Palmarium

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

The Title Revisited: Palmarium Defined

Back in the first volume of this newsletter in September 2013, I wrote the following: "I wanted to evoke the idea that as we pursue truth, beauty, and goodness in assisting parents in the development of exemplary citizens we are in part striving to create a great work – a masterpiece. What better title for an academic newsletter at a classical school than to use a Latin title. So I turned to none other than one of our Latin experts, Bleys Kueck. I asked Bleys for a word in Latin that means 'masterpiece' and after discussing the obvious phrase that most have heard of 'magnum opus' and a less known alternative 'palmarium' I decided to go the less known route. For me it fits well . . . 'exemplary citizens equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a

deserving of a palm." This final issue of the 2013-2014 school year focuses on TCA's student and school achievements this past year. Enjoy scanning the multiple pages of accolades and reflect on this amazing year. A great thanks goes out to all of the parents, board members, administrators, teaching staff, support staff, and students that made this year such a great success.

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literally "deserving of a palm"

a *masterpiece*; something that deserves a prize



excellence with honor

- Whole Person Focused
 - Relationship Based
 - Classically Oriented
 - Idea Centered

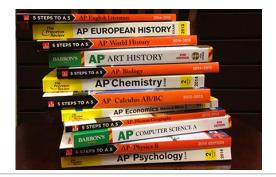
National Student Academic Awards

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 at least 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: Courtney Griggs, Brianne Hoglin, Ruth Claire, Ryan Tustin

AP Scholar with Honor Recipients at TCA: Stephen Bahr, Daniel Liu, Mitchell Miller, Michaela Reuter, Chandler Ryd, Rachel Weber, Sarah Weber

AP Scholars



AP Scholar with Distinction Recipients at TCA: Ben Hook, Joe Lemmond



National Merit Finalist Recipients (Top 1% in nation): Jonathan Roy and Sarah Weber NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National Merit Commended Students: Courtney Griggs, Luke Jensen, Katherine Knapp, Joe Lemmond, Mitchell Miller

Military Academy Accepted Appointments



The Classical Academy has three students this year that have accepted appointments to our nation's military academies. **Ben Hook** and **Conner Wilburn** will be attending the United States Air Force Academy and **Joe Lemmond** will be attending the United States Military Academy as members of the Class of 2018.



TCA Graduates - University & College Attendance and Scholarship Totals for 2014

Upcoming graduates have been accepted and plan to attend the following institutions next year: Yale, United States Military Academy, United States Air Force Academy, California Polytechnic State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Colorado School of Mines, University of Texas, University of Colorado -Colorado Springs, University of Northern Colorado, Colorado State University, Kansas State University, Seattle Pacific University, Arizona State University, Abilene Christian, University of Colorado - Boulder, Lancaster Bible College, College of Saint Mary, Pikes Peak Community College, Baylor University, Butler University, University of Denver, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Lipscomb University, Covenant College, Quachita Baptist University, Colorado Christian University, Fort Lewis College, Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts - Portland, Lewis & Clark College, Samford University, Moody Bible Institute, Toccoa Falls College, University of Missouri -Columbia, The University of Queensland, Faith Baptist College, Grinnell College, Colorado Mesa University, Stetson University, Montana State University -Bozeman, Academy of Art University, and Hillsdale College.

\$7.5 million of scholarships have been offered to our students.

AAA Awards for 2013-2014

Academic, Athletic, and the Arts

Titan of the Year Awards

Scholar of the Year: Joseph Lemmond

Fine Arts Students of the Year: Erin Beattie and Hannah Ford

Athletes of the Year:

Andrew Register and Hannah Carr

Students of the Year Awards

Latin: Nicholas Sherman
Spanish: Sarah Weber
French: Timothy Wielgus
Science: Joseph Lemmond
Life Science: Sarah Weber
English (Senior): Chandler Ryd
English (9th-11th): Kaitlyn Cameron

Math: Rachel Weber
Social Science (Senior): Joseph Lemmond
Social Science (9th – 11th): Josephine Wind

Physical Education:

Rebecca Landon and Samuel Purvis

Forensics (Interpretation of Literature):

Betty Varland

Forensics (Debate/Public Address):

Madeline Barber

Journalism: Peyton Stableford

Band Student of the Year: Hannah Ford John Philip Sousa Award: Hannah Ford Louis Armstrong Award: Dylan Strevett Theatre: Erin Beattie & Annie Schoephoerster Vocalist: Erin Beattie & Annie Schoephoerster Visual Arts (Senior): Ariana Welch Visual Arts (9th-11th): Ashley D'Agnese

Titan Exemplars

Senior students that embody the mind, body and spirit characteristics of exemplary citizens.

