

DISTRICT DELIGHTS!

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Photos of the Month!



Rancho High School held its Class of 2017 commencement ceremony on June 7 at the Arcadia Performing Arts Center. We are so proud of each of you!



In June, the Arcadia Firefighters Association, Methodist Hospital of Southern California, and Arcadia High School joined forces to train over 900 of our Apaches in Hands-Only CPR!

Mark Your Calendar!

***August 16**

Arcadia High—Opening Day

***August 17**

Elementary and Middle Schools—Opening Day

***September 4**

Labor Day—All Schools and Offices Closed

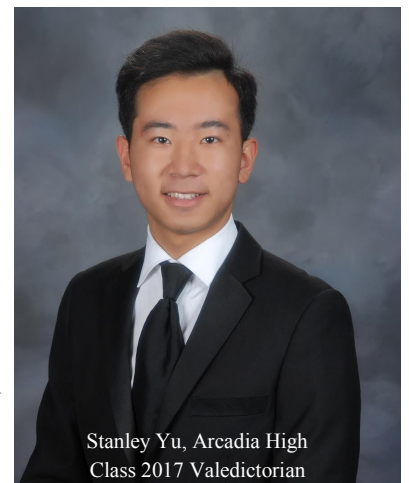
Arcadia High Students Accepted Into Every Ivy League University for Second Straight Year



For the second straight year, the graduating class from Arcadia High School has at least one student accepted into every Ivy League University in the country. In addition to that rare feat, the Arcadia High Class of 2017 also has at least one student accepted into Stanford, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and California Institute of Technology (Caltech).

Three Apaches were accepted into Harvard University, four to Yale University, seven to Cornell University, two to Columbia University, five to University of Pennsylvania, two to Princeton University, two to Brown University, three to Dartmouth College, two to Stanford University, three to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and two to California Institute of Technology.

Stanley Yu, who will be attending Columbia University in the fall, was named the Class Valedictorian. Yu was born in Arcadia and attended Baldwin Stocker Elementary School and First Avenue Middle School before matriculating to Arcadia High. All through middle and high school, he earned straight A's in every class on his way to a 4.0 cumulative GPA. In addition to being a prestigious National Merit Scholarship winner, Yu played water polo for three years, was on the swim team, Speech and Debate, U.S Constitution and Government team, which qualified for the national championships the past three years, captain of the Physics team, founded the Arcadia High Coding Club, and has volunteered for the Foundation of Disabled Youths for the past three years. *Read more at site.ausd.net.*



Stanley Yu, Arcadia High
Class 2017 Valedictorian

Update from Superintendent Dr. David Vannasdall

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

What an incredible year it's been for the Arcadia Unified School District! Thank you for helping make us one of the best public school districts in the nation and for your unwavering support. Arcadia High School and our Class of 2017 have also had a remarkable year! From Arcadia High being named among the top two percent of public schools by *Niche* to 25 of our seniors becoming National Merit Scholarship Finalists to the second consecutive year that we have at least one student accepted into every Ivy League University, we have another amazing group of seniors proudly representing all of us as Apache alumni. Many of our recent graduates have spent all 13 years with the Arcadia Unified School District, acquiring countless accolades on the journey from kindergarten to graduation. Beaming smiles, proud families, and inspirational stories filled both the Rancho High School and Arcadia High School commencement ceremonies. Please take a moment with me to offer a sincere congratulations to our Class of 2017, as I share with you a few of the remarkable accomplishments of this year's Arcadia High graduates:



- Graduates: 883
- Graduation rate: 99.2% (national average: 82%)
- GPA: 3.29 (meets minimum requirement for all UC schools)
- Average SAT (2400 is top score): 1924 (national average: 1497)
- Average New SAT (1600 is top score): 1300 (national average: 1080)
- Colleges applied to: 382
- College most applied to: UC Irvine (368)
- Private college most applied to: USC (187)
- College most accepted: UC Riverside (229)
- Accepted to UCLA: 55
- Accepted to USC: 48
- Scholarships and Grant funding: \$5.2 million

Some of the other colleges and universities our graduates were accepted to include the following:

Azusa Pacific University, Berkeley, Brown, California Technical Institute, Carnegie Mellon, Claremont McKenna, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Georgia Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins University, University of La Verne, Loyola Marymount University, MIT, University of Michigan, New York University, Northwestern, Occidental College, University of Pennsylvania, Pepperdine, Princeton, Purdue, San Diego State University, Stanford, University of Washington, and hundreds more.

Dr. David Vannasdall
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