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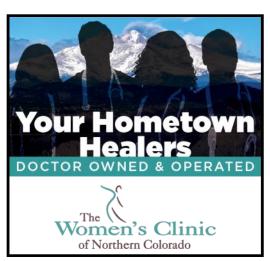


Symphonic Band Performs at CMEA

The Kinard Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Mike Perez, put on an incredible performance at the Colorado Music Educators Association (CMEA) Conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in late January! Amazing talent, dedication, and hard work were on display! Our band was selected by blind audition as one of the top middle school bands to perform this year. What a great honor and reflection of the quality of our music program! Congratulations to Mr. Perez and all the members of our Symphonic Band.











Winter Read-a-Thon Winners

Our Kinard students did a lot of reading over winter break! We had hundreds of entries to win Read-a-Thon prizes and loved hearing students share details about what they read.

Congratulations to our Winter Read-a-Thon prize winners! The winners of our Read-A-Thon were Audreanna Anderson, Gladys Apawu, Avery Campbell, Trey Law, Tyler Law, Joseph Lee, Jacob Miles, Ceci Olms, Vianne Schuller, Ainsley Stirrett, Elif Turner, and Brynley Wilson.

Congratulations to these fabulous readers!





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Spelling Bee Winner Progresses to the Next Round

Our Kinard Spelling Bee winner, Devika Nair, has progressed through the first round of the district competition and once again earned herself a spot in the PSD Oral Spelling Bee on Friday, February 2. The Bee will be held at 1pm in the Boardroom at the JSSC building. Can you spell pleiades? Devika can! Join us in wishing her luck on Friday!

Seeking Parent Volunteers

While the ping-ponging temperatures might make it feel too early to think about our spring events, we are ready to start planning and need your support. Would you consider helping with these activities?

- Classified Staff Appreciation We are planning to celebrate our amazing classified staff during the week of February 12-16. Part of our festivities include a Sweetheart Luncheon for all staff on February 14. If you are interested in helping provide or serve food, please sign up here.
- **CMAS Treats** It is a tradition for us to provide treats for our students twice during our CMAS testing. If you are willing to help package and organize treats on April 2, please sign up here.
- **Teacher Appreciation** More information about teacher appreciation week (May 6-10) will be sent later, but we would like to start thinking about small gifts for our staff. If you work for or know of a business that would be willing to donate 80-90 of the same

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small gift, we would love to connect with them. Please contact Cecilia Bonertz (cbonertz@psdschools.org) if you have ideas or contact information.

- Wellness We have a robust wellness program for our staff and encourage participation through wellness raffles. If you work for or know of a business that would like to donate small prizes or gift cards for these raffles, please contact Jacob Benson (jbenson@psdschools.org) or Karen Irvine (kirvine@psdschools.org).
- Parent Career Survey We know we have a wealth of knowledge in our community and would love to tap into your professional experience. In addition to our annual career fair, there are also other occasions where we may call upon professionals from our community to share some insights with students about career and future planning. Please fill out this 2-minute survey if you are interested in potentially being called upon to share your career with students. We will use contact information compiled through the survey for experiences such as career fairs or individual student career mentorships/interviews. If you complete the survey, we may contact you based on student interest in your career field.
- Spring Events More information will be coming this spring about our need for parent volunteers for our other spring events, including Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10), a Spring Social Event (May 2), our 8th Grade Celebratory Activities (May 29), and our last day of school (May 30)!

If you have questions about any of this information, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, Academic Dean, at 970-488-5407 or cbonertz@psdschools.org.

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High School Course Registration

Attention current 8th graders and families! 8th graders received high school course registration forms on Friday, January 26 or Monday, January 29. If your student did not get a registration form from one of our comprehensive high schools, please have them see Ms. Irvine or Mrs. Young in the Student Services Office.

High school counselors will be back at Kinard on Thursday, February 8 to talk with students individually and collect those forms. Students should have their forms completed, signed, and with them on February 8. High schools prefer that you turn in forms through the middle schools.

If your 8th grader is not going to one of PSD's comprehensive high schools, you may want to contact their high school for registration information.