(in alphabetical order)



Laura Brubaker Divyanka Gupta David Haddad Brianne Hoglin Benjamin Hook Katherine Knapp Jonathan Roy

TCA Titan Exemplars of the Year

Benjamin Hook Katherine Knapp

Latin Honors

(in alphabetical order)

With Highest Praise

Valedictorian – Joseph Lemmond **Salutatorian** – Benjamin Hook

Stephen Bahr, Laura Brubaker, Hannah Ford, Courtney Griggs, Brianne Hoglin, Katherine Knapp, Daniel Liu, Nicholas Sherman, Kay Takada, Rachel Weber, Sarah Weber

With Great Praise

Divyanka Gupta, David Haddad, Elijah Jarocki, Samuel Purvis, Jacqueline Raphael, Michaela Reuter, Kaytlon Roitsch, Jonathan Roy, William Shambach, Peyton Stableford, Mary Stilley, Shelby Thayer, Ryan Tustin, Betty Varland

With Praise

Ryan Alejo, Sean Bertles, Rachel Birkey, James Cross, Brittany Enger, Lauren Foster, Rebecca Landon, Bailey Leach, Hannah Lindblom, Nathan Loftin, Chandler Ryd, Annie Schoephoerster, Niklas Snider, Andrew Wesselhoff

AAA Awards for 2013-2014

and Other Special Awards / Participation

TCA Community Service Awards - Seniors

Heather Sherrill
(Heather completed 600 hours of high school community service)

Elijah Jarocki Sarah Weber

Divyanka Gupta

Colton Fisher
Davev Haddad

lan Weber

Rachel Weber

Olivia Paton

Jonathan Roy Brianne Hoglin

Conner Wilburn

Ben Constantino

Rachel Birkey



Combined these fourteen students <u>completed 3,522</u> <u>community service hours</u> during their high school career.

Colorado School of Mines: Achievement in Math and Science

Nathaniel Johnston

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

Charles Malone

George Eastman Young Leaders Award and Scholarship: University of Rochester

Nina Westcott

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology: University of Rochester

Johnathan Di Pretore

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award:
University of Rochester

Emily Parker

Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit with Highest Honor

Emily Tubb

Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit with High Honor

Lauren Wilson

Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit with Honor

Chelsea Smith

Gazette Best and Brightest

Divyanka Gupta

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Benjamin Hook

Daughters of the American Revolution Good
Citizen Award and Scholarship

Niklas Snider

Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference
Attendees Summer 2014

Kaitlyn Cameron Brent Frieden Chelsea Smith Marcus Witzel

Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference
Alternates Summer 2014

Bailey Gent Leah Hinckfoot Elizabeth Miller Josephine Wind

Honorees at 2014 Congress of Future Medical
Leaders by National Academy of Future
Physicians and Medical Scientists

Daniel Liu, Emily Tubb, Mikaela Schoon

Athletic Awards for 2013-2014

FALL SPORTS

SPORT	MOST VALUABLE	MOST INSPIRATIONAL
Soccer	Robby Jacobs	Phillip Hilt
Softball	Skyeler Sheveland	Hannah Linblom
Golf - Men	Noah Shin	Ryan Alejo
Cross Country – Men	Conner Wilburn	Tanner Norman and Michael Oldach
Cross Country – Women	Lauren Hamilton	Katie Knapp
Football	Josh Dillon	Ethan Clark
Volleyball	Kim Krutsinger Most Improved Coach's Award	Catherine Lind Sarah Klingensmith Alison Harshberger

WINTER SPORTS

SPORT	MOST VALUABLE	MOST INSPIRATIONAL
Basketball - Men	Davey Haddad Most Improved Defensive Player of the Year Offensive Player of the Year	
Basketball - Women	Hannah Carr	Hannah Ford
Wrestling	Andrew Register	Michael Calabretta and Aaron Mejia
	Most Improved	Zach Johns
Cheer	Paige Robinson	Emilly Aiken

SPRING SPORTS

SPORT	MOST VALUABLE	MOST INSPIRATIONAL
Baseball	Matthew King	McKinnon Walker
Golf - Women	Rachel Weber	Sarah Weber
Soccer - Women	Aleesa Muir and	Kaytlon Roitsch and
	Hannah Burgo	Heather Sherrill
Track - Men	Conner Wilburn	Jonathan Roy
Track - Women	Lauren Hamilton and Hannah Carr	Brianne Hoglin

Athletic Awards for 2013-2014

OTHER ATHLETIC HONORS

LEAGUE/CONFERENCE HONORS

Soccer <u>All Conference</u>: Robby Jacobs, James Larivee, Andrew Peck, Titus Grant, Jeremy Blades; <u>Honorable</u> Mention: Chis Chasteen, Micah Mesward

Football 1st Team: Chucky Calvert, Nick DeRay, Josh Dillon, Kyle Jacobs, Andrew Register, Peter Troupe, Dakota Yourkowski; Honorable Mention: Luke Bethany, Trevor Bussiere, Ethan Clark, Jake Frankmore, Nick Krause, Anthony Pacht, Jantzen Ryals

Softball 1st Team: Skyeler Sheveland, Hannah Lindblom; Honorable Mention: Madison Cooper, Melissa Doole

Volleyball 1st Team: Catherine Lind, Kim Krutsinger; Honorable Mention: Shelby Thayer, Sarah Klingensmith

Wrestling 1st Team: Ryan Francis, Nathaniel Johnston, Andrew Register, Zach Johns, Ben Hinds, ; <u>Honorable Mention</u>: Charles Baker, Michael Calabretta

Basketball – Women 1st Team: Hannah Carr, Courtney Griggs; <u>Honorable Mention</u>: Kendra Friedan, Leah Hinckfoot

 $\textbf{Basketball} - \textbf{Men} \quad \underline{\textbf{1}^{st} \, \textbf{Team}} \text{: Will Ball, Davey Haddad; } \underline{\textbf{Honorable Mention}} \text{: Titus Grant, Will Shambach}$

