

# Winton Woods Superintendent and High School Administrators Surprise Honors Diploma Scholars

Several district school buses filled with surprises and congratulatory gifts arrived at the homes of 27 Winton Woods High School students to honor and acknowledge their academic achievement. Superintendent Anthony G. Smith, Winton Woods High School Principal Eric Martin, and administrators delivered yard signs, medals, and certificates to celebrate each honors diploma scholar. Also distributed to each student was a nutritious, delicious traditional dinner for the family to enjoy together, prepared by the Child Nutrition Department. Scholars were surprised by their Most Influential Teachers, whom the students had chosen for impacting them the most in their entire school careers. Two beautifully decorated posters that covered the sides of the bus with “Congratulations” and “We are so proud” served as backdrops for photos taken of the scholars with their teachers and family members. “We wanted to ensure each of our students felt special,” said Superintendent Smith. “It takes an incredible amount of hard work and dedication over four years to earn an honors diploma from the state. We wanted to let them know that we are proud of them and make these trips in person, rain or shine.”

To receive an honors diploma from the State of Ohio, students must meet all but one of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement:

- 4 units of Math
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 3 units of World Languages
- 1 unit of Fine Arts
- 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 27 on the ACT or 1280 or higher on the SAT.

To receive a career technical honors diploma from the State of Ohio (indicated with an asterisk), students must meet the following criteria:

- 4 units of Math
- 4 units of Science

- 4 units of Social Studies
- 2 units of World Languages
- 4 units of Career-Technical Courses
- 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 27 on the ACT; 1280 or higher on the SAT; WorkKeys: 6 or higher on Reading for Information and 6 or higher on Applied Mathematics
- Field Experience
- Portfolio
- Additional Assessments: earn an industry-recognized credential or achieve proficiency benchmark for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent.

Recognized were:

- Valedictorian Matthew Bernardo, who will attend Xavier University for political science
- Salutatorian Isaiah Smith, who will attend University of Akron for aerospace engineering
- Aicha Mouhamed – Northern Kentucky University for international business
- Ashmita Subedi – Northern Kentucky University for medical studies
- Cameron Johnson – The Ohio State University for Public Policy Leadership / Public Administration
- Naomi Renee Hall – Kentucky State University for psychology/biology and minor in business
- Ernest Wolke – University of Toledo for environmental engineering
- Evan Stumpf – The University of Cincinnati for secondary education of physics
- Fatimata Gassama – Northern Kentucky University for international business
- Genevieve Lilly – Morehead State University for veterinary technology
- Ibrahima Sy – University of Dayton for mechanical engineering
- Jasmine Johnson – Wright State University for nursing
- Joe'L Palmore – The University of Cincinnati for mechanical engineering
- Kamille Austin – Central State University for music education and sound engineering
- Kendal Phillips – Northern Kentucky University for mechanical engineering

- Kiara Gaines – The Ohio State University for chemical engineering
- Mariah Jackson – Spelman College for computer science and minor in cyber security
- Michelle Alaniz – The Ohio State University for biology
- Michelle Mitchell – Xavier University for theatre
- Naomi Hall – Kentucky State University for psychology/biology and minor in business
- Riley Lauchard – Columbus State Community College for double major in literature and Spanish
- Seth Okoh Okai – University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College for information technology
- Shelley Mbidi – Cincinnati State Technical and Community College for electro-mechanical engineering
- Stephanie Trubl – Cincinnati State for early childhood education
- Tajammal Hill – The Florida State University for finance
- Taylor Fields – University of Cincinnati (Blue Ash Campus) for African American history
- Yoselin Ramirez Lopez – Loyola Marymount University for undecided

**PHOTO CAPTION: The district celebrated 27 Honors Diploma Scholars by surprising them at their homes with their Most Influential Teachers and a delicious nutritious family-sized packaged dinner. Photo by Drew Jackson.**