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CCSD highlights Class of 2015 graduation achievements

Graduates earn prestigious scholarships, recognition and college acceptances

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County School District (CCSD) recently celebrated the major milestones achieved by the Class of 2015 who were honored during high school commencement ceremonies in June. The graduation season commemorated each student's unique road to success, as well as the obstacles they overcame in their academic careers through hard work and dedication. To read about individual student achievements, please visit ccsd.net/stargraduates.

Highlights for the Class of 2015 include:

- 304 valedictorians
- 96 salutatorians
- 111 Advanced Placement (AP) Recognitions, which included:
 - 43 AP Scholars (students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)
 - 22 AP Scholars with Honors (students who received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams, and scores of 3 or higher on four more of these exams)
 - 36 AP Scholars with Distinction (students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams)
 - 10 National AP Scholars (students in the U.S. who received an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams).
- 27 National Merit finalists (26 National Merit Scholars to date)
- 15 service academy appointments
- 3 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients
- \$185 million earned by Merit Scholarship Award recipients from the Class of 2015
- More than \$255 million earned by Merit Scholarship Award recipients to date

- \$72 million earned by Millennium Scholars

CCSD's Class of 2015 is composed of graduates who have been accepted to 115 different colleges, universities and academies across the country, including seven out of eight Ivy League schools: Brown University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and Yale University.

The district also continues to feature "Star Graduates," who stood out for academic excellence and/or for overcoming the odds to graduate.

For additional information, including the complete list of college acceptances received by the Class of 2015, visit ccsd.net/stargraduates.

2015 Summer Commencement Ceremony

CCSD will hold its fourth-annual Summer Commencement Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of students who remained dedicated to earning a high school diploma. Students participating in the ceremony exemplified perseverance as they chose to work through the summer to complete needed course credits and pass proficiency exams. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 3 p.m. in the Orleans Arena.

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