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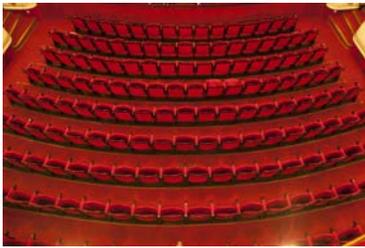
PALMARIUM

CHARACTER STRENGTHS in 2017-2018

Since August 2014 the PALMARIUM has focused on a different character strength and virtue for each volume. For 2017-2018 we covered seven different themes: *Humor, Perseverance, Gratitude, Humility, Curiosity, Honesty*, and in this year-end volume *Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence*. To wrap-up this school year, as we have during the past four years, we are going to use this issue to share some of the many accomplishments of our students. Enjoy scanning the multiple pages of accolades and reflect on the amazing year. A great thanks goes out to all

our parents, board members, administrators, teaching staff, support staff, and students that made 2017-2018 such a great success. In this issue you will also find a wonderful article by **Melissa Bungay**, a Kindergarten teacher at our Cottage School Program. She shares a heartfelt article titled **Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence - A Lasting Legacy**.

Leave a Legacy Commemorative Seats



Naming a seat in our new auditorium/performing arts center is the perfect way to leave a legacy for your family or loved ones. Only the first 300 seats will be named with a commemorative message laser-engraved on a plaque and mounted on the theater seat. Plaques are \$500 each. Click here to donate today: [Legacy Seat Donations](#).



Twenty Years



APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY & EXCELLENCE

See the Bedouin fires at night
See the oil fields at first light and
See the bird with a leaf in her mouth
After the flood, all the colors came out

It was a beautiful day
Don't let it get away
Beautiful day

- Bono from U2





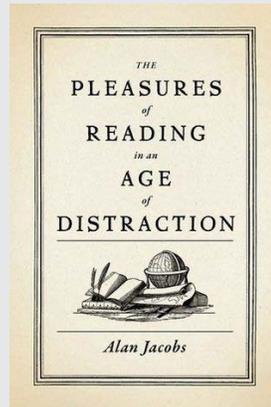
CORE VALUES LEAVES & FRUIT

As we look at the final two sections of the Core Values, we find two very different parts of the tree – the leaves and the fruit. Each with a very different function.

Looking through the statements in the leaves section, we find many statements about things that we do at TCA that are not directly related to what happens in the classroom during the school day. These statements are instead, ways in which we live out our philosophy outside of the classroom. Think about a tree in the winter when there are no leaves. The tree is still alive and functioning, but it appears to be incomplete. When the leaves fill in during the spring and early summer, we see a tree that appears to be full and complete without any gaps. This same thing is true of our TCA tree. As we follow through with these commitments, our tree becomes full and complete without gaps or holes.

As we move on to the fruit, it is important to notice that most of what we find in this section is also found, in many cases word for word, in the roots section. This is not a coincidence. The fruit of a tree is the only part of the tree designed to fall off or leave the tree. The seeds in the fruit carry the same DNA as the roots. When the fruit falls off the tree, its purpose is to carry on the DNA of the parent tree to wherever that fruit ends up. When our students graduate and leave TCA they carry on the “DNA” they received here. The only way to ensure that they leave the tree as the certain kind of persons we want them to be is for us to be that same kind of person – to live out our Core Values on a daily basis. Look at the characteristics of TCA fruit (in this link to the Core Values). We need to express the Core Values DNA in such a way that our students leave here as the kind of exemplary citizens that we want them to be.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:



As we enter our fourth year of our **Engaging Minds** focus, I wanted to let you know about the **Beyond the Book Club** selections for the 2018-2019 school year. I believe it is important that we as teaching professionals continue to wrestle with relevant topics pertaining to our endeavors as a school and as individuals. I see this effort as a way to build community amongst our staff and with those in the parent community that are interested in participating. Participation, by the way, is *completely voluntary*.

For the 2018-2019 school year, the following books will be discussed (*prospective book study dates are listed below*):

***The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction* by Alan Jacobs (Sep 18-20, 2018)**

[“Alan Jacobs argues that reading is alive and well in America. Millions of devoted readers support hundreds of enormous bookstores and online booksellers. Oprah’s Book Club is hugely influential, and a recent NEA survey reveals an increase in the reading of literary fiction. Jacobs’s interactions with his students and the readers of his own books, however, suggests that many readers lack confidence; they wonder whether they read *well*, with proper focus and attentiveness, with genuine discernment.”]

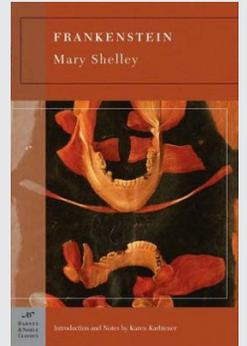
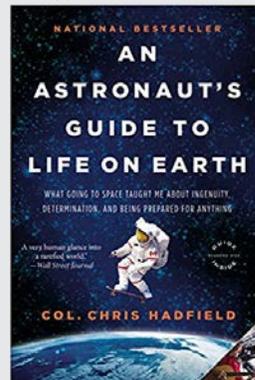
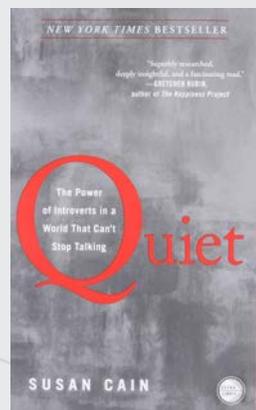
***Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking* by Susan Cain (Nov 27-29, 2018)** [“At

least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts – Rosa Parks, Chopin, Dr. Seuss, Steve Wozniak – that we owe many great contributions to society. In *Quiet*, Susan Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so.”]

***Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (Feb 19-21, 2019)** [Building upon the presentation of Jeffrey Brenzel at the 2015 October In-Service we have selected a classic title that our sophomores read each year. Mary Shelly in her work raises profound questions about the nature of life and of what it means to be human.]

An Astronaut’s Guide to Life on Earth: What Going to Space Taught Me About Ingenuity, Determination,

***and Being Prepared for Anything* by Col. Chris Hadfield (Apr 23-25, 2019)** [“A very human glimpse into a rarefied world . . . The vacuum of space is unforgiving and brutal. Life on earth isn’t easy, either. Mr. Hadfield has genuinely and refreshingly increased our understanding of how to thrive in both places.” – Adam Savage, *Wall Street Journal*]



Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence: A Lasting Legacy

by **Melissa Bungay**, Cottage School Program Kindergarten Teacher

As I contemplate the meaning of the word "legacy", I have a renewed appreciation for beauty and excellence found in everyday life. The human tendency to feel powerful self-transcendent emotions has been studied since ancient times. One of these transcendent emotions is an appreciation of beauty and excellence, which refers to the ability to find and take pleasure in the existence of goodness (Peterson & Seligman, 2004). Appreciation is associated with certain behaviors such as awe, wonder, goose bumps, tears, and the desire to improve oneself and contribute to the greater good of others (Keltner & Haidt, 2003). Even though there are multiple ways for people to connect with the excellence and beauty around them, it happened for me as I began to contemplate the lasting legacy left for me.



LAVINA VALENTINE DAVIS 1860-1932

ALMOST FIFTEEN YEARS AGO DURING OUR SUMMER FURLOUGH, I FOUND AN OLD WORN OUT LOOKING BIBLE WITH THE NAME OF MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER, REV. JOHN WESLEY DAVIS, INSCRIBED IN THE FRONT COVER. SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN ON A QUEST TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE WORD LEGACY.

Legacy defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary means. . .

- (1) gift by will especially of money or other personal property;
- (2) something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.

A lasting legacy refers to something that is permanent or enduring that is handed down, endowed or conveyed from one person to another.

My quest for more information about my ancestry led to the discovery of an obituary written for my great-great-grandmother, Lavina Valentine Davis. The power of the incredible legacy left by this humble woman was clearly articulated in her obituary in the local Nebraska newspaper.

