



## SPONSOR CONNECTION

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*Latest News for St. Aloysius Sponsored Schools*

### Reminders

8/1: [Adopt online day plan](#) for academic school year  
8/3: Complete the [OhioMeansJobs K-12 Survey](#)  
8/8: Annual [restraint and seclusion data collection](#) window closes  
8/22: Updated 5 year forecast & assets policy due to sponsor

### **FY25-26 Governing Authority and School Leader Timeline**

Click the link below to access the the timeline.

[Governing Authority & School Leader Timeline 25-26](#)



### **Governing Authority Trivia Corner!**

#### **Board Trivia Winner!**

Congratulations to Antoine Williams from Green Inspiration Academy in Warrensville Heights. Antoine received a \$25.00 Amazon gift card for participating. June was our last month for the Trivia Contest but we're always looking for ways to help keep board members engaged and informed about the important work they do!

Please feel free to submit any suggestions you may have to Frank Stoy at [fstoy@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:fstoy@charterschoolspec.com).

### **Charter School Specialists Revised Directory**

Click on the link: [CSS Staff Directory](#)



Friends and colleagues,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Susan Scarponi has passed away. She had missed an appointment at her mother's nursing home, and they found her at her favorite spot on her back patio with her flowers. It was only a month ago that I commended Susan on her career in education, specifically serving charter schools around Ohio. Now I would like to commend her on a life well lived. She made an indelible impact on the lives of all who came in contact with her. Her care, and concern for the children of Ohio, and her self-deprecating humor that ingratiated us to her, will all be remembered. She was a wonderful friend, and a passionate colleague and she will be missed. Godspeed my friend.

Dave Cash

[Susan Scarponi Obituary and Online Memorial \(2025\)](#)

A celebration of life for Susan will be held Saturday, September 13 from 2-5pm at Golden Dragon in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. For more information and to RSVP, please visit the following link: [Susan Scarponi Celebration of Life](#).

## **CEO Recognized for her Commitment to Students and Families**

Mary Snell, CEO of the New Leaf Organization, was recently recognized as one of ten Most Impactful Business Leaders to watch in 2025 by CIO Views Magazine. New Leaf provides management services to St. Aloysius sponsored Buckeye Community Schools in Mansfield, Fremont, London, and Marion. Buckeye Community Schools provide a unique model of instruction that allows students to define their goals and create their own graduation plan. Students work at their own pace, choosing when and where to get work done. They are provided with one-on-one support from teachers and counselors and are served at multiple locations.

In Mary's words "Our model doesn't ask students to change who they are to fit a system – it's designed to fit them, to meet them where they are and help them thrive." Mary also says in the article "When you listen to those the world often overlooks you discover the kind of brilliance, resilience and potential that can transform entire communities. We do not ask students to fit the system – we build systems that fit the student. Because every child deserves a chance to rise, no matter where they begin"

The article also discusses how New Leaf emerged as a nonprofit committed to designing schools that restore rather than reject.

You can read the entire article in CIO Views by clicking on this link: <https://cioviews.com/mary-snell-turns-over-a-new-leaf-replanting-the-roots-of-education-for-the-overlooked/>

## **Legal Department**

### **COMING SOON – HB 96 TRAINING**

On June 30, 2025, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 96 into law. House Bill 96 was the state's biennial appropriations bill. Included within the biennial appropriations bill are a number of legislative changes regarding community school operations, for example the bill

makes updates to the funding formula and career education funding; the bill defines a classical school and clarifies the definitions of high performing community schools and provides provisions for each; the bill reduces the waiting period for opening a school building from ten days to five days; the bill makes revisions to the Early Literacy Component on the state report card; and the bill changes the length of time in the Five-Year forecast from five years to three years. This is just a small sample of the updates and revisions, this not a comprehensive list of the items in House Bill 96 that will affect community schools. It is important to note these changes will not take effect until late September (90 days after the bill was signed). All of the changes, revisions and updates to community schools will be discussed in more detail in a webinar training that will be recorded and available in August.