Golf - Women 1st Team: Rachel Weber

SPORTS ACADEMIC HONORS

Soccer <u>Honorable Mention</u>: Tanner Barrett, Phillip Hilt, Zach Johns, Mich Mesward, Trevor Nelson, Jeremiah Schenck

Football 1st Team: Nicholas Krause, Nathan Loftin, Andrew Register, Peter Troupe; Honorable Mention: Trevor Bussiere, Ethan Clark, Josh Dillon, Kyle Jacobs, Mitchell Miller, Thomas Ray, Judah Small, Dakota Yourkowski

Softball 1st Team: Abigail Grotelueschen, Hannah Lindblom

Cross Country – Men 1st Team: Stephen Bahr, Ben Hook, Samuel Purvis, Chandler Ryd, Conner Wilburn; Honorable Mention: Everett Johnson

Cross Country – Women 1st Team: Brianne Hoglin, Katie Knapp, Madeline Mullen, Megan Percy, Hannah Williams; Honorable Mention: Lauren Hamilton

Volleyball 1st Team: Alison Harshberger, Kim Krutsinger, Claire Mueller, Shelby Thayer; Honorable Mention: Catherine Lind

Wrestling 1st Team: Zach Johns, Nathaniel Johnston, Andrew Register, Marcus Witzel; Honorable Mention: Michael Calabretta. John Ivan Kostin

Basketball – **Women** 1st Team: Hannah Carr, Hannah Ford, Courtney Griggs, Leah Hinckfoot, Libby Miller, Michaela Reuter, Madison Sheveland

Basketball – **Men** 1st Team: Logan Branch, Brent Friedan, Logan Grizzell, Davey Haddad, Will Shambach, Conner Wilburn

Golf - Women 1st Team: Rachel Weber, Sarah Weber

Cheer 1st Team: Emily Aiken, Loren Crawford, Lauren Foster, Rachel Radcliffe, Paige Robinson

GAZETTE HONORS

Golf - Men Honorable Mention: Noah Shin, Josh Gordon

Science Awards for 2013-2014

State Science Fair Results

On April 10th-11th, student finalists from all corners of our state converged at Colorado State University to compete in the 59th Colorado Science and Engineering Fair. TCA had 15 projects represented by 15 students. Eleven of the fifteen students received recognition in their respective category. First place was \$200, 2nd place was \$100, 3rd was \$75, 4th was \$50, and honorable mention was a certificate. Sixteen special awards were given.

Representing TCA-College Pathways in the **Senior Division** was Matthew Hileman (10th grade).

International Science and Engineering Fair Invitation

All expense trip paid to compete at ISEF in Los Angeles, California in May

Matthew Hileman (10th)

"Cube Satellite Design and Operations for Pulsed Plasma System Applications"

Senior Division - Best CSEF Projects

3rd place - Matthew Hileman (10th)

"Cube Satellite Design and Operations for Pulsed Plasma System Applications"

Senior Division - Category Awards - Engineering

Matthew Hileman (10th)

"Cube Satellite Design and Operations for Pulsed Plasma System Applications"

Senior Division – Special Awards

Matthew Hileman (10th)

"Cube Satellite Design and Operations for Pulsed Plasma System Applications"

American Vacuum Society, Rocky Mountain Chapter - \$50 to student; \$50 to sponsor Gerald Gromko Memorial Award - \$150

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, High Plains Section - \$150 Colorado State University Scholarship - \$1000; renewable for up to 3 years

Colorado State University, College of Natural Sciences Scholarship - \$1000; renewable for up to 3 years

Representing TCA in the **Junior Division** were Daniel Arrasmith (7th), Anna Connell (8th), Kyrie Milliron (7th), Madison Werschky (7th), Chantae Steele (7th), Alexa Valenzuela (7th), Amelia Greene (7th), Caroline Jennings (7th), Gabe St. Marie (7th), Kendrick Barrett (7th), Liam Young (7th), Nathan Johns (7th), Erin Percy (8th), and Zach Mast (8th).

Junior Division – Best CSEF Projects

2nd – Liam Young (7th) "The Bubble Effect: How Nozzle Induced Cavitation Affects Torpedo Operation"

Junior Division – Category Awards Animal Sciences

Honorable Mention – Kyrie Milliron (7th) "Purple Pinchers Rock to Pop"

Science Awards for 2013-2014

State Science Fair Results

Junior Division – Category Awards

Behavioral & Social

1st – Caroline Jennings (7th) "Can You Believe Your Eyes?" 2nd – Amelia Greene (7th) "Happiness Is ... An Investigation of Children's Emotional Response to Musical Chords and Varied Images"

Earth and Space

Honorable Mention – Daniel Arrasmith (7th) "Counter Color Crisis!"

Energy & Transportation

1st – Liam Young (7th) "The Bubble Effect: How Nozzle Induced Cavitation Affects Torpedo Operation"

Engineering

3rd – Zach Mast (8th) "Still Waters Run Deep"

Environmental Sciences

2nd – Anna Connell (8th) "From Ashes to Water"

Medicine & Health

Honorable Mention – Madison Werschky (7th) "Got Gluten?"

Microbiology

2nd – Alexa Valenzuela (7th) "What Kills Our Killers"
4th – Erin Percy (8th) "Hot or Not? – Disinfecting Medical Grade Vinyl Using a Bleach Solution at Different Temperatures"

Junior Division - Special Awards

Nathan Johns (7th) "To Infinity & Beyond!"

