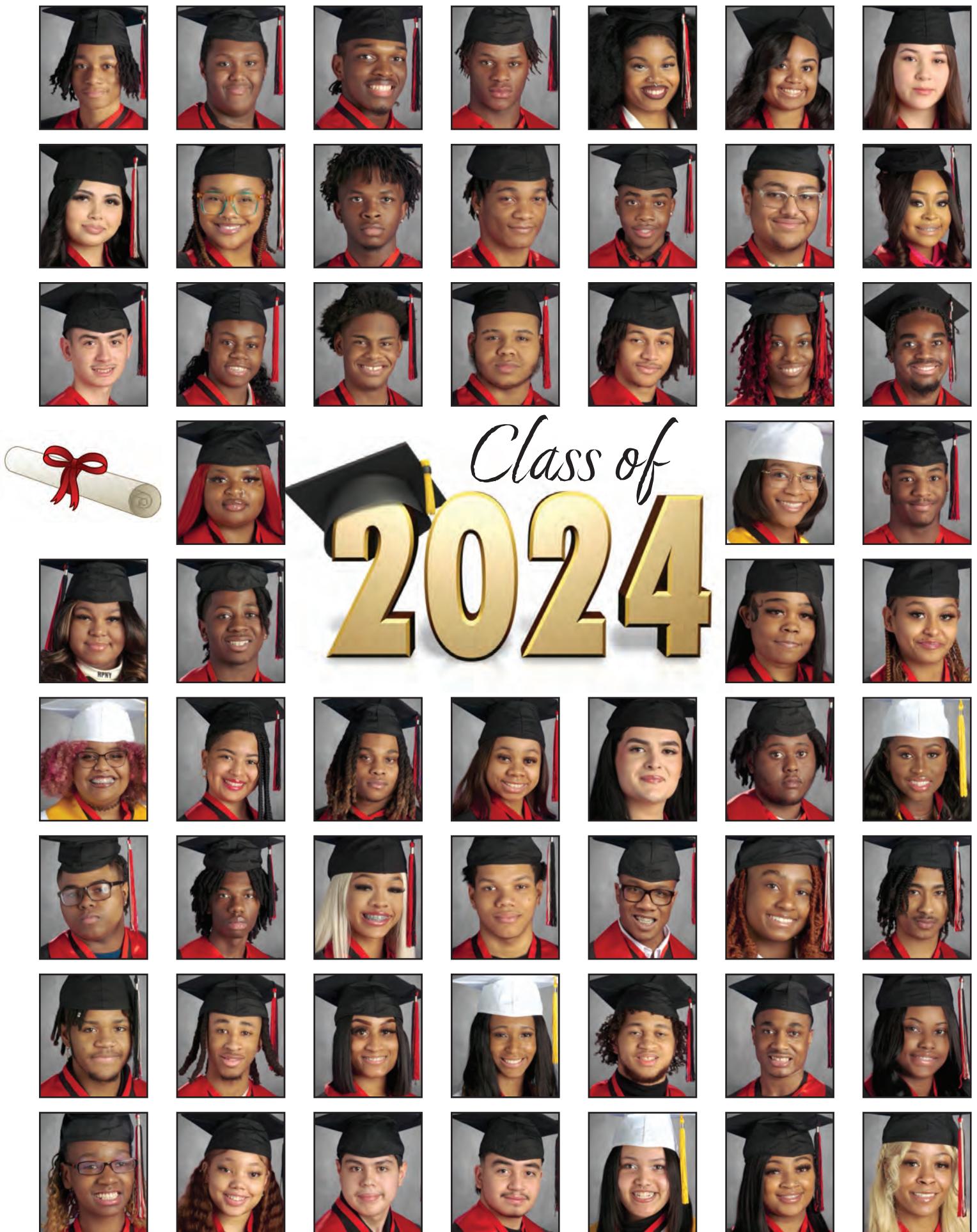




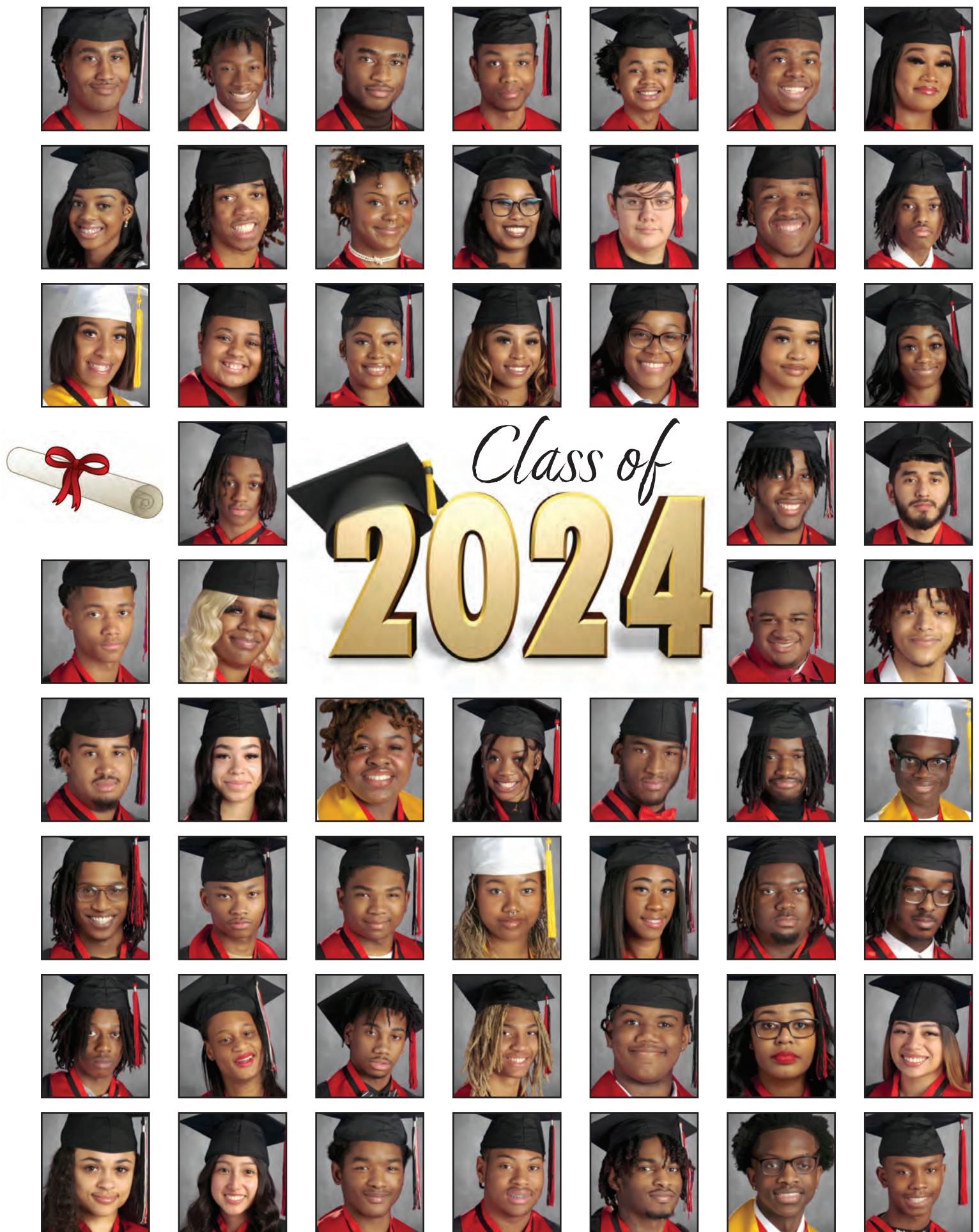
Class of  
**2024**

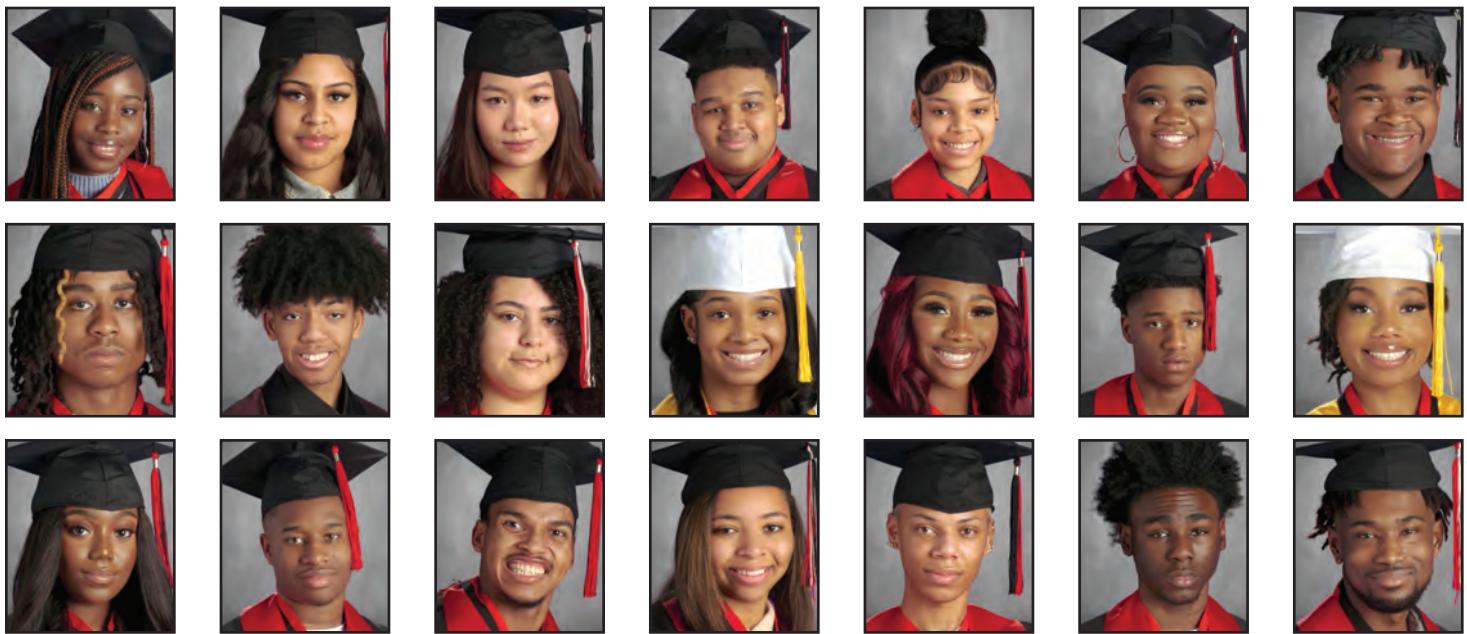












*Class of*  
**2024**



# Congratulations to our Summer School Graduates!

We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our seniors who graduated this summer. Each of you has demonstrated incredible dedication and resilience, completing your high school journey with outstanding success. As you step forward into new beginnings, remember that the skills and knowledge you've acquired at Rich Township High School will guide you in every future endeavor. Congratulations, graduates! We are immensely proud of you and can't wait to see what you accomplish next.







**RICH TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227**  
20550 South Cicero Avenue  
Matteson, IL 60443

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
GRAPHIC IMAGE

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSSEDDM\*\*\*\*\*

**RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER**



**Phone:  
708-679-5800**