## Federal Programs

Federal Programs started off the fiscal year with several challenges. The One Funding Application has replaced CCIP as the application system for all federal grants. The One Funding Application has several programming issues which were not discovered until its release. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) is continuing to upload fixes and make enhancements to improve the system. It may take quite some time before the system is running smoothly. If you encounter an issue in the system, please send the information to [EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov](mailto:EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov). Also, the document library in CCIP is still operational and this is where the current CCIP notes are housed. In a recent CCIP, the deadlines for changes to the FY25 grant applications were changed from June 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1, 2025. This change will allow schools to make changes in their FY25 budgets in CCIP and potentially utilize any remaining Title II, Title III, and Title IV funds. ODEW is not requiring a summer extension for schools wishing to submit budget changes. The Final Expenditure Reports deadline has also been changed to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Here is a link to review these and other changes in CCIP Note 574: [CCIP Note 574](#).

There have also been some unfortunate changes to the distribution of federal grants. The Office of Management and Budget paused the distribution of Title II, III, and IV funding to states, in order to ensure that these grants align with the current administration's agenda. These funds were reinstated on July 26<sup>th</sup>. ODEW will be returning the grants in early August thereby enabling schools to adjust their budgets and budget details. Schools did receive Title I, IDEA Part B and Early Childhood Special Education funds as part of their consolidated federal funding. Schools that met the qualifications for Title I Supplemental Non-Competitive School Improvement funds and Expanding Opportunities for Each Child, did receive these federal funds.

ODEW has advised that carryover funds from Title II, III, and IV will be available as usual once the FERs have been final approved. Please note that schools should enter history log notes regarding their proposed budgets for the FY25 carryover amounts for **all consolidated grants** (Title II, Title III, and Title IV). These notes should be entered both in FY25 in CCIP and also in the One Funding Application communication log for FY26. Entering the history log notes regarding the expending of any carryover funds will establish a substantially approved date for the carryover funds. This means that schools can begin allocating the carryover funds prior to their availability. Please keep in mind that since the deadline for FERs has been extended until December 31<sup>st</sup>, the carryover funds will also be delayed and will most likely be loaded in late January or February. These funds can be allocated but not drawn down until they are uploaded into CCIP and receive final approval.

If you have any questions regarding federal programs, please contact Nannette Sherman at: [nsherman@charterschoolspec.com](mailto:nsherman@charterschoolspec.com).

## Graduation – A Celebration of Purpose, Persistence, and Possibility

Graduation remains one of the most inspiring and rewarding times of the school year. It's the moment when students cross the stage not only to receive their diplomas but to step into their futures—equipped with knowledge, skills, and the confidence to forge their own path.

At Charter School Specialists, we are proud to support schools that go beyond the classroom to prepare students for life. This year, we are thrilled to celebrate the Class of 2025 across our sponsored schools, where a total of 3,240 students earned their high school diplomas.

What makes this year especially exciting is the continued emphasis our schools have placed on career and college readiness. Across the network, graduates earned over 4,300 industry-recognized credentials, amassed thousands of volunteer and pre-apprenticeship hours, completed hundreds of college credits, and collectively earned millions of dollars in scholarships and awards.

Whether students are entering the workforce with certified credentials, enrolling in colleges and universities, pursuing apprenticeships or trade programs, or proudly enlisting in the military, it's clear that they leave their schools prepared and empowered.

This success would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of school boards, leaders, educators, staff, and management partners. We at Charter School Specialists extend our deepest thanks to everyone involved in supporting these graduates, and we send heartfelt congratulations to the entire Class of 2025.

Your journey is just beginning—and we can't wait to see where it takes you next.

### School Highlights

AchievePoint Career Academy Cincinnati – 97 graduates  
AkroTech High School – 10 graduates and 65 credentials earned  
Black River Career Prep High School – 55 graduates and 119 credentials earned  
Buckeye Community School – 157 graduates  
Buckeye Community School Fremont – 30 graduates  
Buckeye Community School London – 94 graduates  
Buckeye Community School Marion – 181 graduates  
Capital City Career Prep High School – 26 graduates and 63 credentials earned  
Career Prep Virtual High School – 7 graduates  
ChallengeU Ohio Community School – 110 graduates  
Cliff Park High School – 69 graduates and almost 200 credentials earned  
Cornerstone Academy – 54 graduates  
Cypress High School – 79 graduates and 172 credentials earned