Please feel free to contact Patti Young (students with last names A-G) at 970 -488-5406 or pyoung@psdschools.org or Karen Irvine (students with last name H-Z) at 970-488-5408 or kirvine@psdschools.org with any questions.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

We are excited to start planning our annual 8th grade celebratory activities, including our 8th Grade Celebration that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024. As part of these festivities, we will be sharing a slideshow that will include pictures of all our incredible 8th graders. We would like to include **ONE** photo in the slideshow of your child when he/she was younger! The slideshow is always one of the most memorable moments of the celebration for all our students.

Please complete the following steps by Friday, March 1, to ensure the photo of your child is included in the slideshow during the 8th grade celebratory activities during the last week of school.

- All photos should be sent via email to Shamie Beecher, Student Services Secretary, at sbeecher@psdschools.org.
- The photo should be a picture when your child was younger (between 6 months to 5 years). It can be silly or serious. The kids like to guess who it is!
- Please include your child's first and last name in the email with the digital image attached.

Attention 8th Grade Parents!

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- If you are not able to send a digital photo of your child, we will include a current school photo.
- If you or your child prefer we don't include a photo of them, please
 email Shamie Beecher at sbeecher@psdschools.org with that
 request. Letting us know this preference will ensure we don't
 personally remind or ask your student about the photo. You may
 still get group email reminders, but you can ignore them if you let us
 know your preference.
- So that we can create a quality slideshow, all photos are due by Friday, March 1, at 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for your time and effort to make this a special celebration for all! Please contact Cecilia Bonertz at cbonertz@psdschools.org if you have specific questions about the photo request. More information will be coming about all the celebratory activities for our 8th graders!

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be scheduling parent/teacher conferences after school on Thursday, February 22. Kinard teachers will reach out directly to any families if a teacher feels there is a need to meet. We have a limited amount of time for second semester conferences; however, if you have a specific question, concern, or need to meet, please reach out to the teacher directly.

As always, <u>ParentVUE</u> provides important information about your child's work habits and academic progress. In addition, if you have an immediate need to communicate, please reach out to your child's teacher, counselor, or a Kinard administrator.

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2024 CMAS Assessment Window

Please mark your calendars! The 2024 CMAS Assessment window is March 25th – April 26th. All students will take 3 English Language Arts assessments and 3 Mathematics assessments. Additionally, 8th graders will take 3 Science assessments. Please see the calendar below for a tentative schedule for when each of these assessments will occur. As you plan ahead, we would greatly appreciate you doing your best to avoid appointments or other student absences on these days.

The state assessment system, Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), is designed to measure student mastery of Colorado's academic content standards. Colorado's academic content standards indicate skills and knowledge necessary to prepare students for success from early school readiness to postsecondary competencies, reflective of both workforce readiness and 21st century skills. Student progress toward these outcomes is measured through CMAS, which provides information to teachers as they incorporate the content standards in their daily instruction. CMAS results are also used for school and district accountability.

We will send a more detailed and specific calendar of testing days as we get nearer to the assessment window. If you have questions about the CMAS assessments, please contact Cecilia Bonertz, School Assessment Coordinator, at cbonertz@psdschools.org or (970) 488-5407.

Kinard CMAS Calendar 2024

MARCH/APRIL 2024

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 ODD	26 EVEN	27 ODD	28 EVEN	29 ODD
1 ODD	2 EVEN	3 ODD	4 EVEN	5 ODD
		English Language Arts		
8 EVEN	9 ODD	10 EVEN	11 ODD	12 EVEN
	Math Science 8			
15 ODD	16 EVEN	17 ODD	18 EVEN	19
Make-Up Testing				No School
22 ODD	23 EVEN	24 ODD	25 EVEN	26 ODD
Make-Up Testing				

SRO Corner

Hello and Happy New Year Poudre Families!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break with your families and loved ones. As we step into the new year, I want to address a topic that is of utmost importance to our school community – school threats. It's an unfortunate reality in today's society, and it's crucial for us to come together to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

The SRO team and PSD want to assure you that we take school threats very seriously. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities, and we have robust measures in place to address any potential threats that may arise. Your SRO Team, in collaboration with district and school safety teams, work diligently to investigate and address any reported threats. This partnership allows us to respond swiftly and effectively to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