William Herschel Award - \$30

United States Air Force Certificate of Achievement Award – Computer backpack and headphones

Daniel Arrasmith (7th) "Counter Color Crisis!"

United States Navy & Marine Corps – Academy of Applied Science & Office of Naval Research Award
United States Geological Survey – USGS Excellence in Geological or Water Research Award – Reference book/Mineral
Specimen

Anna Connell (8th) "From Ashes to Water"

American Water Works Association, Rocky Mountain Section & Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association - \$200

Madison Werschky (7th) "Got Gluten?"

Colorado Medical Society – CMS Education Foundation Award - \$100; All expense trip to Vail to present to the Colorado Medical Society

Science Awards for 2013-2014

State Science Fair Results

Junior Division – Special Awards

Kendrick Barrett (7th) "Oh Chute!"

Colorado Association of Science Teachers – CAST Award - \$75

Caroline Jennings (7th) "Can You Believe Your Eyes?"

Liam Young (7th) "The Bubble Effect: How Nozzle Induced Cavitation Affects Torpedo Operation"

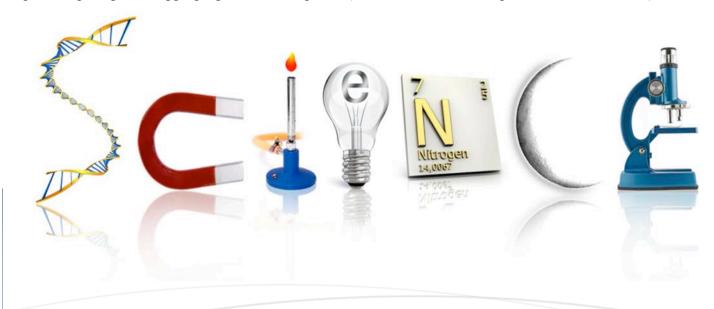
Alexa Valenzuela (7th) "What Kills Our Killers"

Amelia Greene (7th) "Happiness Is ... An Investigation of Children's Emotional Response to Musical Chords and Varied Images"

Broadcom MASTERS Competition Nomination – certificate/nomination to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS national middle school science & engineering fair competition

2014 Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair

On March 8, 2014 at UCCS, 77 TCA students (sixty-eight 7th graders, eight 8th graders, and 1 high school student) competed at the **2014 Pikes Peak Regional Science Fair**. The Classical Academy dominated with numerous awards given. Specifically, 7th/8th grade won <u>72% of the category awards for their division</u>, to include eleven 1st place and nine 2nd place awards. The prizes ranged from \$15 to \$500. Mr. Caruana, Miss Humm and Mrs. Muir are extremely proud of the students that competed at regionals. Fifteen junior high students and the one high school student represented TCA at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in April competing for bragging rights and cash prizes (results of the state completion are listed above).



Fine Arts Awards for 2013-2014

Visual Arts Awards High School and Junior High

Scholastic Art and Writing Award:

Ashley D'Agnese

won a national medal – for the most prestigious art show in the nation (the first TCA student so honored) won a Gold Key at the state level work displayed at Denver Art Museum



Three Self Portraits

D20 Art Show:

Amelia Sarton – 1st & Best of Show oil pastel – 7th grade Shelby Smithhouser – 1st place 10th grade 2D bracket Lauren Baize – 2nd place, Pop Art – 8th grade Rohan Fisher – 3rd place, Pop Art – 8th grade

Young Peoples Art Show (citywide):

Morgan Wilson – 3rd place, Pop Art – 8th grade Sharon Dalsey – Excellence in Symbolism – 8th grade

Vocal Awards High School

Colorado All State Choir

Erin Beattie (12th), Annie Schoephoerster (12th), Matthew Miller (11th)

Adams State Honor Choir

Trenton Gunsolley (10th), Lea Supplee (11th)

Audition/Acceptance - CSU Music Program Annie Schoephoerster

Audition/Acceptance - Seattle Pacific Music Program Erin Beattie

Instrumental Individual Awards High School

All State Concert Band

Hannah Ford (12th), Justin Shaffer (11th), Lauren Wilson (11th); alternate – Zayna Peiper (10th)

All State Jazz Band (only 36 students state wide)

Dylan Strevett (11th) – 1st alternate Tenor Sax

All City Band

Hannah Ford (12th), Justin Shaffer (11th), Lauren Wilson (11th)

All City Jazz Band

Dylan Strevett (11th)

CSU-Pueblo Honor Band

Rebecca Landon (12th), Elisabeth Brackeen (12th), Loren Crawford (12th), Hannah Ford (12th), Justin Shaffer (11th), Lauren Wilson (11th), Allen Atkinson (9th)

Western State Honor Band

Hannah Ford (12th), Justin Shaffer (11th), and Lauren Wilson (11th); alternates – Dylan Strevett (11th) and Elisabeth Brackeen (12th).