Fairborn Digital Academy – 64 graduates  
 Franklinton Prep High School – 90 graduates  
 Frederick Douglass High School – 146 graduates and over 150 credentials earned  
 Gateway Online Academy of Ohio – 611 graduates and 704 credentials earned  
 Gem City Career Prep High School – 54 graduates and 607 credentials earned  
 Glass City Academy – 130 graduates  
 Greater Ohio Virtual School – 239 graduates and 267 credentials earned  
 Innovative Career Academy – 20 graduates  
 Lake Erie International High School – 47 graduates and 84 credentials earned  
 Liberty High School – 80 students and 197 credentials earned  
 Lorain Preparatory High School – 13 graduates and 9 credentials earned  
 Marshall High School – 184 graduates and 173 credentials earned  
 Mount Auburn Preparatory Academy – 20 graduates  
 North Woods Career Prep High School – 33 graduates and 212 credentials earned  
 Northwest Ohio Classical Academy – 20 graduates and 79 state seals  
 Patriot Preparatory Academy – 38 graduates and 190 graduation seals  
 Randall Park High School – 54 graduates and 161 credentials earned  
 River Gate High School – 43 graduates  
 Towpath Trail High School – 255 graduates and 688 credentials earned  
 Westwood Preparatory Academy – 14 graduates and 19 credentials earned  
 YB Columbus Community School – 89 graduates

## Graduation Highlights



### Black River Career Prep High School Celebrates the Class of 2025

On June 6th, the historic Lorain Palace Theater was filled with pride and celebration as 55 graduates from Black River Career Prep High School crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. These students overcame personal challenges and met all Ohio graduation requirements with determination and resilience.

Collectively, the Class of 2025 earned 119 industry-recognized credentials, totaling 449 IRC points—equipping them with valuable skills for college and career pathways. Every graduate also earned the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal and received First Aid/CPR instruction, demonstrating their preparedness for the workforce.

This momentous achievement is a testament to the hard work of students, staff, and the Board of Directors, all of whom played a vital role in guiding these graduates to success. Congratulations to the Class of 2025—you've made Black River Career Prep proud!



### Capital City Career Prep High School Celebrates Class of 2025 Success

This year, Capital City Career Prep High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 26 students who proved that dedication and perseverance lead to real success. Together, the Class of 2025 earned 63 industry-recognized credentials, totaling 248 IRC points—paving the way for postsecondary education and career opportunities.

Among the year's standout achievements, seven of eight students passed the rigorous National Phlebotomy Certification Exam—an impressive accomplishment in a field known for its high standards. In total, students earned 517 high school credits, each one a symbol of their resilience and determination.

Capital City Career Prep continues to empower learners through academic achievement and real-world preparation. Congratulations to the Class of 2025—we can't wait to see what you do next!



### Career Prep Virtual High School Celebrates Class of 2025 Graduates

Career Prep Virtual High School proudly celebrated the achievements of seven graduates from the Class of 2025. These students not only earned their diplomas but also demonstrated a strong commitment to building future-ready skills, earning a total of seven industry-recognized credentials. Credentials included three RISEUp Retail Fundamentals, three RISEUp Customer Service and Sales, and one CPR/First Aid certification—equipping students with valuable tools for the workforce.

A special graduation ceremony was held on June 13 at the Cincinnati campus for Helyn G. and Shaniyah W., with over 50 friends and family in attendance. Another graduate, Obadiah H., completed his requirements on June 18 and proudly picked up his diploma just days later.

We applaud the hard work and dedication of these graduates and look forward to the bright futures ahead for each of them!

### Cypress High School: Five Years Strong and 79 Graduates Stronger

As Cypress High proudly marked its fifth anniversary, the 2024–2025 school year stood out as a milestone of growth and achievement. This year, the school celebrated its largest graduating class to date, with 79 students earning their diplomas—a testament to Cypress's ongoing commitment to preparing students for success beyond high school.

