

Points of Pride



2017-18 Highlights at Ronald Reagan High School

Ronald Reagan High School's graduating class of 2018 received 12.5 million dollars in college scholarships from across the nation.



Reagan's juniors skyrocketed their results with ever-spiraling levels of success on the ACT. The most recently available scores are:

- Reagan's 2017-18 Composite Score: 21.6
- WI State 2016-17 Composite Score: 20.1

Lisa Theppanya and Hserka Htoo (juniors) both received Awards of Excellence from the Medical Advisory Board of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Scientists for active roles in a Boston, MA convocation.

Reagan High School topped the charts in eligible students completing their FAFSA, ensuring that our students had the greatest opportunity for college financial aid.

Lauren Barta (junior) was chosen to be a part of the distinguished State Honors Music Project by the Wisconsin School Music Association.

Reagan High School's Music Department was highlighted by 88Nine Radio Milwaukee in a comprehensive radio interview and article.

Antonio Banda received a prestigious Mary Horwitt Piano Scholarship allowing him to study at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

Jessica Apitz (Special Education) received the impressive National Board Certification for Professional Teaching Standards in her field, an honor that less than 3% of the nation's teachers achieve.

Reagan High School "Exceeds Expectations" according to the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction's annual School Report Card.

Molly Schuld (Science Dept.) was selected for an active role in the prestigious Wisconsin Women Network Policy Institute. Only 25 women are chosen each year to receive this intensive advocacy and leadership training.

One hundred students traveled to Chicago to see the hip-hop tribute to American's Founding Fathers in the live production of "Hamilton." The students attended through a generous grant from the Hamilton Educational Program.

Julia Matiszik (junior) was chosen to perform on stage at the CIBC Theatre in Chicago. Her spoken word piece "Louder" was given prior to the Hamilton live stage production.

Reagan High School received a \$20,000 grant from the Northwestern Mutual Foundation to support a Girls in Technology program to boost female enrollment in STEM.

Diane Yang (Social Worker) earned the MPS Social Work Spotlight for her commitment to at-risk high school students.

PyraMax Bank in the Historic Third Ward has become a year-round venue hosting rotating displays of Reagan's IB Visual Art students' work for public viewing.

Karen Gonzalez (junior) won an award from UW-Parkside for creating one of the five best art pieces on display at their campus art show.

Kirstin Hackbarth (senior) was chosen as an MPS Student Artist of the Month for her vested involvement and continuous activities in the fine arts of theatre, art, music, and forensics.

Daysi Perez-Soto (Math) was named alongside Reagan's dynamic wrestling team in an online Journal/Sentinel article focusing on the female student athletes in a male-dominated sport.

Milwaukee County Schools' Common Report Card ranked Reagan High School in the top 10 for ACT scores among county-wide schools.

Joel Velez (senior) was selected as a Local Honoree in the 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for his volunteer services.

Alexandrea English (senior) received White House recognition from the US President for her community volunteerism in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Points of Light program.

Reagan High School engineers spearheaded an innovative internship program that employs students as active Building Service Helpers.

Destiny Scott-Dyson (senior) was in the spotlight on WISN Channel 12 for her commitment to education and personal excellence in conjunction with The Milwaukee Times/Louvenia Johnson scholarship program.

Sarah Moore (Spanish), a veteran Milken Educator Award recipient, met with US senators to discuss educational policy at a congressional reception hosted by the Milken Family Foundation in Washington DC.

Alyssandra Scaffidi (senior) is the recipient of the 2018 Honors in Language Study Award bestowed by the distinguished Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. The award recognizes her exceptional commitment to the study of a world language and culture.

Margaret Holtgreive (Psychology) is one of 18 educators chosen by National History Day to be a part of *Memorializing the Fallen: Honoring Those Who Served*, a national program that will recognize American heroes who died during WWI and/or the Korean War.

Freedom Gobel (junior) was chosen to represent Wisconsin at the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference in Wash, DC based upon her essays and journalistic work.

Kellen Sharp (senior) joined the elite ranks of those selected by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation as a 2018 Excellence Scholar, earning a rare \$10,000 scholarship.

Audra Kresinske (Special Education) has been honored with a Teacher of the Year award for distinguished service in the Transition Program by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators (MMABSE).

Daniel Montalvo (senior) was chosen as the 2018 Urban Debater of the Year by the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues.

Multiple students were named as Exemplary Soloists at the Wisconsin State WSMA competition: Lauren Barta, Casimir Riley, Kaitlyn Ryan, Alexander Walker, Natalija Walker, and the Madrigal Vocal Ensemble. Juniors Deacon Leer, Lauren Barta, and Samantha Ryan also performed in the highly exclusive WSMA State Honors Choir.

Emma Unholz and Margarita Campos will represent Reagan High School at Badger Girls State and Elijah Wall will take part in Badger Boys State. These juniors will spend part of their summer with other high-performing WI students to learn about government and leadership.

Three freshmen won top prizes at the MPS District-wide STEM Fair. Reagan winners were Raymond Scherer (1st Place), Laiba Warraich (2nd Place), and Liliana Reyes (3rd Place).

Angelise Puls (Senior), Samantha Pieper (Junior), Rohit Bhatia and Brenden McLaughlin Haralson (Sophomores) presented their SMART Team research work at the annual ASBMB Experimental Biology meeting in California.



Once again, Reagan High School has received national recognition from US News & World Report (Silver Award).

Ronald Reagan High School continues to experience sky-rocketing success due to the leadership of MPS, the dedication of our staff, support from vested community members, involvement of caring parents, and the endless commitment displayed by our great International Baccalaureate students.