Lavina V. Dodds was born in Danville, Iowa, February 14, 1860, and died at the age of 71 years, 11 months old. Her girlhood days were spent near Danville where she married John Wesley Davis on January 3, 1877. Nine children were born to them, six of whom survive. Two infants and a daughter, Grace, preceded her to her heavenly home. Mrs. Davis was converted in early life and fully consecrated her life to Christian service, assisting her husband in the many duties of a minister's home. On making her home in Lincoln, she joined the Elm Park Methodist Church. Just two weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Davis celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and at the close of their happy married life, it seems fitting to say: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates." Besides her husband and six children she leaves behind to mourn her three brothers, two sisters, 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and a host of loving friends.



It is obvious that my great-great-grandmother had a strong faith and loving commitment to her family. So how does my great-great-grandmother's or grandfather's legacy impact my life or my family? In countless ways! The strong faith and commitment to family that were passed down to my grandmother and mother continue in my life and the life of my children. Our oldest son was named John William, in

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(continued from page 3) loving memory of John Wesley Davis. Even my great-great-grandparent's wedding date has significant meaning in our family as I was born 100 years later on Jan. 3; and my daughter Abigail was born on Jan. 3, 2002. Legacy has the incredible power to weave the past with the present forming a beautiful tapestry.



BENJAMIN MICHAEL HESS MAY 5, 2005 - JULY 27, 2017

ALMOST TWELVE YEARS AGO DURING OUR SUMMER FURLOUGH, I HELD MY SIX-WEEK OLD NEPHEW FOR THE FIRST TIME. DURING OUR VISIT MY NEPHEW HAD TO BE REVIVED DUE TO AN UNEPLAINABLE CONDITION TERMED SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS). IT BROUGH SUCH JOY TO OUR EARS TO HEAR THAT BABY CRY NON-STOP FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

The power of the incredible legacy left by my nephew was clearly articulated in the obituary I contributed to for his Celebration of Life service this last summer.

Benjamin Michael Hess was embraced by his Savior on July 27, 2017. He was the beloved second son of David and Marcia Hess. His beloved siblings at home are Matthew, Jacob, Abigail, Grace, and Mark. He has four grandparents, 16 aunts and uncles, and 32 cousins. His heartwarming smile, contagious belly laugh, and generous heart are just a few things everyone vividly remembers about Ben. He loved his friends and greatly enjoyed being part of a huge family. He was extremely loyal and encouraging. Ben spent much time exploring the outdoors, was naturally curious and had plans to become a beekeeper. He was a proud, amazing "2nd" big brother who always had a protective eye on his younger siblings. Ben had a strong relationship with his Jesus, deeply impacting those around him as a shining light for Christ. He felt most comfortable without shoes walking around his property looking for snakes or digging for gold. His family will most miss his smile and hugs every morning.

Even though July 27, 2017 was truly a bittersweet day in the life of our family, Ben's legacy continues. Even at his young age, he had made a significant impact on the lives of many people in his community. He started an annual community-wide fire prevention training. The beekeeping company he was training with offered to start a scholarship in his name. A well-known store that Ben often visited contacted my sister and brother-in-law about writing a story in their publication about his life. Just to clarify, this day was bittersweet because my nephew experienced Sudden Unexplainable Nocturnal Death Syndrome (SUNDS) - that was the bitter part; but just as powerful was the sweet part that we had 12 beautiful years with this incredible young man.

It is essential for each of us to consider what type of legacy we are leaving for others. Whether we are given the gift of time to live a long life or not, it is our responsibility to steward the time we have been given and invest our lives wisely. Sometimes, as in the case of my nephew Benjamin, we experience altered legacy. Altered legacy occurs when someone experiences sickness, divorce, death, or any type of unexpected loss. At some point in life most of us will deal with altered legacy, but it is possible to find hope and restoration. Let us live a life that outlives us! As we pursue beauty and excellence, let us make the most of every moment, live with no regrets, and leave a lasting legacy for others.

"At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built; not what we got but what we shared; not our competence but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of love." *Author unknown.*

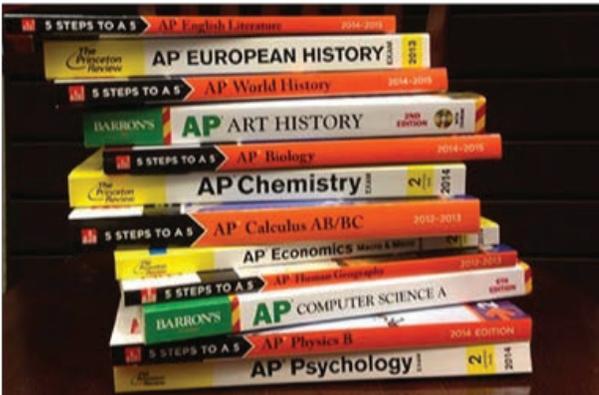
National Student Academic Awards: National Merit & AP

The AP Program offers several AP Scholar Awards to recognize high school students who have **demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams**. Although there is no monetary award, in addition to receiving an award certificate, this achievement is acknowledged on any score report that is sent to colleges the following fall.

AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.



AP Scholar Recipients at TCA HS: Kala Lundahl and Lauren Wainwright

AP Scholar with Honor Recipients at TCA HS: Saumika Mulluri and Calista Schmidt

AP Scholar with Distinction Recipients at TCA HS: Braden Jones and Nicholas Kostin

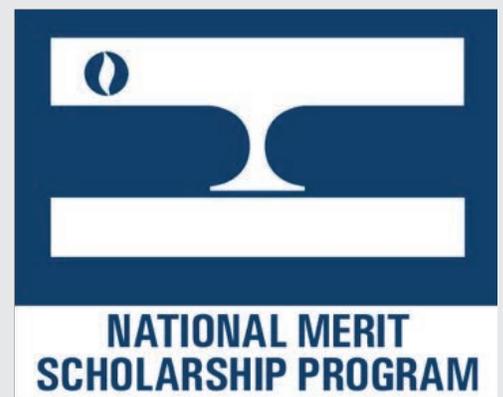
AP Scholars



The **National Merit® Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High school principals are notified and provided with a certificate to present to each Finalist.

National Merit Commended Students: Elise Cole (CP), Tessa LaPointe (CP)

Finalist: Jessalyn Weary (CP)



TCA Graduates: High School and College Pathways University/College Attendance and Scholarship Totals for 2018

TCA graduates have been accepted and plan to attend the following institutions next year: Baylor University, Benedictine College, Bethel University - MN, Biola University, Boston University, Brigham Young University, California Baptist University, Cedarville University, Colorado Christian University, Colorado Mesa University, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Colorado State University Pueblo, Eastern University, Fort Lewis College, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Grand Canyon University, Grove City College, Harding University, Indiana Wesleyan University, John Brown University, Kettering University, Liberty University, Long Island University, Mississippi State University, Montana State University, North Central College, Oral Roberts University, Pikes Peak Community College, Point Loma Nazarene University, Purdue University, Regent University, Regis University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Southern Utah University, Taylor University, Texas A&M University, The King's College, The Master's University, Trinity Western University, United States Air Force Academy, University of Alabama - Huntsville, University of Colorado - Boulder, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, University of Evansville, University of Iowa, University of Kentucky, University of New Hampshire - Durham, University of Northern Colorado, University of Pittsburgh, University of Rochester - Eastman School of Music, University of Utah, University of Washington, Vanguard University of Southern California, Western State Colorado University, Wheaton College, and York College

For TCA's High School and College Pathways graduating **Classes of 2018 over **\$5.15 million** of scholarships have been offered to our students**

AAA Awards for 2017-2018: Academic, Athletic, and the Arts

Titan of the Year Awards

Scholars of the Year:

Nicholas Kostin

Fine Arts Students of the Year:

Hannah Hrbek and Christian Soper

Athletes of the Year:

Regan Bervig and Brayden Luft

Student of the Year Awards

Latin: Niel Bauer

Spanish: Audra Frieden

French: Bailey Ball

Physical Science: Ethan Boyle

Earth/Environmental Science: Amalie Harvey

Life Science: Greta Corneliusen

English (Senior): Alyssa Frager

English (9th-11th): Anna Kemper

Math: Nicholas Kostin

History (Senior): Lauren Wainwright

History (9th-11th): Ryker Lutjens

Physical Education:

Ethan Boyles and Brooke Hoglin

Forensics (Interpretation of Literature):

Anna Hedges and Silje Ostrem

Forensics (Debate/Public Address):

Hunter Nang and Cianja Bone

Journalism:

Taylor Yarbrough, Brooke Hoglin, & Hannah Foster



Titan Exemplars

Senior students that embody the mind, body, and spirit characteristics of exemplary citizens (in alphabetical order).