These graduates left with more than just diplomas—they left equipped with purpose and preparation. The Class of 2025 earned a

### Frederick Douglass High School Celebrates 146 Graduates Across Campuses

The 2024–2025 school year marked a significant milestone for Frederick Douglass High School, celebrating the graduation of 146 students across its Main and Euclid campuses—43 from FD Main and 103 from FD Euclid. This remarkable achievement reflects the school's continued dedication to academic success and student development. Graduates left not only with diplomas but with real-world skills and a strong foundation for the future. Collectively, the Class of 2025 earned over 150 industry-

### Gem City Career Prep High School Celebrates Class of 2025 Graduates

Gem City Career Prep High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 54 accomplished students for the 2024–25 school year. These graduates collectively earned an impressive total of 268 credentials, accumulating 607 Industry Recognized Credentials (IRC) points—a true testament to their hard work and dedication to career readiness.

The commencement ceremony was held at Sinclair Community College, drawing over 500 guests who came together to honor and



remarkable 172 industry-recognized credentials, including 65 CPR certifications and 33 pre-apprenticeships, showcasing the school's dedication to hands-on learning and career readiness. Additionally, four students received college scholarships, including two full two-year awards to North Central State College and two \$500 scholarships from the Red Cross for students in the healthcare pathway.

This year, Cypress reaffirmed its role as more than just a school—it's a vital part of the community. From organizing a successful blood drive with the American Red Cross to expanding its Free School and Community Store, Cypress students and staff made a lasting impact while building momentum for the future. Congratulations to the Class of 2025—your next chapter awaits!

recognized credentials, equipping them for college, careers, and beyond. Additionally, two students were awarded scholarships to support their continued education.

Frederick Douglass High School remains committed to empowering students through opportunity, support, and high expectations. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

### **Randall Park High School Celebrates the Class of 2025**

Randall Park High School is proud to recognize the achievements of 54 graduates from the Class of 2025. This year's graduates earned a combined total of 161 Industry Recognized Credentials, showcasing their commitment to career readiness and lifelong learning.

While no scholarships were awarded this year, the accomplishments of these students speak volumes. Each graduate overcame personal and academic challenges to reach this milestone, and their hard work and determination reflect the values and mission of Randall Park High School. Congratulations to the Randall Park Class of 2025—you've earned this moment, and your futures are bright!

support this dynamic, strong, and diverse graduating class. Although no scholarships were awarded this year, the exceptional achievements of the Class of 2025 reflect the school's commitment to preparing students for success in their future careers and education. Congratulations to all graduates, their families, and the entire Gem City Career Prep community!

### **Marshall High School Celebrates the Class of 2025**

Marshall High School proudly honored 184 graduates in the Class of 2025, a group defined by determination, growth, and a commitment to future success. Together, these students earned 173 credentials—evidence of their readiness to enter the workforce, continue their education, or pursue specialized training after high school. Among this year's achievements, one graduate was awarded the esteemed *Alison Shuemaker Scholarship*, highlighting the academic excellence and community values Marshall students are known for. The Class of 2025 represents the strength and spirit of Marshall High School. As they move forward into new chapters, they carry with them the skills, resilience, and confidence cultivated during their time on campus. Congratulations to each and every graduate—your future is bright!



### **North Woods Career Prep High School Honors Resilient Class of 2025**

North Woods Career Prep High School proudly celebrated the achievements of 33 graduates for the 2024-2025 school year. Together, these students earned 212 credentials, totaling 356 Industry Recognized Credential (IRC) points—an outstanding accomplishment that reflects both academic and career-focused dedication.

This year's graduating class is as diverse as it is inspiring. Twenty-seven of the graduates come from immigrant families, representing 20 different countries and speaking 15 languages. Among them, two students earned Phlebotomy certifications during their junior year, and nine students are graduating at least a year early. Others showed incredible perseverance, earning their diplomas despite facing life challenges that delayed their graduation by three or four years.

The Class of 2025 is a shining example of the strength, determination, and inclusive spirit that defines North Woods Career Prep High School. Though no scholarships were awarded this year, each graduate leaves with something just as powerful—proof that their hard work has paid off, and their futures are full of possibility.

Congratulations, North Woods graduates!