School threats can take various forms, and it's essential to be aware of them. Examples of school threats may include:

- **1. Verbal Threats:** Expressions of intent to harm others, whether made in person, over the phone, or online.
- **2. Written Threats:** Any written communication that conveys a threat to the safety of individuals within the school community.
- **3. Social Media Threats:** Threatening messages, posts, or comments on social media platforms that target the school or specific individuals.
- **4. Suspicious Objects or Packages:** Discovery of any items that may pose a potential threat, even if they appear harmless at first glance.
- **5. Bullying or Harassment:** Persistent and targeted behaviors that create a hostile environment and may escalate into more serious threats.
- **6. Weapons Possession:** Any indication that a student may be in possession of weapons on school premises.

If you come across or hear about a potential threat, we encourage you to report it promptly. You can do so through your school counselor, a school administrator, or any other trusted adult in the school community. Open communication is key in addressing these concerns effectively.

Additionally, we have a dedicated platform called <u>Safe2Tell</u> where you can report any suspicious activity or information anonymously. However, we encourage you to consider reporting directly to a trusted adult if possible, as it

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allows for a more direct and immediate response from our school safety team.

Remember, your vigilance and cooperation play a crucial role in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment for everyone. We appreciate your commitment to the safety of our school community.

Thanks for all you do!

-SRO Kate Garcia

kgarcia@psdschools.org

Health Office News

If your student feels ill in the morning or goes home sick from school, please refer to the "How Sick Is Too Sick" guidelines that Poudre School District currently follows and visit the PSD health services website for more information if needed.

- "How Sick is Too Sick" Guidelines
- ¿Cuál es el punto en que uno está demasiado enfermo?

If your student is experiencing fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting, they must be **24-hours symptom free without medication from their last episode** to return to school.

If symptoms are explained by a specific illness please see criteria for exclusion from school in the CDPHE <u>Infectious Disease Guidelines in Childcare and</u> School Settings.

PSD health services website: https://www.psdschools.org/programs-services/illness-guidelines

For COVID-19 guidelines in PSD and resources, visit the <u>COVID-19 Protocols</u> web page.

If you have any questions regarding immunizations, medication, or health needs for Kinard during the school year, please contact:

- -Heather Julian, Kinard Health Tech, hjulian@psdschools.org, at Kinard daily
- -Jena Gilbert, PSD School Nurse, <u>jgilbert@psdschools.org</u>, typically at Kinard on Fridays

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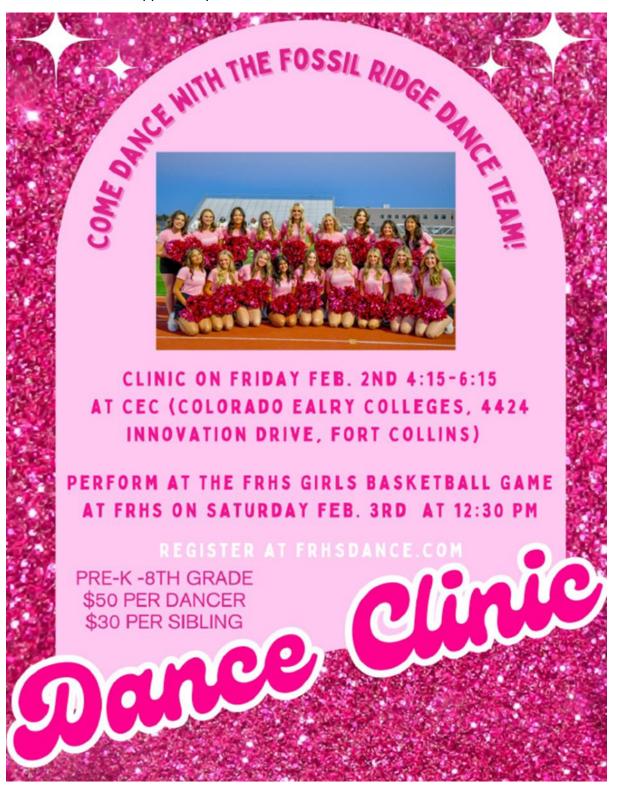
Kinard health office: 970-488-5441 / Kinard health office fax: 970-488-5433

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FRHS Dance Clinic

See the flier below for an opportunity to learn from and dance with the FRHS dance team!