Niel Bauer

Austin Bigler

Nicholas Kostin

Ana Obergfell

Erin Percy

Sydney Smith

Anna Spriggs

Jonathan Stephens

Erika Willis

TCA Titan Exemplars of the Year

Ana Obergfell and Jonathan Stephens

Latin Honors

(in alphabetical order)

Summa Cum Laude - With Highest Praise

Valedictorian: Braden Jones

Salutarian: Nicholas Kostin

Niel Bauer, Anna Connell, Layne Frost, Braden Jones, Nicholas Kostin, Kala Lundahl, Ryan Moen, Saumika Mulluri, Ana Obergfell, Erin Percy, Alison Smith, Sydney Smith, Lauren Wainwright, Erika Willis, Vanessa Womak

Magna Cum Laude - With Great Praise

Kelsey Eichelberger, McKenzie Elliott, Alyssa Frager, Audra Frieden, Elizabeth Fronterhouse, Brooke Hoglin, Hannah Hrbek, Rebekah Miller, Calista Schmidt, Anna Spriggs, Jonathan Stephens, Chandler Stone, Molly Strader, Lindsey Valdez, Boyd Webb

Cum Laude - With Praise

Parker Bennett, Austin Bigler, Rohan Fisher, Bennett Holmes, Sheridan Hunter, Lily Knuckles, Brayden Luft, Zachary Mast, Josiah Roberts, Garrett Troupe, Claudia Valenzuela, Lindsey Warren, Elizabeth Wittasek, Makayla Zietlow, Connor Zitzmann

Band Student of the Year:

Christian Soper

John Philip Sousa Award:

Christian Soper and Jeremy Salgado

Band-Director's Award:

Kelsey Eichelberger and Dawson Strevett

Louis Armstrong Award:

Christian Soper and Jeremy Salgado

Theatre: Levi Foster and Hannah Hrbek

Vocalist: Hannah Hrbek, Anna Connell, Rohan Fisher, and Boyd Webb

Visual Arts (Senior): Dillon Rawlings

Visual Arts (9th-11th): Kaitlin Walters



AAA Awards for 2017-2018: Academic, Athletic, and the Arts

TCA Community Service Awards - Seniors

Anastashya Dodge, Jonathan Ehresman, McKenzie Elliott, Rohan Fisher, Alyssa Frager, Audra Frieden, Brooke Hoglin, Madalynn McVay, Rebekah Miller, Sarah Miller, Ryan Moulton, Erin Percy, Gabrielle Phares, Sydney Smith, Jonathan Stephens, Nic Sullivan, Cambria Thomasson, Lindsey Valdez, Linsey Warren

Daniels Fund Scholarship

Victor Arias (HS) and David Bux (CP)



Rensselaer Medal for Math and Science

Ryan Beckman

Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Award: University of Rochester

Tahlia Lowman

George Eastman Young Leaders Award and Scholarship: University of Rochester

Cianja Bone

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology: University of Rochester

Ethan Boyles

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: University of Rochester

Anna Kemper

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award

Ashley Alexander

Colorado School of Mines Math and Science Medal

Nathan Bone

Young Champion Ambassadors

Jaron Wood

Boettcher Semi-Finalist

Ryan Moen

United States Air Force Academy Appointment

Erika Willis

AFROTC Scholarships

Nicholas Aranez (HS), Parker Bennett (HS), Daneil Borchart (CP), Kelsey Eichelberger (HS), Nathan Leusink (CP)

Black Forest Educational Opportunity Foundation

Jonathan Ehresman

Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner

Delaney Hawkins (CP), Nicholas Sherman (CP)



PLEASE NOTE: Every effort was made to include as many submitted awards as possible in this issue. I'm sure that some deserving students were inadvertently not included in the year-end wrap-up. I apologize in advance for any oversights and misspellings contained herein - the Editor.

Athletic Awards for 2017-2018: Most Valuable & Inspirational

FALL SPORTS

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Most Valuable</i>	<i>Most Inspirational</i>
Soccer	Garrett Troupe Jonny Stephens	Garrett Troupe
Softball	Maile Johnson	Isabelle Davis
Golf - Men	Liam O'Halloran	Conner Holien
Cross Country - Men	Mason Norman	Canaan Lamberth Ryan Moen
Cross Country - Women	Kaylee Thompson	Katie Flaherty McKenzie Elliott
Football	Brayden Luft	Brady Miller
Volleyball	Regan Bervig	Lexi Wilcox

WINTER SPORTS

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Most Valuable</i>	<i>Most Inspirational</i>
Basketball - Men	Jared Belcher	Jonny Stephens
Basketball - Women	Regan Bervig	Autumn Boyles
Wrestling	Nathan Johns	Brendan Johnston
Cheer	Rebekah Miller	Cara Feller

SPRING SPORTS

<i>Sport</i>	<i>Most Valuable</i>	<i>Most Inspirational</i>
Baseball	Ethan Boyles Noah Lasecki	Brayden Luft
Golf - Women	Mackenzie Fontana	Addyson Dorny
Soccer - Women	Lauren Fletcher	Karlee Hendricks Lauren Mace
Track - Men	Ryan Moen	Owyn Carter
Track Women	Claudia Valenzuela	Kayla Zietlow

TITAN ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Men
Women

Brayden Luft
Regan Bervig



Athletic Awards for 2017-2018: League/Conference & Academic Honors

LEAGUE/CONFERENCE HONORS

Soccer – Men [CSML League Champs] CSML 1st Team: Caden Luckenbill, Jake Slater, Jonny Stephens, Garrett Troupe; CSML 2nd Team: Kennan Roewer; CSML Honorable Mention: Matthew Carpenter, Jackson Hoosier, Brock Rowedder

Soccer – Women [CSML League Champs] CSML Player of the Year: Alie Smith; CSML 1st Team: Lauren Fletcher, Trinity Harvey, Karlee Hendricks, Alie Smith; CSML 2nd Team: Ashlee McFarlane, Elena Munguia, Gracey Thompson; CSML Honorable Mention: Nishayla Roitsch, Kaylee Thomspson

Cross Country – Men [CSML League and 3A State Champs] CSML 1st Team: Nathan Bone, Ryan Moen, Mason Norman; CSML 2nd Team: Isaac Bahr

Cross Country – Women [CSML League Champs and third at 3A State] CSML 1st Team: McKenzie Elliott, Katie Flaherty, Kaylee Thompson; CSML 2nd Team: Sarah Burroughs, Mickey Curl, Erin Percy

Football [2nd Place Tri-Peaks League] TPL All Conference: Cade Bethany, Ethan Boyles, Alec Day, Braden Luft, Brady Miller, Donovan Pacht; TPL Honorable Mention: John Bull, Jensen Hall, Josh Nelson; TPL Most Valuable Back: Brayden Luft; TPL Most Valuable Defensive Lineman: Donovan Pacht; TPL All State Game Rep: Brayden Luft, Donovan Pacht

Volleyball [2nd place in CSML League] CSML 1st Team: Regan Bervig; CSML 2nd Team: Olivia Jacobsen; CSML Honorable Mention: Lexi Wilcox, Hope Storm

Wrestling [State Champion: Nathan Johns] CSML 1st Team: Nathan Johns, Liam Young; CSML 2nd Team: Aidan Johnston, Brendan Johnston; CSML Honorable Mention: Jason Alexander, Simeon Chambers [6 wrestlers to state: Brendan Johnston, Aidan Johnston, Theo Bone, Liam Young, Nathan Johns, Daniel Borchert]

Basketball – Women CSML 2nd Team: Regan Bervig, RaeAnn Queener; CSML All Defensive Team: RaeAnn Queener

Basketball – Men CSML 1st Team: Jared Belcher; CSML Honorable Mention: Jonny Stephens, Micah Lamberth

Golf – Men [CSML League Champs] CSML 1st Team: Liam O'Halloran; CSML 2nd Team: Ryan Beckman, Conner Holien

Golf - Women [CSML League Champs and Region 1 Champs] CSML 1st Team: Anna Connell, MacKenzie Fontana [3 golfers to state: MacKenzie Fontana, Anna Connell, Julianne DeLeon]

