Dear Arlington Community,

It is hard to believe that the 2021/2022 school year is drawing to a close. Today, Tuesday, June 14 is the last day of classes for Arlington High School students before they begin taking Regents exams.

There has been a lot of good news at the high school in recent weeks. I am pleased to share a sample of our students’ accomplishments this afternoon, with a special spotlight on our upcoming graduates.

**AHS: No Place for Hate**

Arlington High School earned Gold Star status by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) as an “official” No Place for Hate (NPFH) school for a second consecutive year. AHS earned Gold Star status by going above and beyond to offer additional activities to combat bias and bullying. Arlington High School hosted several events this school year—all led by students. Some notable events include:

- The Student Wellness & Belonging Panel Discussion
- AHS Student-Led Workshops for LMS Students
- AHS Multi-District Spring Equity Conference: A World of Connection

In addition, this year over 75% of Arlington High School students and teachers reaffirmed their commitment to “No Place for Hate” by signing the NPFH pledge this past fall 2021.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the work, dedication, and leadership of the students in the AHS Student Equity Association and their faculty advisors.

In addition, every year, ADL Albany New York/New Jersey selects one high school student for the No Place for Hate Gold Star Student Award. Recipients of the NPFH Gold Star Student Award have gone above and beyond to make their school community No Place For Hate. This year, I am excited to share that AHS senior Julia Pomeroy has been selected as the recipient of the award.
Joseph Goncalves Student Humanitarian Award

In May, senior Jasmine Zoha was awarded the 2022 Joseph Goncalves Student Humanitarian Award, which recognizes two students in NYS for demonstrating “a record of involvement and work for a cause or organization that actively promotes social justice, equal opportunity, relief of human suffering or similar aspirations generally understood to be within the meaning of humanitarian activity”. Click here to read Jasmine’s winning essay. We thank Jasmine for her commitment to service throughout her time at AHS.

EVERFI Black History Month Challenge

Senior Emma Chenski won the EVERFI Black History Month Challenge. Emma will receive a scholarship and an Apple MacBook Pro in recognition of this achievement. The Black History Month Challenge, occurring during the month of February, is a first-of-its-kind national competition to help middle and high school students across the United States understand the Black experience through perspectives, successes, and struggles. Students who participated in the challenge were guided through four digital lessons and then completed a capstone essay where they shared a plan for keeping the conversation about Black history going year-round in their community. Emma was one of only three students from across the country to win this challenge.

Charlie Johnson Award Winners

On Wednesday, June 1, Arlington High School held its annual Memorial Day Commemoration and Charlie Johnson Awards ceremony. Twenty-two seniors received the Charlie Johnson Award for emulating eight character traits that Charlie embodied: loyalty, brotherhood, selflessness, courage, compassion, responsibility, patriotism, and integrity. Award winners read the names of the Arlington alumni whose names are engraved on the Arlington Wall of Remembrance, which honors alumni who lost their lives during the course of military service.

MINALI ABRAHAM-AGGARWAL, NAANA ASIEDU, KOREY BRUCE-DOE, JACK FRUSTACE, CODY GIBBS, BRIDGET HOGAN, REBECCA ITTY, CHRISTOPHER EVANS, LAYLA LACELLE, RAELE LEAK, GERALD LUDWIG, ANAGHA M.A. KUMAR, NICHOLAS MAURO, LEAH MAYERHAUSER, MARY ELLEN MAZZOLA, ANNA MEADEN, JULIA POMEROY, CHASE RUSSELL, RYAN JOHN SCOTT, ALICIA SMITH, AUSTIN SYPEK, AIDAN WARD
Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Teachers
Nine Arlington High School students have participated in the Today’s Students, Tomorrow’s Teachers (TSTT) program this year. TSTT is a unique school-based mentoring program that recruits and mentors students, especially those from culturally diverse and economically challenged backgrounds, who are interested in pursuing a career in teaching. TSTT provides financial assistance for students to attend college, and places them as teachers and leaders who will inspire and strengthen their communities. Congratulations to graduating seniors Emily Szymanski and Deanna Joseph for completing the AHS TSTT program. They both plan to pursue degrees in education. (Pictured left to right, Ms. Jeanne Desire, Emily Szymanski, Deanna Joseph, and Ms. Kim Ale).

June Award Recipients
On Wednesday, June 8, Arlington High School held its June Awards Ceremony where several AHS seniors received awards from recognition from a variety of organizations. Please click here for a list of recipients. Cody Gibbs, who received three awards on June 8, is pictured receiving the Beyond the Dream Scholarship from Mr. Tim Hopkins.

Student recognition events are ongoing this week. This is just a sample of the awards and recognitions that graduating seniors have received this year. In addition, 220 students were inducted into National Honor Society, 45 students were inducted into the Math Honor Society, and 118 new students inducted into the World Language Honor Societies. We also had 27 scholar athlete teams, 295 scholar athletes, and championship level competition in girls’ soccer, football, wrestling, and fencing.

I look forward to celebrating all of the achievements of the Class of 2022 at graduation on Saturday, June 25.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Moyer