### **Gateway Online Academy of Ohio Celebrates a Historic Class of 2025**

Gateway Online Academy of Ohio proudly graduated 611 students during the 2024-25 school year—130 in February and an impressive 481 in June. These graduates earned a total of 704 certifications, including 385 OhioMeansJobs (OMJ) Readiness Seals, 540 RiseUp Retail Certificates, 163 Embold credentials, and one STNA license.

Gateway students continue to break barriers and pursue bright futures. Among this year's graduates, 55 have enrolled in college, 41 are heading to trade or technical schools, 6 are launching their own businesses, and one has enlisted in the military.

This year was also a milestone in Gateway's commitment to accountability and access. Over 2,600 students were served, and more than 20,000 courses were completed. For the first time in school history, 85% of students participated in in-person End-of-Course testing statewide—a major achievement to celebrate.

Gateway Online Academy exists to support students navigating academic and personal challenges, and the Class of 2025 is a powerful testament to what's possible with resilience, flexibility, and the right support. Congratulations, Gateway graduates!



### **AchievePoint Career Academy Cincinnati Reaches New Milestones with the Class of 2025**

AchievePoint Career Academy in Cincinnati proudly celebrated 97 graduates from the Class of 2025—an inspiring achievement that reflects the school's ongoing commitment to student success. Graduates earned valuable credentials, including the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal and the Community Service Seal, and four students were awarded scholarships to support their post-secondary pursuits.

Since opening its doors in 2018 with just 50 students and 14 graduates, AchievePoint Cincinnati has grown significantly. Now serving up to 400 students annually, the school has seen a 51% increase in graduation rates from the previous year—marking 2024-25 as a record-breaking year for both enrollment and achievement.

Serving students ages 15 to 21, AchievePoint remains rooted in its mission to provide flexible, personalized, and high-quality education opportunities to the Cincinnati community. The Class of 2025 is a testament to the strength of that mission and the resilience of the students it empowers.

Congratulations to the graduates—and to the families, educators, and community members who helped make this milestone possible!



### AkroTech High School Celebrates Its First Graduating Class

AkroTech High School proudly celebrated a major milestone this year—graduating its very first class. The Class of 2025 includes 10 pioneering students who have set the bar high by collectively earning 65 industry-recognized credentials through the school's innovative Interactive Media Pathway.

These trailblazing graduates developed real-world skills in graphic design, web development, digital marketing, retail fundamentals, and logistics. With a curriculum rooted in hands-on learning and cutting-edge technology, AkroTech equips students to thrive in today's fast-paced digital and creative industries. Each graduate leaves not just with a diploma, but with a strong foundation for career success and innovation.

As AkroTech continues to grow, the Class of 2025 will be remembered for launching a legacy of excellence, creativity, and career readiness.

Congratulations to your first-ever graduates—you've made history, and your futures are bright!



### Lake Erie International High School Celebrates Growth and the Class of 2025

Lake Erie International High School proudly celebrated 47 graduates from the Class of 2025, marking another year of growth and achievement. This year's graduates earned a total of 84 credentials in areas inclusive to Rise Up Retail, Boutique Salon, Phlebotomy, and 911 National Emergency Dispatch Communications—equipping students with real-world skills for immediate career opportunities.

LEIHS continues to thrive through its strong foundation in Social Emotional Learning. By fostering meaningful relationships between students and staff, the school has seen continued improvement in attendance, reduced suspensions, and, for the second consecutive year, an increase in its graduation rate.

The Class of 2025 reflects the values of resilience, connection, and purpose. As they step into the next chapter, they carry with them both academic knowledge and practical expertise, thanks to a school culture built on support and trust.

Congratulations to the graduates of Lake Erie International High School—you are the future, and we're proud of your journey!

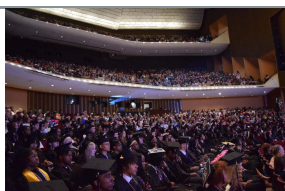


### Greater Ohio Virtual School Celebrates Record-Breaking Class of 2025

On June 3, 2025, Greater Ohio Virtual School proudly celebrated its 21st commencement ceremony. A total of 239 students earned their diplomas, marking a milestone achievement for the school and a powerful reflection of the growth and support GOVS continues to provide.