Track – Men [3A State 2nd Place] 1st place 1600 m [Ryan Moen]; 1st place 3200m [Ryan Moen]

Track – Women [3A State Champions] 1st place 4x200 [Esther Eyberg, Chantae Steele, Rachel Gaona, Claudia Valenzuela]; 1st place 4x100 [Shenna Daum, Rachel Gaona, Esther, Eyberg, Claudia Valenzuela]; 1st place Pole Vault - Erika Willis (3A State Meet Record at 12 ft 9 in)

SPORTS ACADEMIC HONORS [1st = first team / HM = honorable mention]

Soccer – Men 1st: Daniel Borchert, Jonathan Clemmons, Rohan Fisher, Bennett Holmes, Nathan Johns, Aaron Peck, Jonny Stephens, Garrett Troupe, Conner Zitzman; HM: Elias Ponce, Jake Slater, Caleb Welch

Soccer – Women 1st: Lauren Fletcher, Karlee Hendricks, Calista Schmidt, Alison Smith, Kaylee Thompson; HM: Chantae Steele, Lauren Thompson

Football 1st: Ethan Boyles, Brandon Bullock, Alec Day, Matt Leland, Brayden Luft, Dane Schwerin; HM: Jenson Hall, Rhys Ryba

Softball 1st: Mariah Maughan, Taylor Yarbrough; HM: Maile Johnson, Gabrielle Phares, Caitlin Solano, Alexa Valenzuela

Cross Country – Men 1st: Isaac Bahr, Nathan Bone, Brendan Johnson, Ryan Moen

Cross Country – Women 1st: Sarah Burroughs, McKenzie Elliott, Katie Flaherty, Erin Percy, Kaylee Thompson; HM: Rachel Maughan

Track – Men 1st: Nathaniel Bone, Ethan Boyles, Rohan Fisher, Brayden Luft, Ryan Moen, Chandler Stone; HM: Jacob DeMeyer, Rhys Ryba

Track – Women 1st: Regan Bervig, Sarah Burroughs, Claire Cerniglia, McKenna Cooper, Kelsey Eichelberger, McKenzie Elliott, Kathryn Flaherty, Audra Frieden, Brooke Hoglin, Katharina Mace, Erin Percy, Claudia Valenzuela, Elizabeth White, Cayla Wilburn, Erika Willis, Bethany Wormack, Makayla Zietlow; HM: Chantae Steele

Volleyball 1st: Regan Bervig, Autumn Boyles, Jill Cyphers, Cayla Wilburn, Vanessa Wormack; HM: Isabella Carlson, Katelyn Strickland, Lexi Wilcox

Wrestling [#1 Academic Team in state] 1st: Daniel Borchert, Simeon Chambers, Nathaniel Johns, Brendan Johnston, Aidan Johnston, Nicolas Kostin, Liam Young

Basketball – Women 1st: Regan Bervig, Autumn Boyles, Laynie Bradford, Maddie Ivan, Ashley Pederson, Alexa Rogers, Kaylee Thompson, Kaitlin Walters, Behany Wormack; HM: Addie Katayama

Basketball – Men 1st: Jared Belcher, Ethan Boyles, Bennett Holmes, Nathan Kane, Bryant Kautz, Jonny Stephens; HM: Jenson Hall, Adam Selvage

Baseball 1st: Neil Baker, Ethan Boyles, Noah Lasecki, Brayden Luft

Golf – Men 1st: Nicholas Aranez, Neil Baker, Ryan Beckman, ; HM: Conner Holien

Golf – Women 1st: Anna Connell, Addyson, Dorny, ; HM: Julianne DeLeon, Eleni McClure

Cheer 1st: Bailey Ball, Rachel Brown, Camry Harris, Brooke Hoglin, Rebekah Miller, Sarah Miller, Keighley Shoop, Nicole Sorak, Jessica Wielgus; HM: Haley Batron, Cara Feller

Science Awards for 2017-2018: Science Fair Competitions

2018 Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair

On February 24th at UCCS, thirty-nine 7th graders, twenty-five 8th graders, and 1 high school student competed at the **2018 Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair**. The Classical Academy dominated with numerous awards given. Specifically, junior high students won 32/37 of the category awards (87%), and TCA junior high swept 5/9 of the categories. The prizes ranged from \$15 to \$300 with first place worth \$100. TCA students were awarded approximately \$3,000 in cash and prizes. Mrs. Ehresman and Mrs. Muir are extremely proud of the students that competed at regionals. Twenty-eight junior high students and one high school student will represent TCA at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in April competing for bragging rights and cash prizes.

2018 State Science Fair Results

On April 5th-6th, student finalists from all corners of our state converged at Colorado State University to compete in the 63rd Colorado Science and Engineering Fair. TCA had 29 projects represented by 29 students. Fifteen of the 29 students received recognition in their respective category. First place was \$200, 2nd place was \$100, 3rd was \$75, 4th was \$50, and

honorable mention received a certificate. Eighteen special awards were given. Overall, a little more than \$2,000 was won in cash and prizes.

Representing TCA in the Senior Division was Eric Bauman (TCA High School).

Representing TCA in the Junior Division were 7th graders Chloe Bennett, Blake Bowshot, Austin Cantor, Emily Cicalone, Nicholas Foster, Isabella Garcia, Ethan Gavin, Radhika Gupta, Chloe Haerr, Luke Nielsen, Norah Quirk, Faith Roberts, Joshua Snyder, Connor Takenaka, Joshua Vu, Clare Wiersma, and Chandler Wilburn.

Representing TCA in the Junior Division were 8th graders Alex Huerta, Miles Johnston, Chance Jurkiewicz, Kate Kaczmarek, Marin Masters, Gryphon Patlin, Allison Rose, Zakery Snider, Peter Wilson, Natalia Wright, and Gabe Wu.

Junior Division – Best CSEF Project

2nd Grand Winner - Chloe Haerr [7] "Stress test"

Junior Division – Category Awards

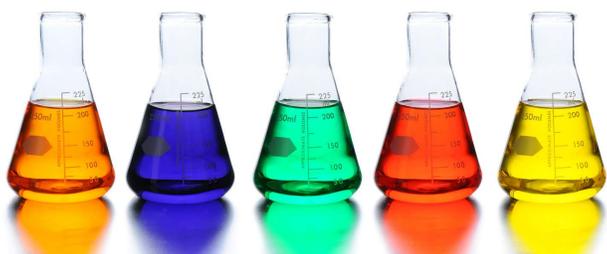
Behavioral & Social

1st – Chloe Haerr [7] "Stress test"

Honorable Mention - Kate Kaczmarek [8] "The effect of classical music tempo on competitive run times"

Chemistry & Biochemistry

3rd – Radhika Gupta [7] "Analyzing the effectiveness of various whiteboard cleaners"



Science Awards for 2017-2018: State Science Fair Results

State Science Fair Awards (continued from previous page)

Energy

Honorable Mention – Joshua Vu [7] “Maximizing efficiency when generating clean energy”

Engineering

Honorable Mention - Gabriel Wu [8] “Magnificent mounted magnetic bearings”

Honorable Mention - Austin Cantor [7] “It’s all in the movement”

Environmental Sciences

1st - Ethan Gavin [7] “A bug’s death: A study of diatomaceous earth and pesticides”

Honorable Mention - Alex Huerta [8] “To aerate or not to aerate: That is the question”

Mathematics & Computer Sciences

2nd - Peter Wilson [8] “Postal pods”

4th - Gryphon Patlin [8] “Drop notice”

Medicine & Health

Honorable Mention – Marin Masters [8] “Back off bacteria”

Microbiology & Molecular Biology

2nd - Faith Roberts [7] “Mold massacre”

Physics

2nd - Joshua Snyder [7] “Ready, aim, fire!”

