The Future Looks Bright

The Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) hosted a student awards ceremony on June 7 to honor many exemplary graduating seniors on their accomplishments. More than 200 guests attended the awards ceremony at the Corona Del Mar High School Performing Arts Center.

Among the 1,669 seniors graduating this month, NMUSD congratulated a few stand-out students that achieved perfect scores on their ACT/SAT, those that received the Simon Scholar designation, and Seals of Excellence.

“It is gratifying and awe-inspiring to watch as our students garner recognitions for distinguished achievements in excellence,” Said Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro.
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The following seniors achieved a perfect score on their SAT/ACT this year, in addition to one junior who also achieved a perfect score on their ACT.

Perfect score on ACT

- Baylee Bakkila, Newport Harbor High School
- Shane Gooding, Corona del Mar High School
- Matthew Paragas, Corona del Mar High School
- Abigail Peterson- Corona del Mar High School (Class of 2017)

Perfect score on SAT

- Hikaru Masuda, Corona del Mar

The awards ceremony also recognized 17 students as part of the Simon Scholars Program, which enables students facing difficult life and economic circumstances to graduate from high school with enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence. Simon Scholars is a unique six-year program that begins during a student's junior year in high school and continues through four years of college. Each recipient received a $16,000 scholarship.

Additionally, 12 students received the Seal of Excellence which honors students who took the most rigorous academic path. Qualifying students are designated as “AP Scholars”, which is achieved when a student passes three or more Advanced Placement tests with a score of three or better. These students will be honored with a special seal on their diploma, notation on their transcript and highlighted in the graduation program.
“Congratulations! This is sure to be one of many successful moments for you and we wish you continued success as you embark on new adventures,” said Superintendent Dr. Fred Navarro. “Good luck on the journey ahead and go make your mark on the world!,” he said.

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Additional awards and recognitions included; National Merit Scholar Finalists, Dr. Norman R. Loats Scholarship, Dr. Robert Charles Francy Science Scholarship, John W. Nicoll Scholarship for Future Teachers, Norman Stillwell Award, ASCE Every Student Succeeding Award, Girls Incorporated Scholarship, Coastline ROP Awards, OCDE Academic Pentathlon, Naviance College & Career Essay contest winners, Youth & Governments Participants, Newport Beach Youth Council Government Day participants, Girl Scout Gold recognitions, and Eagle Scout recognitions.

Click the following link to view and download photos of the student awards ceremony, https://nmusd.smugmug.com/2016-Student-Awards-Ceremony/2016-Student-Awards-Ceremony/

As a whole, the 2016 graduating seniors are receiving more than $2.5 million in scholarships and grants. That money will go to good use as our graduates prepare to enter notable colleges throughout the country and abroad including; Boston University, Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Duke University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Michigan State, Princeton University, Stanford University, UC Berkley, UCLA, and USC to name a few.

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