Graduates also earned a total of 267 credentials across various career and technical fields, further preparing them for success beyond the classroom. This accomplishment is the result of intentional support systems introduced in recent years, including academic coaches, mental health services, a dedicated resource coordinator, and the opening of the GOVS student center. Held at Mason Middle School, the graduation ceremony honored not only academic achievement but also the resilience, determination, and community spirit that define the GOVS experience. The Class of 2025 has set a new standard for what's possible in virtual education.

Congratulations to all our graduates—your futures are limitless!



### Towpath Trail High School Reaches New Heights with Class of 2025

Towpath Trail High School proudly celebrated a record-breaking 255 graduates for the 2024-25 school year—an inspiring milestone that reflects the school's unwavering commitment to student success. This accomplished class earned a total of 688 credentials, including essential one-point certifications such as CPR, OSHA, and First Aid. Additionally, seven students were awarded scholarships to further their education and career goals.

This achievement was made possible through intentional and personalized support. Educators implemented flexible pacing, small-group instruction, and one-on-one interventions to meet students where they were. Intervention teams worked proactively to address academic gaps, while wraparound services—including mental health support, crisis intervention, and basic needs assistance—ensured students could thrive both in and out of the classroom.

The Class of 2025 is a testament to Towpath Trail's compassionate, student-centered culture. With resilience, hard work, and the right support, these graduates have not only earned their diplomas—they've paved the way for bright futures.

### Northwest Ohio Classical Academy Celebrates the Virtuous and Vibrant Class of 2025

Northwest Ohio Classical Academy proudly graduated 20 outstanding seniors in the Class of 2025. This exceptional group earned a total of 79 state seals and was awarded 10 scholarships—including seven virtue-themed scholarships from the PTO, two Silverman Scholarships, and one prestigious Governor's Scholarship.

Former Headmaster Mr. Henry captured it best: among the seven virtues taught at NOCA, this class most beautifully embodied *Friendship*. Their kindness, warmth, and leadership left an undeniable impact on both peers and younger students alike.

Beyond the classroom, the Class of '25 was active in nearly every corner of campus life—leading on the volleyball court, cross-country trail, soccer field, wrestling mat, basketball court, tennis court, and track. They also brought harmony and heart to NOCA's growing music program. Nearly half the senior class participated in the school's first musical, and their musical excellence earned seven "Superior Ratings" at the OMEA Adjudicated Awards, along with district honors for the men's chorus.

As these graduates go on to new adventures, their voices, leadership, and legacy of friendship will be dearly missed at NOCA. Congratulations to a truly remarkable class!



### Lorain Preparatory High School Celebrates Its Historic First Graduating Class

History was made this spring as Lorain Preparatory High School proudly celebrated its inaugural graduating class. Thirteen students earned their diplomas as part of the Class of 2025, and their accomplishments speak volumes. Among them: nine earned RiseUp credentials, one graduate earned an associate's degree through Lorain County Community College's College Credit Plus program, and the class as a whole earned numerous merit-based scholarships.

Twelve students were awarded scholarships to Lorain County Community College, two earned scholarships to Lorain County JVS, and one standout graduate received offers from prestigious institutions including Ohio State University, Oberlin College, Cleveland State, and Case Western Reserve University. These trailblazing graduates have set a high bar, with achievements spanning college acceptances, credential attainment, and full-time job offers in fields such as healthcare, customer service, business, skilled trades, and early childhood education. Their success reflects a rigorous, career-focused curriculum that blends academic preparation with real-world skills.

"This graduating class has set the expectations," said Principal Evans.



“They’ve paved the way for future students by showing what’s possible when hard work meets opportunity.”

The entire Lorain Prep community celebrates the Class of 2025 for leading with purpose, striving with passion, and inspiring the future.



### Cliff Park High School Graduates Build a Future Fueled by Skill, Service, and Purpose

The Class of 2025 at Cliff Park High School graduated not only with diplomas in hand, but with a powerful combination of career certifications, hands-on experience, and a strong sense of purpose. This year, 69 graduates completed over 11,000 hours of career-focused experiential learning through the school’s thriving Career Tech Education (CTE) programs.

