

## District 88 successes 2018-19

Our students continue to receive recognition at the state and national levels in academics, extracurricular activities and athletics. This school year alone ...

- We had nearly 1,000 students walk across the stage during graduation on May 19.
- To date, our preliminary numbers indicate nearly 90 percent of the class of 2019 at Addison Trail plans to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary school or a technical school, and more than 94 percent of the class of 2019 at Willowbrook plans to attend a two- or four-year post-secondary school or a technical school.
- While we await our final counts for second semester, at the end of Semester 1, District 88 students earned 658 career certifications. To date, about 430 students have earned 1,149 hours in dual-credit courses. We also have a record number of students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses, totaling nearly 1,548. Those students account for about 3,050 enrollments in AP courses and will take about 1,800 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, more than 87 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.
- Willowbrook senior Jackson Hathaway was recognized by College Board for his performance on the AP United States Government and Politics Exam. Jackson not only received the top score of 5, but he also was one of 113 students in the world to earn every point possible on the United States Government and Politics Exam. Only 675 students in the world earned every point possible on an AP Exam.
- More than 100 District 88 students were named as 2019-20 State Scholars.
- Willowbrook seniors Jackson Hathaway, Maxwell Polanek and Annie Ross were named as Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. And seniors Michael Danielson, Melissa Florey, Kevin Hedlund and Renee Maggard were named as Commended Students.
- Willowbrook seniors Bahgat Hassan, Victoria Palma and Joseph Cavazos were named as Scholars in the 2018-19 National Hispanic Recognition Program through the College Board. Victoria also was named to the 2019 Illinois High School Association Honorable Mention All-State Academic Team.
- Addison Trail seniors Nicholas Nasti and Christopher Voinea and Willowbrook seniors Jackson Hathaway and Victoria Palma were named as Honorable Mentions to the 2018-19 DuPage County Daily Herald Academic Team.
- More than 100 District 88 students earned State Seal of Biliteracy recognition and State Commendation toward Biliteracy recognition.
- Addison Trail seniors Danielle Harris and Luis Silva and Willowbrook seniors Melissa Florey and Matthew Foley were selected as Honorable Mentions in the 2018-19 DuPage County Daily Herald Leadership Team program.
- Addison Trail participated in SkillsUSA National Signing Day Sponsored by Klein Tools, which celebrated thousands of high school seniors throughout the U.S. who are pursuing a career in the skilled trades. Five Addison Trail seniors were recognized as they signed their letters of intent, in a style similar to National Signing Day events for student-athletes.
- Addison Trail seniors Connor White and Rosemarie Mercado were selected as members of the Cast/Ensemble for the 2019 Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production of “In the Heights.” Connor also was nominated in the “Best Actor” category by the Broadway In Chicago Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards.

- Nineteen District 88 students were named as Illinois Music Education Association All-District Musicians. Willowbrook juniors Emma Cismesia and Emma Staunton were named as All-State Musicians.
- Willowbrook Theatre competed in the Illinois High School Association Drama & Group Interpretation Sectional competition and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The entire cast also received All-Sectional recognition.
- The 2017-18 Addison Trail yearbook staff earned two Blue Ribbons for Coverage and Theme Development during the Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association Conference.
- 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 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 2019 Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production
  - Illinois Music Education Association
  - Math Team
  - DECA
  - Business Professionals of America
  - Universal Technical Institute’s High School Top Tech Challenge
  - SkillsUSA
  - IHSA Girls Golf
  - IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving
  - IHSA Girls Cross-Country
  - IHSA Girls Bowling
  - IHSA Boys Wrestling and IWCOA High School Girls State Championships
  - IHSA Boys Gymnastics
  - IHSA Girls Badminton
  - IHSA Girls Track & Field
  - IHSA Competitive Dance (Pom Pon)
- Athletic highlights included:
  - 35 District 88 students signed to play their respective sport at the collegiate level.
  - The Addison Trail Coed Varsity Cheerleading Team competed in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association Championship and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place finish. The team also was named as State Champions in the Coed Stunt Group category, and Head Coach Tammy Gomez was named as the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association Coach of the Year.
  - Addison Trail freshman Gabriel Slonina signed a contract to play for the Major League Soccer club Chicago Fire.
  - The Willowbrook Special Olympics Volleyball Team took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games.
  - Willowbrook senior Matas Masys was recognized for scoring 1,000 points throughout his varsity high school career. He is the second player in school history to reach that accomplishment.
  - The Willowbrook Football Team competed in the Quarterfinals of the Illinois High School Association 7A Playoffs for the third year in a row.
- District 88 awards included:
  - Addison Trail and Willowbrook were again listed on the U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings.
  - District 88 was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA). The district received an Award of Merit in the Team category for its partnership with Elmhurst College to provide two asynchronous math courses (an Asynchronous Calculus 3 Model and an Asynchronous College Algebra class) for District 88 students.