Plant Sciences

1st - Blake Bowshot [7] “Nature’s magnificent medicine: Aloe Vera”

4th - Chance Jurkiewicz [8] “To pot or not”



Junior Division – Special Awards

Blake Bowshot [7] “Nature’s magnificent medicine: Aloe Vera” - Broadcom MASTERS Competition Nomination – certificate/nomination to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science & engineering fair competition

Nicholas Foster [7] “Robotic Exoskeleton” - American Industrial Hygiene Association - \$50

Isabella Garcia [7] “Certified Cookie Monster Approved” - American Chemical Society - \$50, certificate

Ethan Gavin [7] “A bug’s death: A study of diatomaceous earth and pesticides” - Broadcom MASTERS Competition Nomination – certificate/nomination to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science & engineering fair competition

Radhika Gupta [7] “Analyzing the effectiveness of various whiteboard cleaners” - American Chemical Society - \$50, certificate; Colorado Association of Science Teachers CAST Award - \$100

Chloe Haerr [7] “Stress Test” - American Psychological Association – certificate; Broadcom MASTERS Competition Nomination – certificate/nomination to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science & engineering fair competition

Miles Johnston [8] “Don’t Let Charging Up Run You Down: A Study on Portable Power” - Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration – \$100; plaque

Science Awards for 2017-2018: State Science Fair Results

State Science Fair Awards (continued from previous page)

Junior Division – Special Awards (continued)

Luke Nielsen [7] "Still Sitting?" - Biomedical Engineering Society – Bluetooth speaker; invitation to BMES event

Norah Quirk [7] "Energy down the Drain!" - Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association – \$200; certificate

Faith Roberts [7] "Mold Massacre" - Colorado Mycological Society – \$100; CMS membership; certificate

Allison Rose [8] "Maxime Lingura" - Human Factors and Ergonomics Society – \$100; Society of Women Engineers - \$75; certificate

Joshua Vu [7] "Maximizing efficiency when generating clean energy" - Christa McAuliffe Award - \$50, certificate; Platte River Power Authority Award for Energy Innovation and Efficiency - \$100

Peter Wilson [8] "Postal Pods" - Frank Armbruster Foundation – \$100; Broadcom MASTERS Competition Nomination – certificate/nomination to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science & engineering fair competition



The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day.

Albert Einstein

"Old Man's Advice to Youth: 'Never Lose a Holy Curiosity.'" LIFE Magazine (2 May 1955) p. 64"



Fine Arts Awards for 2017-2018

Vocal Awards - High School

Colorado All State Choir

Seniors: Cam Anderson, Anna Connell, Rohan Fisher,
Alyssa Frager, Hannah Hrbek, Boyd Webb

Juniors: Tahlia Lowman, Shaina Macy, Ella Turner

Adams State "Top of the Nation" Honor Choir

Alessandra Webb

Instrumental Awards - High School

All State Band

Concert: Zach Atkinson - Principal Horn, Serena Balke,
Kayla Kitch, Nathan Bone, Brielle Patlin, Maija Pieper,
Tim Schmidt, Addison Jones, Rachel Nieves,
Liam Jones

Symphonic: Jeremy Salgado, Josiah Smith, Christian
Soper - Principal Trombone

University of Colorado Honor Band

Serena Balke, Kayla Kitch, Josiah Smith
Tim Schmidt, Christian Soper - Principal Trombone

All State Orchestra

Philharmonic: Serena Balke, Kayla Kitch - Principal
String Bass

Symphonic: Josiah Smith, Christian Soper - Principal
Trombone

All State Jazz Band

Christian Soper - 2nd Trombone

All City Jazz Band

Christian Soper - 2nd Trombone

All City Concert Band

Concert: Brielle Patlin, Maija Peiper, Zach Atkinson,
Tim Schmidt, Serena Balke, Kayla Kitch, Addison
Jones, Rachel Nieves, Braeden Jones

Wind Ensemble: Jeremy Salgado - Principal Alto Sax,
Josiah Smith - Principal French Horn, Christian Soper -
Principal Trombone

Instrumental Group Awards

Ensemble Recognition Junior High

All Junior High Concert Band received I's
(**Superior Ratings**) at their Colorado Bandmasters
Association festival performances.

8th Grade Blue Concert ensemble was selected for
and performed at the Colorado Music Educators
Association Clinic/Conference (CMEA) at
The Broadmoor.

Pikes Peak Middle School Honor Band

Micah Gaona, Andrew Hanson, Alex Huerta, Brooklyn
Jones, Jordan Kitch, Brennan Pieper, Mary Alice
Schmidt, Luke Snider, Catherine Vaughan,
Sarah Vaughan, Natalia Wright

Ensemble Recognition High School

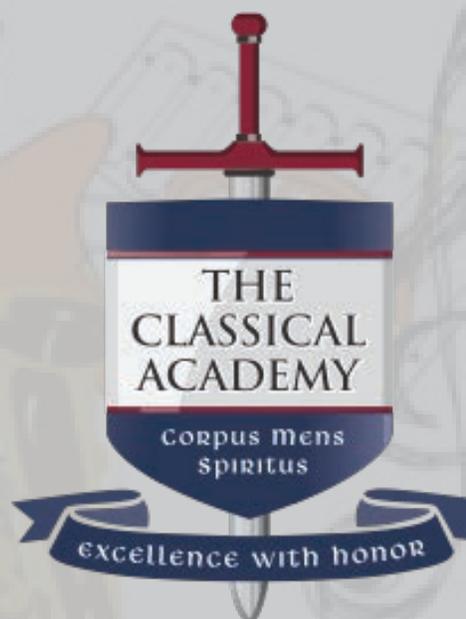
Marching Band Colorado Bandmasters Association
2A State Marching Band Champions

Concert Bands High School

Symphonic Band 4th Hour - II (**Excellent**) CBA
Regionals

Symphonic Band 5th Hour - I (**Superior**) CHSAA

Wind Ensemble I (**Superior**) CBA Regionals
Superior with Distinction - CBA State



Fine Arts Awards: 2017-2018

Visual Arts Awards

Scholastic Art and Writing Awards:

Colorado Regionals - Top 10% of State

Gold Key = 1st place and Silver Key = 2nd place

Honorable Mention = 3rd place

Joseph Ambuul (12th) Silver Key Drawing,
"Darkness I Be Came"

Cara Feller (12th) Gold Key Editorial Cartoon,
"Dissolving Resources"

Dillon Rawlings (12th) Gold Key Drawing,
"Terrible Twos"

Kaitlin Walters (11th) Gold Key Drawing & Painting,
"Unstoppable" and "Fearless"

Brian Thibault (9th) Honorable Mention Painting,
"Who Let Peter Out"

Wunderkind 2018 Manitou Art Center:

Juried Exhibition for Pikes Peak Area Juniors and Seniors

Katharina Mace (12th) Painting,
"Perfectly Perplexed"

D20 / Air Academy Federal Credit Union:

Juried Exhibition for Pikes Peak Area Juniors and Seniors

Dillon Rawlings (12th) 1st Drawing,
"I am OK"

Madeline Berg (10th) 1st - EAC Choice Award for High School & EAC Choice Award for Best of Show, Drawing
"Max k-nose"

Taliana Schmidt (9th) 3rd Painting,
"Insomnia"

11th Annual Teen Art Contest at PPLD:

Juried Exhibition for Pikes Peak Area Libraries

Christine Balke (11th) Painting, "Beyond the Clouds"

Macy Bennett (10th) Drawing, "Little Journey"

Corrine Watson (10th) Drawing, "Do ya get it?"

Bethany Harris (9th) Painting, "Blooming Colors"

Kylea Roitsch (9th) Painting, "Old Memories"

2018 Congressional Art Competition:

Juried Exhibition for Pikes Peak Area Libraries

Rebecca Thompson (10th) 1st Print, "Can't Touch This"

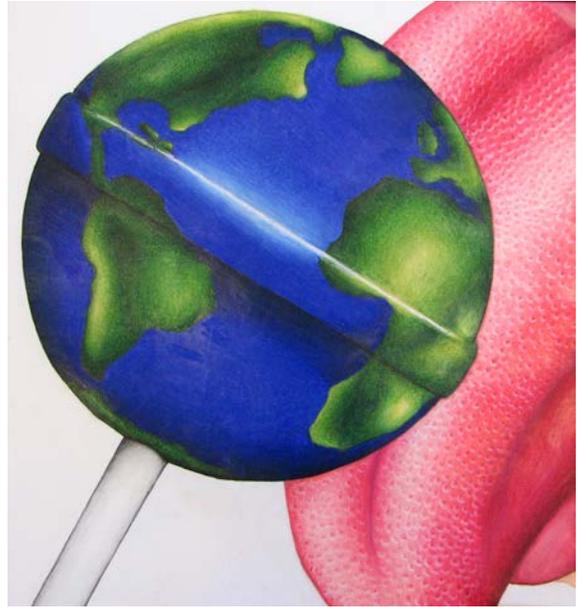
Joseph Ambuul (12th) 2nd Drawing, "Niranjana"