Students earned nearly 200 industry-recognized credentials in high-demand fields including Healthcare, Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, and Business. Among their many accomplishments:

- 12 Certified Phlebotomy Technicians, 8 Patient Care Technicians, and 4 Certified Medical Assistants
- 42 OSHA-10 and 46 First Aid/CPR certifications
- 1,873 pre-apprenticeship hours in manufacturing and 6,085 hours in construction
- 90+ business credentials, including Retail Industry Fundamentals and Customer Service & Sales

Their learning extended beyond the classroom—students toured worksites, supported their community through service projects, and even helped build a Habitat for Humanity home. In addition, six students earned scholarships to further their education.

From phlebotomy labs to 3D-printed prosthetics, Cliff Park students demonstrated not only skill, but heart and determination. The Class of 2025 has built confidence, capacity, and a legacy that will outlast them—and they’re just getting started. Congratulations to all the Cliff Park graduates!



### Liberty High School: Empowering the Class of 2025 Through Purpose, Passion, and Perseverance

Liberty High School proudly celebrated the graduation of 80 students this year. Through career tech programs, volunteer service, and a strong sense of school community, the Class of 2025 made their mark in remarkable ways.

This year’s graduates earned an impressive 197 industry-recognized credentials, including certifications in health care, construction, advanced manufacturing, direct support professions, and business. Collectively, students completed 13,923 hours of volunteer service—serving at food pantries, leading community clean-ups, and even helping build a Habitat for Humanity home.

Liberty also saw the growth of new student leadership opportunities through the launch of student council, a yearbook committee, and the science club, all contributing to a vibrant and engaged student culture. The Liberty Merchant Bazaar was a standout event, allowing students to build business plans, create products, and sell them in a schoolwide marketplace with staff mentorship.

The school’s focus on workforce readiness was evident through mock interviews, job fairs, and on-site hiring opportunities. One senior earned the \$1,500 Tools Future Industry Leaders Scholarship, receiving the equipment needed to kickstart a career in construction.

More than 30 seniors were accepted to college, and one committed to serve in the U.S. Army. Liberty’s commitment to student success was also recognized at the Mentoring Engagement and Fast Forward Conference, where a student shared a powerful, original poem reflecting on finding acceptance and belonging at Liberty.

Liberty High School continues to rise as a place where students are heard, valued, and empowered to succeed—both in school and beyond. Congratulations to the resilient, compassionate, and career-ready Class of 2025!



### Patriot Preparatory Academy: Class of 2025 Sets Records and Raises the Bar

The Class of 2025 was one for the history books at Patriot Prep, graduating the school’s largest class yet with 38 seniors. These accomplished students didn’t just meet expectations—they exceeded them in every way.

While still in school, the graduating class earned an impressive 327 college credits, with several students completing the equivalent of their first year of college. In addition, students collectively earned 190 graduation seals, far surpassing the state requirement of two per student—a testament to their academic drive and well-rounded preparation.

Service was another hallmark of this class. With over 4,030 hours of community service completed during their time at Patriot Prep, these students demonstrated a strong commitment to making a difference in the world around them.

Perhaps most inspiring, the Class of 2025 earned a remarkable \$4.43 million in college scholarships, grants, and awards, paving the way for a bright and promising future.

As Patriot Preparatory Academy reflects on this milestone year, there’s no doubt the Class of 2025 has set a new standard for excellence, leadership, and service. Congratulations to these outstanding graduates!

### Westwood Preparatory Academy Celebrates the Class of 2025

Westwood Preparatory Academy proudly celebrated the achievements of 14 graduates during the 2024–2025 school year. These students exemplified resilience and determination, not only earning their high school diplomas but also securing 19 industry-recognized credentials that will support their future college and career pathways.

Graduates were honored in multiple, meaningful ways—from the formal YouthBuild commencement ceremony to personalized celebrations at their school buildings—each recognizing the hard work and dedication that led them to this moment.

We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2025 and the paths they’ve forged. Their perseverance is a testament to their character, and we look forward to seeing the impact they will continue to make in the world. Congratulations, Westwood grads!