Instrumental Group Awards

High School

Panther Invitationsals

Division 2A Champions 12th place finish in Open Clas Finals

CBA Concert Band Festival

Excellent Rating - II



National Latin Exam and Colorado Junior Classical League Convention Awards for 2013-2014

National Latin Exam

Overall: 86 students took the exam, 33 won an award

Latin I

Tressa Wilson - Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude Zavna Pieper – Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude Amy Chan – Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude Emma Curran – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude **Dorothy Pope** – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Ashlyn Brunk - Silver Medal Msaxima Cum Laude Ross Vlcek – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Justin Lee – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Hannah Gaona – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude George Liu – Magna Cum Laude Alison Henry – Magna Cum Laude Callen Thompson – Magna Cum Laude Eric White - Cum Laude

Latin II

Rachel Moen – Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude **Dylan Brown** – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude **Kenneth Plant** – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Austin Bervig – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Robinson Crane – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Rosemary Michael-Trumbell – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude

Hannah Carter – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Joseph Knapp – Magna Cum Laude Graham Jennings – Magna Cum Laude Sarah Laden – Magna Cum Laude Joshua St. Marie – Magna Cum Laude Michael Oldach - Magna Cum Laude

Latin III

Nathaniel Johnston – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Zane Julian – Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude Lauren Wilson – Magna Cum Laude Grant Sedgwick - Magna Cum Laude Alison Harshberger - Cum Laude Annie Harshberger – Cum Laude Johnathan Di Pretore – Cum Laude

Latin IV

Nicholas Sherman – Blue Certificate of Merit

Colorado Junior Classical Leage Convention

Overall: 28 Students attended, 23 won an award

Academic Tests

Greek History:

Graham Jennings – 1st Place Level 2 & 1st Place Overall Joe Knapp – 5th Place Level 2 Joe Lemmond – 3rd Place Level 4

Academic Decathalon:

Graham Jennings – 3rd Place Level 2

Geography: Amy Chan – 5th Place Level 1 Emma Curran – 1st Place Level 1 Luke Bethany – 4th Place Level 2 Joe Lemmond – 5th Place Level 4

Roman History:

Tressa Wilson – 4th Place Level 1
Graham Jennings – 3rd Place Level 2
Joe Lemmond – 3rd Place Level 4 Nick Sherman – 5th Place Level 4

Mythology:

Ian Clancy – 5th Place Level 1 Monique Prendez – 5th Place Level 3

Reading Comprehension:

Hannah Gaona – 5th Place Level 1

Art Projects

Kat Green – 5th Place Dolls Emma Curran – 2nd Place Mixed Media **Rosemary Michael-Trumbull** – 5th Place Mixed Media Madeline Yu – 5th Place Pencil Michaela Reuter – 3rd Place Compuer Photography
Monique Prendez – 5th Place Small Models
Hannah Carter – 1st Place Map, 3rd Place Watercolor, 4th Place Charcoal

Performing Arts

Hannah Ford – 2nd Place Adv Latin Prose Recitation Hannah Carter – 4th Place Level 2 Latin Oratory



Journalism Awards for 2013-2014

Colorado High School Press Association Journalism Excellence Award

Best of Colorado 2014 for Yearbook Class I - Up to 800

The Colorado High School Press Association recognized the following TCA students with a "Journalism Excellence Award" for outstanding journalistic performance in this year's state competition. Note: We entered both our yearbooks in the competition and received awards for 34 of 48 entries. Broken down further, we had eleven - 1st places, fifteen - 2nd places, five - 3rd places, and three - Honorable Mentions. Elijah Jarocki became the school's first award winner in the Colorado High School Press Association's Photographer of the Year Contest as an Honorable Mention recipient for his portfolio of 7-12 pictures in 2013-14.

1st Place:

- · Academics Spread (High School Yearbook) Elisabeth Brackeen & Laura Brubaker
- Alternative Academics Presentation (High School Yearbook) Bailey Gent
- · Alternative Clubs/Organizations Presentation (Junior High Yearbook) Ayana Mersereau & Caitlyn DelMonico
- Alternative Sports Presentation (High School Yearbook) Shayla Bradford & Alysia Padilla
- · Chronological Spread (High School Yearbook) Mikayla Nunn
- Clubs/Organizations Spread (High School Yearbook) Laura Brubaker & Elisabeth Brackeen
- Clubs/Organizations Writing (High School Yearbook) Mikayla Nunn
- People Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Megan Stevens & Shaye Hainley
- Personality Profile Writing (Junior High Yearbook) Tess Stanton
- Sports Action Individual Photo and Caption (Junior High Yearbook) Megan Stevens & Shaye Hainley
 - Sports Spread (High School Yearbook) Shayla Bradford & Alysia Padilla

2nd Place:

- Academics Individual Photo and Caption (Junior High Yearbook) Tess Stanton & Emma Burgo
- Academics Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Tess Stanton
- Academics Writing (High School Yearbook) Bailey Gent
- · Alternative Academics Presentation (Junior High Yearbook) Emma Burgo
- Alternative Clubs/Organizations Presentation (High School Yearbook) Bailey Gent
- Alternative Sports Presentation (Junior High Yearbook) Autumn Bigler
- Chronological Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Allie Patnaude & Ayana Mersereau
- · Clubs/Organizations Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Allie Patnaude & Ayana Mersereau
- Personality Profile Writing (High School Yearbook) Peyton Stableford
- · Photo / Graphic Illustration (High School Yearbook) Elijah Jarocki & Bailey Gent
- Sports Reaction Individual Photo & Caption (High School Yearbook) Elijah Jarocki, Shayla Bradford, & Alysia Padilla
- Sports Writing (High School Yearbook) Laura Brubaker & Elisabeth Brackeen
- Student Life Spread (High School Yearbook) Mikayla Nunn & Chloe Storm
- Theme Package Presentation (HS) Peyton Stableford, Chelsea Smith, Bailey Gent, Jessica Hunter, & Elijah Jarocki
- Theme Package Writing (Junior High Yearbook) Caitlyn DelMonico, Jessica Hunter, Ayana Mersereau, Hannah Burgo, Jessica Clayton, Amy George, Emily Johannes, & Anneliese Garton