FRHS Ridgebotics Event

On Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Fossil Ridge High School, the Ridgebotics team will host their annual Robot Reveal Night & Silent Auction. At the event, students from their robotics club will show the robot that they built and will host a silent auction to fundraise for the team. They invite all interested community members to attend! Click here for more details.



WEDNESDAY, FEB 21, 2024 6:00 - 8:30PM AT FOSSIL RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ABOUT RIDGEBOTICS:

Team 4388 is a FIRST Robotics
Competition team. We are a
student-led, nonprofit organization
that offers real world experience
in STEM, while engaging our
community in outreach events.
Visit us at: www.ridgebotics.com

ridgebotics@gmail.com

Join us in celebrating the end of the build season & see the big reveal of our 2024 competition robot!

Admission is FREE!

CSU's Introduce a Girl to Engineering

See the flier and website linked below for an awesome opportunity for girls interested in STEM and Science fields.

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

Day long event that introduces middle school girls to the world of engineering

April 13th 2024

Colorado State University Scott Bioengineering Building

Register Here:

Follow us at @csuiage on Instagram for updates





CSU Junior High Track Clinic

Take your sprinting, hurdling, throwing, or jumping to the next level at the CSU Junior High Track Clinic. This is an excellent opportunity for athletes to learn and explore the sport through instruction from distinguished coaches and athletes. High school and junior high coaches can attend this camp free of charge. Register by clicking here! Spots are limited, register today.

First Semester Honor Roll

We are pleased to announce our Honor Roll recipients for the 2023 fall semester. We congratulate the students below for their hard work and effort to maintain high levels of academic excellence throughout the first semester!

To make the Kinard Honor Roll each semester, students must have all proficient grades (final semester score of 3 or higher) and over half of grades must be advanced each semester. An advanced grade means a class score of a 4 in middle school classes or an A in high school courses (French 1B and 2, Spanish 1B and 2, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2). Students who achieve the impressive goal of advanced grades in every class for each semester are indicated with an asterisk on the Honor Roll List.

To see all your child's grades for first semester, you can access their report card through <u>ParentVUE</u>. Click on the "Report Card" tab. At the top of the report, click the link that says "Click here to view report card for Semester 1".

Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School Fall Semester 2023 Honor Roll



Aaljo, Ciya*
Aaljo, Diya
Adams, Orinn
Akella, Aashrith
Anderson, Davin
Anderson, Sadie*
Anderson, Sophia
Apawu, Gladys*
Aspiazu, Lucia
Aspiazu, Matilda
Atos, Noah Roland
Avers, Oona

Aspiazu, Matilda
Atos, Noah Roland
Ayers, Oona
Bandi, Mallika
Bandi, Priyam
Barlow, Maxwell*
Bassett, Ava*
Batan, Mariana
Bateman, Aedan*
Bates, Annabelle
Bates, Robert*
Beake, Vivienne
Becker, Greyson*
Beckham, Annika
Bell, Hailey
Bilbro, Ella

Bell, Hailey
Bilbro, Ella
Birari, Charvi
Bolletla, Lohitha
Bond, McKenzie
Bower, Brooke
Bradshaw, Kara*
Breitigam, Aislynn
Brinkman, Jacob
Brors, Gwendolyn
Brown, Samantha
Bruce, Madison*
Burback, Quinn
Bustamante, Asher
Campbell, Avery*

Campbell, Gwenyth

Camping, Moriah

Canonico, Charles

Cantillan, Zooey

Hitz, Izabella
Hodel, Camden
Hodges, Elloria
Hoff, Dylan*
Holcomb, Kai
Holle, Rylan
Horn, Landry
Hoskinson, Drystan
Hoyer, Vivian
Huang, Jien*

