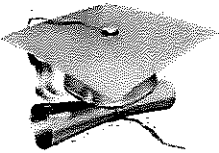




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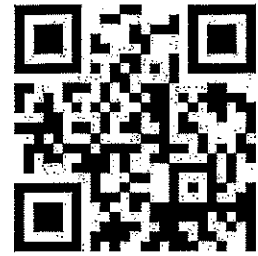
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Either scan for the application or use this URL:
<https://tinyurl.com/GNHSCumLaude>



Cum Laude Award

In the pursuit of our mission, and following our important departure from sorting students using class rank, we are excited to announce a new system of recognition that honors all students who meet high expectations. Honored students excel in the areas of dedication, character, volunteerism, responsibility, pride, and excellence while earning a high G.P.A. Students recognized for this achievement at Senior Honors and Awards Night will receive a special demarcation to wear on graduation day. Students can also add their Cum Laude status to college or employment applications.

AWARD DESIGNATIONS AND INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS

CUM LAUDE: Initial qualifiers must have a seven semester GPA of at least **3.00** AND complete **ONE** class as described in the Excellence category.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE: Initial qualifiers must have a seven semester GPA of at least **3.75** AND complete **THREE** or more classes as described in the Excellence category.

SUMMA CUM LAUDE: Initial qualifiers must have a seven semester GPA of **4.25** and above AND complete **FIVE** or more classes as described in the Excellence category.

In addition to the above qualifying indicators, students must meet each of the requirements listed in the six areas described on the back of this document to earn an award. All students are encouraged to keep track of their activities and leadership experiences, volunteer activities and Advanced Placement/qualifying courses beginning freshman year. Activities and experiences need to be recorded in the Cum Laude Portfolio which is available in Google Drive. All application materials will be reviewed and verified by District 127 staff upon submission. Students must submit their completed application by February 1st of their senior year.

CUM LAUDE AWARD CRITERION

To qualify for any level of Cum Laude award, students must meet the requirements below. Qualifying students must submit their completed application by February 1st of senior year. Students earning an award will be notified by spring break and invited to Senior Honors and Awards Night. Students who believe they should have been awarded an honor, but were not, may appeal using the form in the Cum Laude folder by April 15th.

DEDICATION*

Students must show dedication to their studies by earning a minimum of 26 credit hours.

CHARACTER*

Students should demonstrate good citizenship as evidenced by their discipline record. In addition to the consistent demonstration of "Knights Way" at North, and the "RAMS Way" at Central, an awarded student must have no suspensions or code violations during their tenure in District 127.

VOLUNTEERISM*

Students must give back to their school and larger communities by serving a total of 50 community service hours to be tracked and later submitted by the student via the Google form. These hours may include both school sponsored and non-school sponsored activities.

RESPONSIBILITY*

Students must demonstrate responsibility by having a cumulative rate of attendance of 95% attendance or higher.

EXCELLENCE*

Students must complete with a "C" or better courses from the list below as required by the target award level. Cum Laude requires ONE from the list below, Magna Cum Laude requires at least THREE and Summa Cum Laude requires at least FIVE.

- Advanced Placement Courses. Students may fulfill the Excellence category with as many or as few AP courses as they would like.
- Dual Credit Earth Science Honors (Grayslake Central Only)
- PLTW Engineering Design and Development
- PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture (beginning in 2018-2019)
- PLTW Introduction to Engineering
- PLTW Principles of Engineering
- Dual Credit Public Service Practicum

PRIDE*

Students must earn five units of leadership experiences from the following list. Each item earns a student one unit. Students will be required to list all qualifying activities in their portfolio.

- Active participation in one year of a club/activity (can be used more than once)
- Named to a leadership role in your club/sport (can be used more than once)
- One year serving as a student tutor (can be used more than once)
- Participation in one sports season (can be used more than once)
- Athletic council/SAALT (can be used more than once)
- Athletic trainer or team manager (can use more than once)
- Earn Seal of Biliteracy (can use only once)
- Earn personal recognition in art or music
- Thespian member (can use only once)
- Member of Art, Music, Language or other Honors Societies (can use one time only for each society)
- Community recognition for contributions (each recognition is one unit)
- Other experiences as approved by your counselor. If in doubt, include it!

* District 127 reserves the right to give special consideration to students whose extenuating circumstances prevented them from meeting one or more of the requirements.

* Students who violate one or more of the criteria above prior to graduation may be stripped of their Cum Laude status. Updated 6/2017