

DuPage High School District 88 highlights from the 2017-18 school year:

- About 900 students graduated on May 20.
- To date, our preliminary numbers indicate more than 90 percent of the class of 2018 at Addison Trail plans to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary school, and more than 90 percent of the class of 2018 at Willowbrook plans to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary school or a technical school.
- Members of the Addison Trail class of 2018 plan to attend colleges in 13 states and have been accepted to more than 100 colleges. Members of the Willowbrook class of 2018 plan to attend colleges in 22 states and have been accepted to 94 colleges.
- While we await our final counts for second semester, at the end of Semester 1, District 88 students earned 557 career certifications. To date, 544 students have earned 1,387 hours in dual-credit courses. We also have a record number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, totaling nearly 1,500. Those students account for more than 3,000 enrollments in Advanced Placement courses and will take about 1,900 exams, which will provide them with the opportunity to earn college credit before ever stepping into a college classroom.
- Our 4, 5 and 6-year graduation rates continue to be above the state level – at nearly 90 percent, or above 90 percent, in each of those categories.
- We also remain above the state level in terms of the number of freshmen who are on track to graduate from high school. On this year's state report card, nearly 90 percent of our freshmen are on track.
- We continued to partner with the Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce and the Addison Workforce Development Committee to work with local businesses to provide our students with real-world experiences.
- Helping others and giving back is a cornerstone of pride at District 88. Initiatives this school year included hosting "Go Pink" events for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, blood drives, Relay For Life of District 88 All Youth, food drives, volunteering at local homeless shelters, providing snow shoveling services for the community and more.
- Students were recognized for their state and national achievements in:
 - The 2018 Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production (which was selected to perform during the International Thespian Festival in June)
 - The IHSA Drama & Group Interpretation State Competition
 - Illinois Music Education Association
 - IHSA Speech
 - DECA
 - Business Professionals of America
 - Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association
 - Math Team
 - Universal Technical Institute's High School Top Tech Challenge (we had a championship team)
 - SkillsUSA (we had a State Champion at Addison Trail and a State Champion at Willowbrook)
 - IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving
 - IHSA Girls Cross-Country
 - IHSA Girls Bowling

- IHSA Girls Badminton
- IHSA Boys Gymnastics
- IHSA Boys Track & Field
- IHSA Boys Wrestling
- IHSA Three-Point Showdown
- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-State recognition
- Illinois High School Football Coaches Association All-State recognitions
- Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games
- Athletic highlights included:
 - 26 students signed to play their respective sport at the collegiate level.
 - Willowbrook's Jack Jessen (class of 2018) earned a State Championship after winning the 182-pound division of the IHSA Boys Wrestling State Tournament and tied the IHSA's all-time wins record with 201.
 - Willowbrook's Adam Sousa (class of 2018) was named as the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Co-State Champion in the All-Around.
 - The Willowbrook Football Team claimed its first outright Conference title since 1982 and its first West Suburban Gold title. The team also advanced to the Quarterfinals of the IHSA Playoffs for the second consecutive year.
 - The Willowbrook Special Olympics Volleyball Traditional Team made school history by becoming the first volleyball team at Willowbrook to qualify for the Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games.
 - The Addison Trail Boys Volleyball team won the Conference title for the first time since 2006.
 - We also watched as Addison Trail alumna Alexa Scimeca Knierim, class of 2009, competed in the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games with her husband and pairs figure skating partner, Christopher Knierim. At the Olympics, Team USA won the bronze medal in the figure skating team event.

See photos of these accomplishments and more on our Facebook pages at:

- Addison Trail: www.dupage88.net/ATSuccesses2017-18
- Willowbrook: www.dupage88.net/WBSuccesses2017-18