



Student Accomplishments 2014-2015



Academic Achievements

- One hundred thirty High School students and June 2014 graduates were named AP Scholars by The College Board in recognition of their outstanding performance on three or more national Advanced Placement exams administered through May 2014. In addition to being designated AP Scholars with Distinction, 26 Shaker students were named National AP Scholars.
- Thirty-two High School seniors have been named Semifinalists and Commended Students in the National Merit and Achievement Scholarship Programs. Six are receiving National Merit Scholarships. They are Brian Gao, Cheri Lo, Mark McKinzie, Ben Robertson, Gabrielle Rose, and Abby White. Grant Zempolich received a Corporate-Sponsored Merit Scholarship provided by the Chevron Corporation.
- Sixteen High School students and one Woodbury student are Ohio History Day champions and national qualifiers for National History Day in June.
- Ten high school art students were honored by the Cleveland Clinic for work they created based on scientific research as part of the 2014-2015 eXpressions Art Program.
- The High School team of Jordan Brett, Cameron Isenberg, Landon Richardson, and Bonnie Sutherland earned the Innovate Award at the VEX Robotics Competition at Cleveland State University.
- Junior Joshua Elmore (bassoon) and senior Grant Zempolich (cello) were selected as members of the National Youth Orchestra. This summer they will perform in Carnegie Hall and then tour Asia.
- Junior Max Markey is one of 16 high school students nationwide to receive the 2015 EF Global Citizen Scholarship to attend a Global Student Leader's Summit and travel in Europe.
- The Shakerite* and shakerite.com have earned a Silver Crown for overall excellence in scholastic journalism from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.
- High School art students won 49 awards in the 2015 Regional Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition, receiving more honors than any other participating high school. The awards include 8 Gold Keys, 15 Silver Keys, 23 Honorable Mentions, and three special awards.
- Works of art by seniors Megan Jones and Audrey Anderle were displayed during the 2015 Governor's Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus. Junior Chesaria Reffner was second place winner in the Art of STEM Competition.
- Senior Lea Kayali is first place winner in the Maltz Museum's seventh annual Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! essay contest. As such, she will receive a four-year \$40,000 scholarship. Junior Amani Hill and senior Abby White are among the Top Ten Finalists.
- Eighth grader Marie Claire Inness received a third place medal for her chemistry project at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair.
- More than 100 Shaker Heights Middle School and Woodbury students represented 18 countries at the Ohio Leadership Institute's Junior Ohio Model UN conference. Two Shaker teams wrote resolutions and gave author's speeches that advanced out of committee to the General Assembly.
- Eighth grade student Isabel Levin competed at the state level of the National Geographic Bee after winning the Middle School Geography Bee.

- ◉ Five Shaker students, from fifth through 12th grades, are winners in the 2015 Marilyn Bianchi Kids' Playwriting Festival.
- ◉ Members of the 2015 International Baccalaureate Diploma class organized a TEDxTalks presentation at the High School that was held on February 7.
- ◉ Students of Latin and Greek earned 33 gold, silver, and bronze medals on the National Classical Etymology Exam. Eighteen High School students won top awards for their performance on the Medusa Mythology Exam, and nine High School students were recognized for their top entries in the Classical Association of the Midwest and South Translation Contest.
- ◉ More than 130 High School and Middle School students earned awards on the 2015 National Latin Exam, including six perfect scores. Twenty-four students won medals on the National Latin Vocabulary Exam, and 18 won medals for their National Roman Civilization Exam results.
- ◉ Thirty-four Shaker Heights High School students earned purple, blue, red, and green ribbons for their outstanding results on the National Greek Exam, including two perfect scores. These award recipients represent 81% of the SHHS students who took the exam, which is sponsored by the American Classical League.
- ◉ Forty-two High School and Middle School Students swept all three overall awards at the 2015 Ohio Junior Classical League Convention in Columbus. In addition, the Upper and Lower Certamen teams took home state titles, and two Shaker students were elected to the OJCL board.
- ◉ Sixteen High School students received awards for the National German Exam. Sixty-one students earned awards on the National French Exam.
- ◉ Fernway third grader Eva Shaw was selected as an exhibitor for the Ohio Art Education Association.
- ◉ Shaker Heights District has been named "Best Community for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation seven consecutive years.

Co-curricular Activities

- ◉ The men's basketball, baseball, golf, and soccer teams finished first in their respective Northeast Ohio Conference divisions. The women's lacrosse team finished strong with a 15-3-1 record and made it to the third round of playoffs. The men's soccer team made it to the sweet 16 for the first time in its program history. Hockey made it to district semi-finals with a record of 16-10-5. Women's soccer made it to sectional finals. Baseball made it to the second round of playoffs. Shaker's men's and women's fencing teams won state titles at the Ohio High School Fencing Championships. All 8 players of the women's golf team are returning.
- ◉ The Women's Field Hockey Team won the state championship, defeating defending Columbus Academy to earn their first title since 1991. Senior Kasidy Anderson was Cleveland.com's Field Hockey Player of the Year.
- ◉ The men's basketball team has four consecutive years with Division I regional appearances, league titles, and district championships. Senior Esa Ahmad, committing to West Virginia, ranked 41st in the class of 2015, according to ESPN.
- ◉ The men's soccer team ended the season with a 15-4-1 record, winning its first district championship in 47 years. Elias Silvola was Shaker's first player ever to be recognized at the state level by being named All-Ohio second team.
- ◉ Sophomore Max Gustafson was 17th in the state in the 500 free. Sophomore Mimi Reimers finished 90th in a field of 151 running cross country at states. Senior Daniel Hirsh earned MVP Lake Division and second team All NE Ohio honors in golf.
- ◉ The men's tennis team ended the season with a 14-5 record, finishing second in the NOC top division and had two doubles teams qualify for districts. The JV team finished 13-4 with two undefeated players during the season.
- ◉ The Shaker Varsity Crew teams had an excellent year with a boys' Junior 4 team finishing 3 of 18 and a girls' Junior 4 team finishing 2 of 15 at the Midwest Regionals, both qualifying to compete at Nationals. Shaker is one of four public schools in the state to field crew teams. Shaker also has men's and women's rugby teams.

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