3rd Place:

- · Academics Individual Photo and Caption (High School Yearbook) Elijah Jarocki & Peyton Stableford
- · Clubs/Organizations Writing (Junior High Yearbook) Ayana Mersereau & Caitlyn DelMonico
- Sports Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Erin Tubb
- Theme Package Presentation (Junior High Yearbook) Caitlyn DelMonico, Jessica Hunter, Ayana Mersereau, Hannah Burgo, Jessica Clayton, Amy George, Emily Johannes, & Anneliese Garton
 - Theme Package Writing (High School Yearbook) Peyton Stableford, Chelsea Smith, & Bailey Gent

Honorable Mention:

- Sports Action Individual Photo and Caption (High School Yearbook) Jessica Hunter, Shayla Bradford, & Alysia Padilla
- · Student Life Individual Photo and Caption (High School Yearbook) Elijah Jarocki and Bailey Gent
- · Student Life Spread (Junior High Yearbook) Caitlyn DelMonico, Megan Stevens, & Jessica Hunter

Colorado High School Press Association Photographer of the Year 2013-2014: Honorable Mention - Elijah Jarocki

Other Student Awards

Poetry Out Loud Winners

Betty Varland – 1^{st} place TCA Dante Macy – 2^{nd} place TCA

Poetry Out Lous 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 complete at the school level, and the TCA winner competes at the state completion in Lakewood, CO.

MathCounts

The students listed represented TCA at the MathCounts Chapter Competition at Holmes Middle School.

 6th grade: Brendan Gould, Johnathan Pollard
 7th grade: Cianja Bone, Nathan Bone, Kyle Cameron, Nathan Johns, Ryker Lutjens, Aleck Snider
 8th grade: Anna Connell, Conner McDuff

Team Competition: Cianja Bone, Nathan Johns, Ryker Lutjens, and Conner McDuff placed 2nd at the Chapter Competition and went on to compete at the State Competition at Colorado School of Mines.

Forensics

Serene Singh – 1st place State (2nd year in a row) Original Oratory

Tatianna Lowman – 7th place State

Daniel Liu – 11th place State

Humor Interpretation

Shealy Salas/Deborah Foster – 7th place State Betty Varland/Trenton Gunsolley – 12th place State

Duo Interpretation

Serene Singh in Original Oratory, Daniel Liu in Humor Interpretation, and the Duo Interpretation team of Shealy Salas and Deborah Foster earned the right to represent Southern Colorado at the National Speech and Debate tournament in Kansas City in June. Alternates to the Nationals included Tatianna Lowman and Keaton Trinidad in Humor, Dante Macy in Drama, and the Duo teams of Betty Varland/Trenton Gunsolley, Trent Warran/Michael Slattery, and Emmae Thomasson/Adrea Bonato.

Sertoma Heritage Freedom Award
Nicholas Sullivan

Academy Optimist Club

Jared Sipes - College Pathways

Jared was awarded \$100 for his essay and will move on compete with other Optimist Club winners from Colorado-Wyoming for a \$2,500 scholarship.

Elementary-Junior High Awards / Participation

Phoebe Shin – 2nd place in JH golf tournament (Phoebe is in 6th grade at East Elementary)

Daniel Tillinghast – TCA CSP Spelling Bee winner

(CP participant – 8th grade; grades 4th-8th competition consisted of 20 rounds)

Audrey McGee – PPLD Betty Field Mystery Writing Contest Winner

(7th grade CSP student)

D20 Art Show

K – Micah Barrett, Phoeniz Meikle, Aiden Bellar (work was selected to be displayed in D20 Superintendent's Office)

1st – Landon DeHart, Emma Green

2nd – Braiden Meyers, Niki Peterson (1st place)

3rd – Amanda Mullenix, Conner Takanaka, Nichole Wolfe (1st place)

4th – Tyler Bonaquista, Annalise Welch (EAC Choice Award)

5th – Andrew Morton, Emma Parkinson

6th - Amalie Harvey, Neely Quirk

7th - Charli O'Malley (3rd place)

Barnes and Noble Art Showcase

4th – Josh Dunn, Katelyn Egbert, Dallen Havenar, Breea Miles, Brianna Whitcomb

5th – Jamie Anderson, Katie Clark, Brendan Carroll, Travis Kautz, Avery Linscombe, Camille Prentiss, Morgan Taylor

6th – Declan Barry, Maria Bergman, Emma Carver, Isabelle Davis, Amalie Harvey, Kaylee Johnson, Mikaela Roy, Bryn Shellenback

Art Showcase at Mission Coffee

Isabella Larson (3rd), Natalia Wright (4th), Sarah Smith (5th), Savannah Ankeney (6th), Steffen Phelps (6th), Phoebe Shin (6th)

TCA Community Service Day

Each year our Titan Teams band together and go out in the community for a service day. Forty-five Titan Teams worked on a variety of projects this year. Work activities took place at each of the following locations: Flying W Ranch, Black Forest Park, Crossfire, Dream Power Animal Rescue, Homestead Ranch Park, La Foret, Marion Soup Kitchen, Memorial Blood Drive and Fair Trade Market, Pikes Peak Hospice, Rock Ledge Ranch, Springs Rescue Mission, and Woodmoor Community. The support provided was tremendously appreciated as evidenced by a sampling of comments: "exceeded all expectation for the size of our group," "they were really blown away – said we accomplished 4 times as much with half the people as the last group that volunteered," "would love to have us again (commented by numerous groups)."





GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



A FEW EXAMPLES OF TCA GROUPS / STUDENTS HELPING OTHERS

- Power and Justice Campaign: 2,200 lbs of food and \$700 check to Care & Share; provided for two surgeries, two roosters for villages and \$1,000 check to Beauty for Ashes Uganda; provided 44 backpacks, \$500 in King Soopers cards, and check for \$1,400 to Urban Peak (Homeless Youth of Colorado Springs); \$2,500 check to The Exodus Road.
- <u>Junior High Carnival:</u> raised enough funds to donate \$1,438 each to the *Diabetes Association* and to *Elementary Science* efforts.
- Black Forest Fire Victims: TCA East Campus raised \$1,400 for this effort in their August Carnival; funds raised from the TCA community at-large provide gift cards to families that lost their homes.
- **TESSA:** Cottage School Program students raised money collected from doing chores around their homes to purchase fleece fabric to create blankets for TESSA organization that benefits women and children.

TCA Overall School Recognition

John Irwin School of Excellence Award

given by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). This award is given to the top 8% of Colorado public schools. The awards are given to schools that demonstrate excellent academic achievement.

TCA Elementary
TCA Junior High School
TCA High School
TCA College Pathways

Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award

is given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework that is used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

TCA High School

2014 U.S. News and World Report Bronze Award

(equates to top 27% of high schools in the nation)

TCA High School TCA College Pathways

ColoradoSchoolGrades.com School Rankings for 2013





Best of the Springs Gazette Gold Award

TCA Elementary



Passions by Wesley Jolly

a speech presented to the graduation Class of 2014 at Senior Breakfast and a topic that connects directly to the passions exhibited and efforts made to create a "masterpiece" as demonstrated in these pages

Just for a little background as I walked to the stage to give this speech I was listening to "New Morning" by Bob Dylan on my headphones.

When Katie Knapp and Lauren Hamilton asked me to speak to you today they noted that I could even talk about Bob Dylan . . . well, as always Katie and Lauren, there is a connection.

Real quick though before I get started, an introduction for those who do not know me – I've been at TCA for 8 years now – first as a teacher for seven years and this past year I moved into a new role in administration as Director of Academic Services, but more importantly for those at the AAA awards last night – if I could get Andrew Register to stand up – I am Reggie's History Coach. He did win the inaugural Hero Debate last year, as a student in my class, defending the "Cinderella Man" – James Braddock – a fighter in the depression era – as the Class of 2014 Hero Exemplar.

Now back to the topic at hand, as I mulled over a topic to share with you today I woke up in the middle of the night a few weeks ago and said to myself this is it. I got out of bed around 2 AM and started jotting down some ideas. So, if this turns out horribly, we can all blame it on waking up in the middle of the night with an idea for a speech.

I want to talk to you this "new morning" about passions.

The word passion has many different definitions – many when they hear the word think of romance and strong feelings for a person and some think of the word in religious terms. That phrase from our Core Values - "a passion for learning" may even come to mind.

Passion is from the Latin verb pati (meaning to suffer or endure - hence the religious connection). The definition I want to focus on today is an intense emotion compelling enthusiasm, or desire for anything; a positive affinity or love towards a subject; a fervor or zeal.

E. M. Forster, an English novelist of the 20th century, stated: "One person with passion is better than forty people merely interested." Swiss philosopher Henri-Frederic Amiel wrote in the 19th century: "Without passion man is a mere latent force and possibility, like the flint which awaits the shock of the iron before it can give forth its spark." Both of those are powerful quotes.

As I thought about some of my personal passions it became apparent to me that many of mine were developed by the time I turned 20 years of age – so by about ten years ago my passions had been cultivated . . . well, in reality that would be thirty years ago. My how time flies, I know the parents in the audience can relate to those words, and yes, the Class of 2014 graduates will utter those words themselves in a few years.

Parents and students I encourage you to think about some of your passions and where those developed as I share a little about mine. For me three come to fore that I'll share with you this morning.

In the spring of 1970, I was at the Darlington Raceway with my Dad and I remember seeing Richard Petty crash on the frontstretch of the racetrack (I was even able to find this incident on Youtube this past weekend). It was a terrible crash and many thought one of the sports greatest racers was dead – he survived. The memories of that event and others like it also have also survived and are ingrained in my mind. I grew up on NASCAR auto racing – my grandparent's home was within a couple hundred yards of the speedway and that proximity led to many autographs of the sports greatest drivers being obtained by a young fan. One of my fondest memories as a young boy was the two races held each year at the speedway – one in the spring and then every Labor Day weekend. Those races were a family event – everyone took part in parking hundreds of race fan's cars on my granddad's property. To this day I still follow auto racing and just a few weeks back I was able to rekindle that passion with my Dad. I was fortunate to be able to fly back to SC for race weekend at the same track that I described earlier, 44 years later, in celebration of his 75th birthday. A passion that was developed and passed down from my Dad continues today.