Hwang, Peter*
Jackson, Dylan
Jacobson, Macy
Jing, Yihan*
Jones, Ronan
Jones, Seth*
Jones, Xavier
Joyal, Dallin
Kalajian, Dylan*

Hudson, Nadia

Kandimalla, Harshit Kane, Rowan Karr, Caitlyn Kato, George Kaufman, Zun Kaul, Eva Keele, Ryan Kelsch, Ada* Kelsch, Emmaline*

Khaffaji, Ava

Kim, Laurisa* Kim, Minseong Kisiday, Courtney Klausner, Alexander

Knobel, Finn Kokias, Alexander Konstanty, Stella* Korotkin, Brooke* Kreisberg, Nolan Krukowski, Victoria Kub, Bradey

Kub, Bradey Kvande, Breanna Petit, Claire
Pinon, Makayla
Pippin, Zachary
Pizzi, Anne
Podany, Joshua
Potter, Amelia
Powell, Daxton
Pringle, Ethan*
Rakiecki, Jace
Ray, Daniel

Ray, Daniel
Reinhardt, Cadence
Reinke, Emie
Reinke, Theodore*
Reistad, Augustyn*
Reistad, Kalyna
Ressue, Amelia*
Rice, Olivia
Richards, Sage
Richmond, Charlotte

Richmond, Sariah Rieker, Erin Rieker, Megan* Riewerts, Parker Riggs, Kate Riggs, Rachel Righes, Gabriel Ritchie, Adelle Rodgers, Megan* Rogers, Aurora Ross, Maeve* Rowe, Addison

Rubenstein, Josephine Ruffell, Grace Rummery, Turner* Runnels, Miles Sabia, Isabella Sachi, Yashas Safadi, Karim* Saidi, Maya* Sanchez, Adella*

Sanchez, Maeva Sandoval, Sabina

Lam, Sanjali* Sanghi, Advik* Capparelli, Luca Carcasson, Eliana Land, Mattias Sankranti, Sai Smriti Carey, Ryan Laturnus, Avril Schaaf, Avery* Cashen, Alexander Scherer, Adalyn Le. Thinh* Cashen, Benjamin Lee, Joseph* Schoonover, Aliyah Caskey, Jude* Lerich, Sophia* Schrick, Sienna Celli, Alysha Lesko, Lorelei Schulz, Ashley* Chang, Joseph Lewis, Mva Scott, Avery Chen, Clark* Lignell, Emmett* Seidman, Anna Chen, Gavin* Lignell, Marian* Senthilkumar, Kaavva Chen, Leah* Liles, Henry Seri, Havish Clary, Miles Lillis, Emma Shannon, Katelyn Linn, Anderson Shepard, Audrey Clayton, Peter Cooper, Evan Liprandi, Michael* Shiplett, Ella Shiplett, Nicholas Csernica, Fynnlye Liu, Jacqueline* Cubbage, Julia Lomax, Aubrey Simonds, Camdyn Daher, Loren Lundy, Trey Sitzmann, Stephanie Darrow, Sara* Luo, Neo* Skiba, Julia Dauenhauer, Jacob Lyle, Kamber Skiba, Sofia* Lynn, Stella* Davidson, Tessa Slater, Aubrey Davidson, Tyler MacKay, Chase Smith, Abbey Davies, Greta Magelky, Hayden Smith, Brinley* Davis, Benjamin Mahunik, Harrison Smith, Rosslyn DeCrosta, Julie Malone, Joshua* Smyser, Hayden DeFazio, Sydney Malzahn, Lisette* Soffe, Mason Manoj, Nihana* Demoney, Alexis Solomons, Isabelle Denney, Elise Mantas, Euphemia* Stanca, Alexander Diaczun, Sarina Maroni, Cassandra Stark, Harrison Dietrich, Micah* Marske, Roslyn Stefaniw, Autumn Downing, Henry Martin, Theodore Stellmon, Emry Doyle, Ashlyn Martinez-Fabela, Marlene Swain, Mikayla Du, Yile Marzolf, Caroline Swanson, Kenya Duda, Adelaide Marzolf, Cate Switala, Kieran* Dunnington, Luke* Mason, Ryder Tabrizi, Aydin Farmer, Lucy Matthews, Telly Tang, Erika* Farmer, Makena Mattoch, Luana Tedford, Blake Fechheimer, Simon Maxfield, Cooper Terrio, Keira Thayer, Toby* Fife, Brynlee Mayfield, Adrian Fillmore, Lauryn McAbee, Junot Thibault, Savannah Firks, Ty McAllister, Mason Thomas, Kinley* Fitzpatrick, Isabella McBreen, Kayleigh Thompson, Finley Flail, Alison* McEvoy, Quinn Thompson, Greta* Flemming, Jackson McFarland, Owen* Thompson, Mareck Fogelson, Easton McFarland, Rhys Tibbets, Cadence Foust, Adilyn McMahon, Jacqueline Tilley, Madeline Foust, Broc McManus, Madeleine Tompkins, Camryn* Fregosi, Alexis Tripp, Avrielle McNairy, Ethan Friedly, Avery McNairy, Martin* Tufano, Caitlin Friedly, McKinley McNitt, Alexander* Turner, Alden Turner, Elif* Gagnon, Ellie McQueen, Siena Tyler, Maggie Gaida, Evan Menke, Lilliann Gaisford, Jack Merrill, Chaylon* Vaidya, Netra

