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CCSD scholars recognized for perfect AP scores

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Charleston, SC – A combined total of eight Charleston County School District (CCSD) graduates from the Class of 2023 and current students earned perfect scores on their college-level Advanced Placement® exams during the 2022-2023 school year.

Academic Magnet High School (AMHS)

Maria Cymbalyuk (Class of 2023)

Madelyn Hall (Class of 2023)

Angela Mei (Class of 2023)

Ava Peterson (Class of 2023)

Jeffrey Song (Class of 2023)

Yiqing Ye (Class of 2026)

Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA)

Julia Boyer (Class of 2023)

Braeden LaRoche (Class of 2024)

Advanced Placement® Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. The students listed above received the top score of 5 as well as earn every point possible on an AP Exam, receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

For Academic Magnet, Cymbalyuk, Hall, Mei, Peterson, and Song were five of 357 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Research exam while Ye was one of 459 to receive a perfect score on the Computer Science Principles test.

“Academic Magnet High School students’ collective scores constitute approximately 1.5 percent of all perfect scores in the world for AP Research, a fact which speaks not only to the excellence of our individual learners but also to that of our instructional programming,” explained AMHS Principal Jacob Perlmutter.

For SOA, Boyer and LaRoche are two of just 308 students in the world to record a perfect score on the AP Drawing exam.

“SOA is immensely proud of these visual artists,” said Dr. Shannon Cook, SOA’s principal. “Their success reflects not only their dedication to their artwork but also

the excellence with which they approach artistic challenges. We are thrilled to celebrate this accomplishment with them.”

The Advanced Placement Program is committed to ensuring that students have access to the opportunities they have earned. Students who succeed in AP are not only more likely to succeed in college but have the chance to save a significant amount of time and money by earning college credit or placement while still in high school. Colleges and universities around the world receive AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process.

To learn more about AP, please visit exploreap.org. For additional information about the accomplishments of these CCSD graduates and students, contact the Office of Communications at (843) 937-6303.

AMHS also has information [posted on their website](#) in the School News & Announcements section.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 50,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse portfolio of educational options and specialized programs delivered to the students of CCSD through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools and programs. Rich educational opportunities for students include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; military; dual credit; and many more.