Anna Meyers (9th) 3rd and People's Choice
Painting, "African Vision"

2018 GM Interactive Design Competition:

Wes Valentine (11th) Quarterfinals - 2030 Cadillac
concept car - only 1 of 55 high school students in the
U.S. made it to the quarterfinals

Gold Key Winners



Cara Feller "Dissolving Resources"



Kaitlin Walters "Fearless" (top)
and "Unstoppable" (left)



Dillon Rawlings "Terrible Twos"

Latin Awards 2017-2018: Latin Exam & Junior Classical League Convention



NATIONAL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Niel Bauer, Ryan Moen, Emma Ballard, Sarah Brubaker, Brendan Johnston, Timothy Schmidt, Ryan Beckman, Nathan Bone, Katie Casson, Julia Enger, Katie Flaherty, Aidan Johnston, Ryker Lutjens, Elizabeth White, Jonathan Clemmons, Tahlia Lowman, Caroline Jennings, Anna Kemper, Maria Plett, Kyrie Milliron, Amelia Sarton, Kaitlin Walters

NATIONAL LATIN EXAM AWARDS - HIGH SCHOOL

105 students took the exam and 35 won an award

LATIN 1: Eric Bauman - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Sarah Smith - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Ethan Voth - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Laurel Allen - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*;

Camille Prentiss - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Joel Sorenson - *Magna Cum Laude*; Jaida Helling - *Cum Laude*; Madison Bove - *Cum Laude*; Nathan Egbert - *Cum Laude* **LATIN 2:** Benjamin Wilson - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Brendan Gould - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Jack Carpenter - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Johnathan Pollard - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; David Roberts - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Addison Jones - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Jonathan Haerr - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Olivia Jacobsen - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Kaleb Shumway - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Levi Goin - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Nick Glorioso - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Rachel Gaona - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Samantha Ridgeway - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Chelsey Carter - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Alexander White - *Magna Cum Laude*; Ekaterina Jaramillo - *Magna Cum Laude*; Emma Carver - *Cum Laude*; Adam Ambuul - *Cum Laude* **LATIN 3:** Nathan Bone - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Timothy Schmidt - *Gold Summa Cum Laude*; Caroline Jennings - *Silver Maxima Cum Laude*; Tahlia Lowman - *Magna Cum Laude*; Brendan Johnston - *Magna Cum Laude*; Kathryn Flaherty - *Magna Cum Laude*; Ryker Lutjens - *Cum Laude* **LATIN 4:** Niel Bauer - *Magna Cum Laude*

COLORADO JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE STATE CONVENTION

35 students attended, 30 won an award, 84 awards overall, 101 total ribbons (#1 Team at Convention)

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD Nicole Birkey - *one of top 10 overall scores at the entire convention*

ACADEMIC TEST AWARDS (8 students won in all 3 tests they took) **LATIN 1:** Nathan Egbert - 2nd Geography, 4th Academic Decathlon, 5th Latin Literature; Ethan Voth - 1st Derivatives, 1st Mythology, 1st Reading Comprehension; Jennifer Liu - 2nd Latin Literature; Camille Prentiss - 1st Mottoes, 5th Latin Literature; Jaida Helling - 3rd Roman History, 4th Mythology; Sarah Smith - 2nd Roman History, 2nd Vocabulary, 4th Roman Daily Life **LATIN 2:** Johnathan Pollard - 1st Geography, 1st Greek History & 4th Overall, 4th Latin Literature; Alexander White - 1st Academic Decathlon, 3rd Roman Daily Life, 4th Reading Comprehension; Olivia Jacobsen - 1st Derivatives & 5th Overall, 4th Mottoes; Ben Wilson - 2nd Latin Literature, 3rd Vocabulary, 3rd Derivatives; Kaleb Shumway - 3rd Roman History, 4th Grammar; Matt Wright - 2nd Greek History, 4th Mythology, 5th Roman History; Brendan Gould - 1st Mottoes, 2nd Reading Comprehension **LATIN 3:** Dylan Prentiss - 2nd Geography & 3rd Overall, 2nd Greek History, 3rd Roman History; Julia Enger - 3rd Grammar; Theo Bone - 5th Greek History; Cianja Bone - 4th Roman Daily Life, 5th Mythology; Caroline Jennings - 3rd Vocabulary, 5th Reading Comprehension

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS **LATIN 1:** Camille Prentiss - 1st Girls Dramatic Interpretation; Sarah Smith - 1st English Oratory; **LATIN 2:** Kaleb Shumway - 1st Boys Dramatic Interpretation; Olivia Jacobsen - 2nd Girls Dramatic Interpretation; Ben Wilson - 3rd English Oratory; Alexander White - 2nd Latin Oratory; **LATIN 3:** Cianja Bone - 1st English Oratory; Haley Batron - 5th English Oratory;

DRAMA: 1st Place Performance: Haley Batron, Nicole Birkey, Cianja Bone, Courtney Egbert, Braden Jones, Eleni McClure, Dylan Prentiss **COSTUME:** 2nd Place Duo: Eleni McClure, Braden Jones

GRAPHIC ARTS AWARDS **LATIN 1:** Macy Bennett - 3rd Traditional Photography, 4th Place Pencil; **LATIN 3:** Cianja Bone - 3rd Oil/Acrylic; Nicole Birkey - 1st Sculpture, 1st Promotional Poster, 2nd Decorative Stitching, 3rd Textiles, 3rd Pastel; **LATIN 4:** Braden Jones - 2nd Small Models, 2nd Cartoon, 2nd Militaria, 5th Pottery, 5th Miscellaneous

CATAPULT AWARDS Theo Bone - 5th Distance

CERTAMEN AWARDS Lower Level Team - 5th Place - Kaleb Shumway, Brendan Gould, Ben Wilson, Johnathan Pollard, Ethan Voth

PRECONVENTION AWARDS Nicole Birkey - 1st Program Cover Design, 2nd Poetry; Jay Daines - 2nd T-Shirt Design; Board Game Team - 1st Place - Macy Bennett, Nicole Birkey, Brendan Gould, Johnathan Pollard, Jared Shumway, Kaleb Shumway, Alexander White, Ben Wilson

OLYMPIKA AWARDS Theo Bone - 5th Deucalion's Throw; Camille Prentiss - 4th Laocoon's Javelin; Kyle Wilson - 3rd Laocoon's Javelin; Jared Shumway - 4th Laocoon's Javelin; Alexander White - 5th Laocoon's Javelin; Tristan Beatty - 3rd Perseus's Discus; Cianja Bone - 3rd Perseus's Discus; Rachael Maughan - 2nd Phidippides's Run; Ethan Voth - 5th Phidippides's Run; Psyche's Task Team - 4th - Sarah Smith & Camille Prentiss; Atalanta's Race Team -1st - Laurel Allen, Tristan Beatty, Cianja Bone, Kyle Wilson



Journalism Awards for 2017-2018

Colorado Student Media Association BEST OF COLORADO COMPETITION 2018

Yearbook Class I – Up to 850

The Colorado Student Media Association recognized the following TCA students with a “Best of Colorado Award” in this year’s state individual competition to honor excellence in print, online and broadcast journalism.

Unless noted otherwise, the award comes from the high school yearbook.

