

CLASS OF 2018 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to provide the average ACT scores, ACT college readiness benchmark statistics, and additional academic accomplishments that were achieved by our Class of 2018.

AVERAGE ACT SCORES

Composite = 23.5
 English = 23.6
 Math = 22.7
 Reading = 23.8
 Science = 23.5

AVERAGE ACT SCORES FOR COLLEGE PREP CURRICULUM *

Composite = 24.2
 English = 24.3
 Math = 23.4
 Reading = 24.6
 Science = 24.0

* Eighty-four percent of the Class of 2018 completed a college prep curriculum, defined as "core or more" by ACT, which includes four years of English and three or more years each of mathematics, science, and social studies.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACT Performance In the Class of 2018, 27 students (27%) earned an ACT composite score of 27 or higher, and ten students (10%) earned an ACT composite score of 30 or higher.

Scholars The Class of 2018 included fifteen Illinois State Scholars (17%) and one National Merit Commended Scholar.

Scholarships Seventy-five percent of the members of the Class of 2018 received scholarship offers, which totaled \$10 million.

College Credit Hours During their four years at Mater Dei, the members of the Class of 2018 earned 1,900 hours of college credit through enrollment in our dual credit courses.

National Honor Society (NHS) Forty-two percent of the Class of 2018 were members of NHS, having earned a GPA of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

ACT COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARKS

Through research with postsecondary institutions nationwide, ACT has established college readiness benchmark scores for each ACT subject-area test as a means of more precisely measuring college readiness. The chart below provides both the benchmark scores and the percentage of the members of the Mater Dei Class of 2018 who met those benchmarks (as provided in the "ACT Profile Report" dated October 17, 2018.)

	ENGLISH minimum 18	MATH minimum 22	READING minimum 22	SCIENCE minimum 23	MET ALL BENCHMARKS
college prep *	85%	58%	72%	58%	43%
all students	83%	52%	69%	56%	40%

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CLASS OF 2019 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

We are pleased to announce that the following seniors have been honored as Illinois State Scholars: Sam AuBuchon, Morgan Berndsen, Amy Boeckman, Brady Boeckmann, Kata Bowen, Abby Brandenburger, Angie Carey, Justin Fritch, Max Harad, Olivia Holtgrave, Abigail Kay, Alexis Patton, Madison Stone, Madeline Sullivan, and Meredith Wilke. Moreover, these seniors represent 17% of the eligible members of the class. (The average in Illinois is 10% of a class.)

Selection for this honor is based on a combination of a student's ACT and/or SAT test score(s), GPA, and class rank at the end of his/her junior year, unless he/she scores at or above the 95th percentile in Illinois on the ACT and/or SAT test(s). While students do not receive a monetary award, they are able to list this prestigious honor on both college applications and scholarship applications.

Please join us in congratulating our Illinois State Scholars - their dedication to achieving academic success has most certainly paid off!

CLASS OF 2019 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR

We are pleased to announce that senior Max Harad, son of Scott and Lori Harad, earned recognition as a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student.

Max is among approximately 34,000 students in the nation to receive this prestigious recognition as a result of placing in the top 3% of more than 1.6 million students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT (Preliminary SAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as sophomores or juniors. Of those 1.6 million students, only 50,000 total students are recognized as a commended student, semi-finalist, or finalist.

Please join us in congratulating Max for his exemplary dedication to academics!