

Winton Woods High School Holds Academic Signing Day



Twenty-one high-achieving seniors and honors diploma honorees announced their school of choice on Friday, May 3, at Winton Woods High School's Academic Signing Day. These incredible scholars all who earned honors diplomas from the State of Ohio, took part in a ceremony reminiscent of a traditional athletic signing event. Students' families, college admissions representatives, board members, civic officials, business partners, and community leaders were in attendance at the school's media center to celebrate this momentous occasion with the scholars. The students shared the colleges they were admitted to, and where they are planning to pursue their educational dreams.

To receive an honors diploma from the State of Ohio, students must meet all but one of the following criteria, unless it is a minimum graduation requirement:

- 4 units of Math
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 3 units of World Languages
- 1 unit of Fine Arts
- 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 27 on the ACT or 1280 or higher on the SAT.

To receive a career technical honors diploma from the State of Ohio (indicated with an asterisk), students must meet the following criteria:

- 4 units of Math
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Social Studies
- 2 units of World Languages
- 4 units of career-technical courses
- 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- 27 on the ACT; 1280 or higher on the SAT; WorkKeys: 6 or higher on Reading for Information and 6 or higher on Applied Mathematics
- Field Experience
- Portfolio
- Additional Assessments: earn an industry-recognized credential or achieve proficiency benchmark for appropriate Ohio Career-Technical Competency Assessment or equivalent.

Recognized were:

- Valedictorian Lindsey Van Dyke, who will attend the University of Cincinnati for computer science and software engineering
- Salutatorian Carolina Sullivan, who will attend Miami University for computer engineering
- Maly Aw – University of Cincinnati for Biochemistry
- Janny Castro Guterrez – University of Cincinnati Blue Ash for Liberal Arts and Political Science
- Wilmer Esquivel – University of Cincinnati for Mechanical Engineering
- Britney Forde – California Baptist University for Nursing and minor in Psychology
- Aria Gaines – Wittenberg University for Secondary Education
- Angelica Gil Mendez – Art Institute of Cincinnati for Graphic Arts
- Bria Gordon – Ohio University for Marketing
- Aniah Hollowell – Kentucky State University for Biology
- Kathryn Ingram – University of Cincinnati for Lighting design and Technology
- Mya Johnson – University of Toledo for Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Naomi Lowery – University of Tampa and undecided
- Anne-Marie Nightingale – Miami University Hamilton for Business Marketing and Finance
- Despina Periferaki – University of Cincinnati Blue Ash for Secondary Education
- Bedhan Rai – U.S. Marine Corps for Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Warfare and Aviation Technication
- Jada Ray – Wright State University for Spanish and minor in Pre-med
- Lillie Rideout – University of Cincinnati Blue Ash for Veterinary Technology
- Lillian Smith – Miami University for Secondary Education
- Jonathon Smotherman – University of Cincinnati for Mechanical Engineering
- Kimberly Vargas – Xavier University for Psychology and Child Development

PHOTO CAPTION: Winton Woods City Schools' 2019 Honor Diploma Scholars are (front, l-r) Anne-Marie Nightingale, Kathryn Ingram, Valedictorian Lindsey Van Dyke, Jada Ray, Salutatorian Carolina Sullivan, Jonathan Smotherman, Lillian Smith, Bedhan Rai, Britney Forde; (back, l-r) Aria Gaines, Mya Johnson, Naomi Lowery, Maly Aw, Janny Castro Guterrez, Wilmer Esquivel, Lillie Rideout, Despina Periferaki, Bria Gordon and Kimberly Vargas. Photo by Drew Jackson.