1st Place:

Clubs/Organizations Spread – **Brooke Hoglin**

Academics Spread – **Elizabeth Wittasek and Saumika Mulluri**

Theme Package Writing – **Brooke Hoglin, Hannah Foster, Taylor Yarbrough, Elizabeth Wittasek**

Photo/Graphic Illustration – **Hannah Foster, Jackson Tanton, Micah Lamberth**

Student Life Individual Photo and Caption – **Elizabeth Wittasek, Saumika Mulluri**

Sports Spread (Junior High Book) – **Taylor Yarbrough**

2nd Place:

Theme Package Presentation – **Brooke Hoglin, Hannah Foster, Taylor Yarbrough, Elizabeth Wittasek**

Academic Writing (Junior High Book) – **Shaina Macy**

3rd Place:

Personality Profile Writing – **Hannah Foster, Taylor Yarbrough**

Sports Writing – **Mason Dodge, Asher Schultz, Bryce Peterson**

Academics Writing – **Elizabeth Wittasek, Saumika Mulluri**

Alternative Presentation – **Melody Garcia, Claire Peterson**

Clubs/Organizations Individual Photo and Caption –

Hannah Foster, Brooke Hoglin

Environmental Portrait – **Hannah Foster,**

Taylor Yarbrough

Student Life Spread (Junior High Book) – **Whitney McCoy**

Alternative Presentation (Junior High Book) – **Haley Batron**

Academics Individual Photo and Caption (Junior High Book) – **Taylor Yarbrough**

Honorable Mention:

Sports Action Individual Photo and Caption – **Hannah Foster, Corrine Wheeler, Taylor Yarbrough**

Academics Individual Photo and Caption – **Brooke Hoglin, Saumika Mulluri, Elizabeth Wittasek**

Clubs/Organizations Spread (Junior High Book) – **Sandy Peckham, Aspen Bigler**

Clubs/Organizations Individual Photo and Caption (Junior High Book) – **Sandy Peckham,**

Aspen Bigler

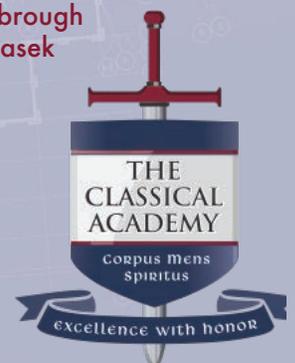
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Other Student Awards and Recognition:

Kretchman Cup

The third annual award for top senior Rhetoric presentation was awarded at graduation this year. Four individuals presented before a judging panel made up of the TCA President, Director of Academic Services, High School Principal, and Dean of Secondary Educational Philosophy. The Kretchman Cup winner is listed first, followed by the others competing in alphabetical order:

Ana Obergfell – 1st Place

Cameron Anderson

Lily Knuckles

Jackson Taylor

Poetry Out Loud Winners

Kala Lundahl (Sr) – 1st place TCA High School

Nathan Johns (Jr) – 2nd place TCA High School

Poetry Out Loud starts at the classroom level, with each student at TCA, grades 7-12, memorizing poetry. Winners at the grade level (grades 9-12) go on to compete at the school level, and the TCA winner competes at the state competition in Denver, CO. Kala Lundahl finished in the top 10 at state.

Annual TCA High School Junior Hero Debates

Each year since 2012-2013 junior U.S. History students spend the year researching an American they feel represents the ideal of a hero. During the course of the year the students write about and debate their classmates on the merits of their hero candidate. At the end of the year a nominee from each section is voted upon by all of the junior students in the standard U.S. History course as a representative hero for their class. Listed below are the winners for the past 6 years.

Hero Representative by Graduating Class Year

Desmond Doss – Class of 2019

Franklin D. Roosevelt – Class of 2018

Muhammad Ali – Class of 2017

William Tecumseh Sherman – Class of 2016

Clara Barton – Class of 2015

James Braddock – Class of 2014

Cottage School Program Spelling Bee

4th-8th grades compete: 24 student finalists competed

Lily Matthews (7th CSP) – Winner

Matthew Clay (6th CSP) – Runner-up



Speech and Debate

State and National Qualifiers

Hannah Foster & Jeremy Salgado (Duo – State – 7th place)

Cianja Bone (National Extemporaneous – State)

Hannah Foster & Jeremy Salgado (Duo – Nationals – qualified)

Hannah and Jeremy will be competing at the nationals held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

CSP/Elementary/JH D20 Art Show Awards

Laura Miller (K – CSP) – 1st, **Benaiah Housari** (K - East) – 1st,
Corinne Ingram (K - North) – 1st, **Seth Barrett** (2nd - East) – 1st,

Hayley Helwege (3rd – North) – 1st, **Caleb Kinney**

(3rd - Central) – 1st, **Andrew Brinton** (5th - East) – 1st,

Camden Parks (5th - East) – 1st, **Mairin Carpenter** (6th - North)

– 1st, **Asha Joseph** (7th – JH) – 2nd, **Anna Kyner** (7th - CSP) –

People's Choice Award, **Olivia Greene** (8th – JH) – 1st and

Middle School Best of Show

National History Day

Congratulations to the sixteen TCA National History Day competitors who worked hard to earn a place at the Colorado Springs Regional competition. Two students, listed below, Adyline (JH 8th grader) and Ella (JH 7th grader) moved on to compete at the state level. The theme for 2018 was "Conflict & Compromise."

Adyline Poirson (2nd – Region); Junior Individual Performance

Project: "Christmas Truce of 1914: A Conflict Interrupted by an Unforseen Compromise"

Ella Reed (2nd – Region); Junior Individual Exhibit

Project: "The Road to School Integration: From Brown to Keyes"

Cottage School & College Pathways Awards

(a listing of select awards/accomplishments received by students at CSP and CP)

Anna Saxon (4th CSP) Achieved Black Belt in Karate

Josie Bakk (5th CSP) Jr Olympic Gymnastics Lvl 4 Floor **State Champion**

Anna Clayton (5th CSP) Qualified for State Swimming Championships

Isabella Johnson (6th CSP – 1st place) 2017 Air Force Art Contest

Anne Wilmes (6th CSP) Pikes Peak Music Teachers Assn piano awards;

Winner – Best Portrayal of Your Animal, "Festival of the Animals"

Abigail Cryderman (10th CP) JV Basketball MVP Award at Liberty HS

Lydia Marshall (10th CP) Basketball Most Improved Player at Liberty HS

Noel Clayton (10th CP) **6th place 200 individual medley** 3A State

Macie Rae Klein (11th CP) leads teen-driven non-profit Project Reasons

Cayla Wilburn (11th CP) collected 600 stuffed animals for NHS drive

Clay Bussanich (11th CP) and **Jared Holland** (10th CP)

Tae Kwon Do **two-time Colorado state demo team champions**

Anna Marie Ganis (12th CP) gold Presidential award - 300 volunteer hrs

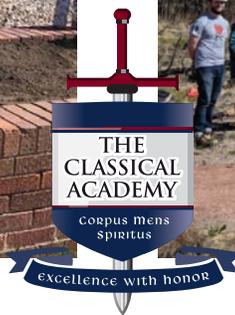
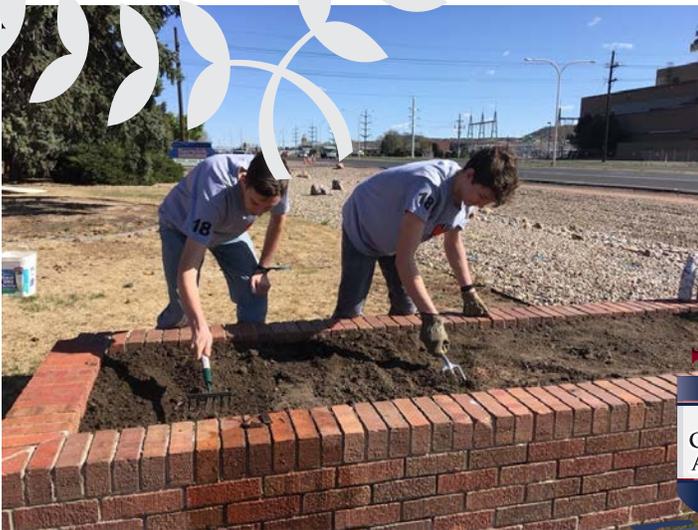
Nicholas Sherman (12th CP) top ranked 4A swimmer in six individual events (50, 100, 200, freestyle, 100 backstroke, and 200 IM)

Noah Bowe (12th CP) National Championship for Cyber Security finished

in **3rd place nationally**. He competed all four years of HS and was awarded the 7th CyberPatriot "All American Award" for his efforts

Giving Back: TCA Community Service Day Plus

Each year our Titan Teams at High School go out into the community for a service day. Forty-one teams (over 650 students) worked on thirty-two different projects this year. Work activities took place at each of the following locations: *Habitat Restore, El Paso County Parks - Fox Run Park, Rocky Mountain Field Institute - Black Forest Park, Western Museum of Mining, YMCA Wilson Ranch Pool, Downtown YMCA, YMCA Monument Valley Pool, La Foret, Arc Thrift Store - Uintah, Arc Thrift Store - Hancock Plaza, Goodwill Industries - Monument, Urban Peak, Junior High Carnival, Operation Homefront, Liberty Heights, WildBlue Animal Rescue, Special Kids Special Families, High Plains Helping Hands - Aquaponic Farm, New Day Cottages, TCA North Construction Clean-up, Arc Thrift Store - North Academy, Blood Drive, Downtown Homeless Lunches, Marion Soup Kitchen, New Day Cottages - Pine Creek House, Mill Dog Rescue, Bear Creek Park, Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center, Shield 616 Car Wash and Blood Drive Assistance*



Some examples of **students helping others.**

American Cancer Society Run: Central Elementary raised \$22,800 for **American Cancer Society**.