Gamez Devora, Evelyn Gavvala, Krithya* Gazdaru, Sophia* Giffin, Logan Gilger, Tori Gillilan, Leland Giusti, Connor Gold, Amelia* Gold, Beatrix* Goodell, Grevson* Gouldey, Seth Grant, Etta Gray, Annabelle* Greville, Hannah Grissom, Parker* Grobaski, Finley* Grode, Owen Grothman, Gia* Grothman, Kaia Gudidevuni, Akshat Gudur, Adarsh Guernsey, Graham Guerrero, Lyla Gupta, Ashvath Gurdgiev, Gabriella Gurkan, Arda Guthrie, Blake Haag, Cassidy Hager, Alexandra* Hahm, Daniel Halpert, Ellis Hamilton, Carter Hamilton, Madison Hansen, Lainey Hartman, Kylee* Head, Addison Heffern, Jude Henrie, Jack Henry, Nickolas Henry, Olivia Hermstad, Ivv Hillyer, Wilson

Mese, Brielle* Miao, Grace* Mickschl, Cooper* Mierzwa, Chase Mierzwa, Cooper Miles, Jacob Miller, Lucas Mills, Eva Milmont, Claire Moore, Autumn Moore, Simone Morrill, Maren Morrison, Ella Moss, Delanev Muller, Ellison Murphy, Katherine* Nair, Devika* Nair, Karthika* Nardi, Liam Nebel, Makayla* Nelson, Declan Nelson, Kasev Nelson, Riley Netzer, Lana* Nolasco, Ariella Novak, Emma* Oberlender, Landen O'Brien, Paige Olms, Cecilia* Olson, Kason Ornitz, Henry Ouellette, Connor Pahwa, Anay* Pariseau, Bridgette Park, Christian Pawar, Tejaswini Perryman, Luke Peters, Samantha*

Peterson, Henry

Peterson, Jett*

Peterson, Neva

Petit, Brooke*

Walker, Kaylee Walker, Madilyn Walker, Tess Walsh, Isaac Walsh, Thayne Wang, Alex* Wang, Angela* Wang, Ellie* Wang, Haoming Wang, Joy* Wang, Riley Wanner, Victoria Warren, Adelyn* Watkins, Mason Webb, William Weber, Caleb* Weber, Cole Weber, Emerson* Weinstein, Samantha Welker, Jonah Weseloh, Noah West, Allie Wheeler, Marissa White, Lillian Wilson, Brynley Wilson, Cameron Wind, Jillian* Woodin, Olivia Woodmansee, Mark* Wuu, Jason* Yan, Rhonda* Yang, Chenghan Yang, Jeremy Yockey, Sintija Yoo, Catherine Yoo, Shannon Young, Kenadie

Zou, Arianna*

Zwicke, Heidi

Zucosky, Alexander

Vincer, Jack

Vollmar, Noah

^{*}Denotes students with a score of 'Advanced' in all courses