## AP SCHOLARS!

Congratulations to the Rich Township High School District 227 students who received a 3, 4, or 5 on their spring AP exam. These students pushed themselves by taking rigorous coursework and preparing for this challenging exam. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments and hard work.

The College Board Advanced Placement® Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. A 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including standing out in college admissions, earning college credit, and saving time and money in college.

Olaedo Achukwu	Branden Bankhead	Natalie Banks	Rihanna Bashir*	Arianna Battle	Breanna Beatty	Jocelyn Benavides
Allegra Biney*	Skye Branson	Zeltzin Breton	Jekayla Brown	Kristopher Brown	Aniyah Cameron	Jaiver Casseres*
McKinney Chandler	Jordyn Claiborne	Ava Clark	Willow Clayton	Asia Coleman	Kamren Colquitt*	Miguel Cruz
Justin Cuesta*	Laila Cummings	Angelina Darden*	Cornel Darden	Kyra Davis	Lakyne Deleon	Miguel Dixon
Benedicte Djansi	Kyndelin Duncan*	Diamond Echoles	Jaden Edwards	Kristina Edwards	Dainelle Ellington	Quincy Fraction
Citlali Fregoso	Melanie Garcia	Jessica Garcia	Antonio Garrett	Leah Giles	Albert Gonzales	Bryan Green
LC Harris	Jada Hayes	Taylor Haynes	Kenya Hayslett	Brooklyn Hill	Angelina Hughes	Josiah Hunt
Serene Hyligar	Jeremiah Jackson	Shandrea Jackson	Shamazing Jackson	Tori Johnson*	Kenan Johnson	Skylar Kidd
Alana Kuffel	Evan Landrum	Aidan Lendabarker	Morgan Lendabarker	Michael Lewis	Valarie Loekle*	Mark Lopez
Dominique Loving	Journey Marsh*	Mya Martin	Brooklyn McCollum	Darrion Montgomery*	Brianna Montijo*	Tionne Moore
Alain Moraga	Isabella Morenos	Zariah OBanner	Amidat Olagunju	Prince Charles Ononuju*	Jaiden Parker	Elijah Patton
Imani Payne	Rebecca Perry	Rokaya Rashad	Jaylin Reid	Tayla Rodgers	Valeria Rodriguez	Miguel Rosas*
Terrence Ross	Willis Salmon	Juana Sanchez Castillo*	Dayanira Sandoval	Yaritza Sandoval Diaz	Courben Session	British Simmons
Roman Smith	Darcie Thomas*	Mark Thomas	Tyrone Useni	Jayden Washington	Akira Whitehead	Mya Wilcoxon
Lakayla Wiley	Elijah Williams	E'mary Williams	Laniyah Williams	Awesome Wilson	Sara Wimberly	Harlowe Wollfolk
Michaela Young	Haliay Zamot*	Catherine Zeman				

\*Students who earned a 3,4 or 5 on multiple AP exams.