Wreaths Across America: Raised \$3,145 for 314 wreaths to be donated to **Memorial Gardens** in Colorado Springs (with an additional 45 wreaths donated online). 359 total wreaths provided in **honor of veterans**. Twenty student volunteers from National Honor Society, Power and Justice Club, and Student Council helped place the wreaths on gravesites this past December.

Food Drives: Trick or Treat Canning donated 727 pounds of food to **Care and Share** by students at North/CP. Cans for Casual day donated 801 pounds of food to **Tri Lakes Cares**.

TCA vs. Cancer: Raised \$4,500 in support of **Sky High Hope Camp** - a Ronald McDonald Charity and \$400 for the **Leukemia/Lymphoma Society**.

Law Enforcement Awareness Day: Raised \$1,400 to donate armor package to **Shield 616** for a member of the **El Paso County Sheriff's Department**.

Mr. Titan Contest: Raised \$600 in support of **Exodus Road**.

Junior High Carnival: Raised \$6,570 to support **Safe Passage** and **Hope and Home**, plus JH Student Council efforts.

Letters of Appreciation: Over 1,200 letters of appreciation were written to community **First Responders** and 500 letters of appreciation to **parent volunteers** at Central Elementary.

TCA Overall Recognition:



JOHN IRWIN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD



This award is given by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for schools in the top 8% of Colorado public schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement [only six District 20 schools received this recognition in 2017].

TCA High School and TCA College Pathways

2018 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

U.S. News and World Report analyzed 28,813 high schools in the United States. Only 72 Colorado Schools made their ranking.

TCA High School ranked **#16 in the state of Colorado**, #150 amongst charter schools in the United States, and the **#669 high school nationally**. This ranking places TCA in the **top 2% of high schools** in the nation.

2016 NEWSWEEK RANKINGS (no new data published in 2017)

The last time Newseek ranked over 16,000 US high schools both TCA High School and TCA College Pathways made the state and national rankings.

TCA High School ranked **#9 in the state of Colorado** and as the **#459 high school nationally**.
TCA College Pathways ranked **#10 in the state of Colorado** and as the **#496 high school nationally**.
 These rankings place TCA in the **top 3% of high schools** in the nation.



2017 SchoolDigger.com Rankings (used since ColoradoSchoolGrades.com, previously used, no longer ranks)



TCA Elementary ranked **#148 of 924** elementary schools in the state of Colorado.
TCA Junior High School ranked **#147 of 415** junior high/middle schools in the state of Colorado.
TCA High School ranked **#17 of 250** high schools in the state of Colorado.
TCA College Pathways ranked **#12 of 250** high schools in the state of Colorado.

2017 Washington Post Most Challenging High Schools (based primarily upon AP testing results)

The *Washington Post* published a report in 2017 to analyze the rigor and challenge of high schools across the country. The report listed 2,368 schools. 30 Colorado schools made the list, with 5 schools from Colorado Springs, and one total from District 20.

TCA High School ranked **#1,795 in the overall national rankings**.



2017-18 Titan of the Year Finalists

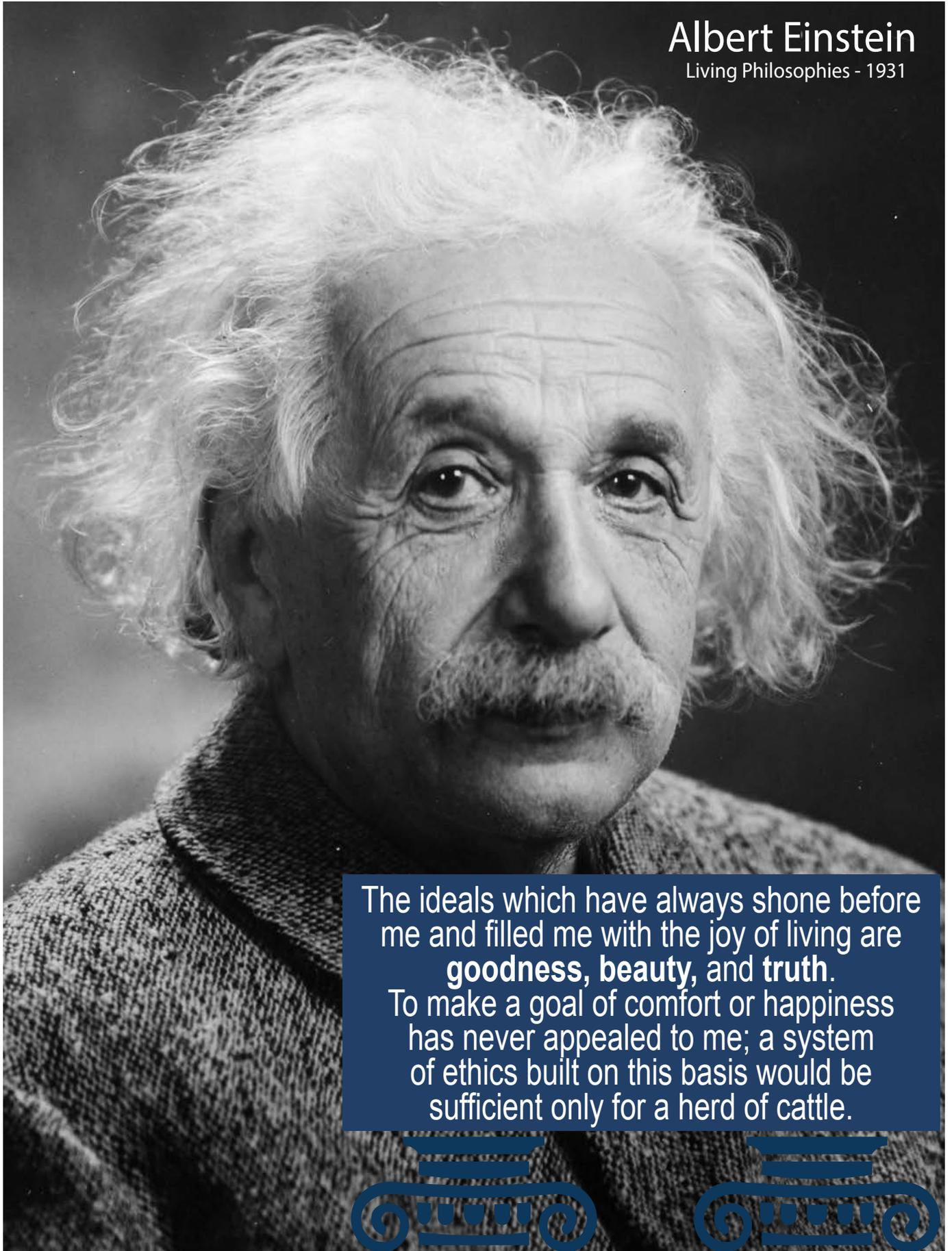


Jessica Powell (6th grade teacher, Central Elementary)
Alysha Brintnall (6th grade teacher, East Elementary)
Sue Conn (Kindergarten teacher, North Elementary)
Crystal King (7th grade English teacher, Junior High)
Bleys Kueck (Foreign Language Dept Lead/Latin & Civics Teacher, High School)
Nikki Upchurch (Educ Philosophy/Health & Wellness Teacher, College Pathways)
Kristen Anderson (Physical Education teacher, Cottage School Program)
Becca DeMeyer (Administration - Principal, Central Elementary)

Titan of the year recipient to be announced in August 2018

Albert Einstein

Living Philosophies - 1931



The ideals which have always shone before me and filled me with the joy of living are **goodness, beauty, and truth.** To make a goal of comfort or happiness has never appealed to me; a system of ethics built on this basis would be sufficient only for a herd of cattle.

