



Advanced Placement Results Announcement to the Plumstead Christian School Community

Dear PCS Community,

Midway through the summer Plumstead Christian School receives the Advanced Placement (AP) scores for all of the PCS students who sat for these exams in May. These national, standardized tests are a meaningful representation of the strength of our students and the strength of our programs, so we look forward to when the scores come out so that we can use them as we continually assess our programs for improvement and so that we can celebrate the accomplishment of the students.

As a reminder, our AP program consists of eight AP courses with a maximum of six or seven of these courses being available each year. Students who enroll in these courses are being exposed to legitimate, college-level curriculum and rigor. The College Board provides additional oversight and accountability for these courses through a careful auditing process.

AP exams are scored with scores of 1,2,3,4, or 5. A score of 2 or higher is considered a passing score, and scores of 3 or higher are generally accepted as college credit from numerous colleges and universities. Each college or university is different, and so as your child is enrolled in AP courses during their upper school career, it is recommended that you and your child develop an understanding of the specific standards each college of interest has regarding AP scores. Students who successfully take these courses present a more robust resume when applying for colleges and they are able to chip away at some of the college credits necessary for graduation. Recent graduates have reported receiving as much as 32 college credits for the AP courses they took while at PCS.

The fifty seven students who sat for exams in May 2016 had impressive scores with 97% of the students passing their exams and 81% receiving a 3 or higher on at least one exam. Each year, the College Board also individually recognizes top scholars for their strong performances in three or more exams. Join in me in congratulating the following students for their scholastic achievement:

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

Matthew Dean '16, Celene Desko '16, Paige Hawthorne '16, Tucker White '16, Cailyn Nusser '17

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

Ethan Fitzpatrick '17, John Kalajian '17

AP Scholar with Distinction - Granted to students who receive scores of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Allysa Beard '16, Shane Curry '16, Yun Lee '16, Micah Mooney '16, Ashley Pritchard '16, Jacob Woods '16, Richard Yuan '16

Congratulations to these students! We look forward to adding more students to this growing list of scholars during the 2016-2017 school year.

Blessings,

Pat Fitzpatrick, Headmaster