A few years later, I met Beverly Brewer, a history teacher at the small Baptist-affiliated school I attended from 1st-12th grade. Miss Brewer instilled in me a passion for history – that led to many decisions that impacted my future. Through a study of history my admiration grew for many military leaders that I read about – I decided to attend a military academy myself, majored in history, taught history at the same institution nearly 20 years after I started there, and then retired and taught history to many of you here at TCA. A passion developed as a young adolescent by a sincere, dedicated teacher continues to this day. A book on Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton sits at home on my nightstand today (Katie Knapp – you know a little more about Hamilton yourself after last year's hero project).

The final passion I want to touch on is one that most of you who took my U.S. History class already know about - an appreciation for the music and poetry of Bob Dylan. And yes I know for many his music is an acquired taste. As a 20-year old at the Air Force Academy I bought my first Bob Dylan album *Infidels* (thankfully albums are making a small revival of sorts for us of the older generation – the sound is simply better – fuller than the mp3s of today, have to be careful now not to get on an "in the good ol' days" sidetrack). --- Back to Dylan, the life experiences, the stories, the painting of pictures with words of rhyme in those songs resonated with me and I've always used them in the classroom. My iPhone has 952 songs from 86 different albums associated with Bob Dylan and yes, I really was listening to *New Morning* released in 1970 when I walked up here today. As my dad took me to the races in Darlington when I was younger – I was able to share a passion of mine with my daughter. A few years back my oldest asked me if I could take her to a Dylan concert the

next time he was in Colorado (she wanted to see him before he died) – as a dad that made my day and we have now gone together twice, including last year where we sat together on the second row.

Enough of my personal passions – but I needed to share those to make my point and to get you thinking about your passions and when they developed. Each of those I mentioned developed before I was twenty years old and they still resonate with and influence me today. The same holds true for you soon-to-be graduates of the Class of 2014.

A few of your passions came to mind as I thought about this topic (and I know that I will only scratch the surface here so please forgive me for omissions as I touch on a few of your passions). Passions of numerous graduates were listed that have been removed here to save space – many are touched on previously in this newsletter.

To close I want to bring us back full circle to where I started listening to a tune by Bob Dylan . . . the lyrics to New Morning.

Can't you hear that rooster crowin'?
Rabbit runnin' down across the road
Underneath the bridge where the water flowed through
So happy just to see you smile
Underneath the sky of blue
On this new morning, new morning
On this new morning with you

Can't you feel that sun a-shinin?
Ground hog runnin' by the country stream
This must be the day that all of my dreams come true
So happy just to be alive
Underneath the sky of blue
On this new morning, new morning
On this new morning, with you

Today marks the beginning of what you could call a "new morning" – and I am happy to see your smiles and celebrate with you today.

I encourage each of you to embrace and channel your passions for good. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable . . . Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals."

I see a group of dedicated individuals sitting before me – you've met the challenges set before you the past 13 years and are ready to embark on a new adventure. Your passions will continue to be a part of that adventure. Alfred Tennyson, a 19th century English poet wrote, "The happiness of a man in this life does not consist in the absence but on the mastery of his passions." Unique opportunities await each of you – and all in this room eagerly await to hear where your passions lead you in the future, how you have mastered them, and how you have endeavored to be your best, do your best, and give your best to the world around you in mind, body and spirit.

It would be unacceptable for a history teacher not to end this morning with the words of a great American. Our 26th president, a Medal of Honor, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient (and no I want quiz you here soon-to-be graduates – yes, I will – who am I talking about?) ---- Theodore Roosevelt stated: "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Class of 2014: Go forth, be passionate, and do work worth doing.



Upcoming DAS Meetings and Due Dates:

ALT Meetings (11:00 am-12:30 pm):

May 29: ALT Meeting - Blake's Office

Jul 30: ALT Meeting – to be determined (first mtg of 2014-15)

Due Dates and Upcoming Events:

May 23: TCA Graduation

May 26: Memorial Day

Jun 4-5: External Review Working Session

Jun 9: TCA Board Meeting (6:00-10:00 pm)

Jul 4: Independence Day

Aug 1-2: Annual TCA Board Retreat

Aug 6: Elementary Information Fair (10:00-2:00 & 5:00-7:00)

Aug 12-15: First week of classes at College Pathways

Aug 13: First day of classes for 7th and 8th grades traditional

Aug 14: First day of classes for 8th, 10th-12th grades traditional

Aug 18-21: First week of classes for Cottage School Program

Aug 18: First day of classes for kindergarten traditional

Aug 19: First day of classes for 1st -6th grades traditional

Nov 4-5: North Elementary Site Planning w/ D20

Please stay aware of the due dates listed on this page of the newsletter. It will help us make sure we are up-to-date on all upcoming requirements/suspenses. See compliance and accreditation specifics in the next column.





Compliance and Accreditation Corner

Check here for updates on compliance and accreditation items as we move through the year:

ITEMS DUE IN FUTURE:

- **Updated Site Plans** due to Cheri by *May 28, 2014*
- Absolutes Notebook Cheri will streamline process & gather appropriate information – due May 31, 2014



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 this year-end wrap-up. I apologize in advance for any oversights and misspellings contained herein