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 The Woodlands College Park High School



Newsclippings

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5/8-12	AP testing week 2
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5/9	Retirement Celebration
5/12	AST Underclassmen Awards
5/14-19	Intel ISEF
5/18	Senior Honor Graduate Breakfast
5/23-27	DI Global

Dear Academy Parents and Students:

It is already the last month of school and there are quite a few activities before June!

The Academy Senior Gala was a huge success! Please read our news below!

Dr. Caffery

Opportunities

CP Grad Night Class of 2017

Senior Parents - Do you want the best seats and parking in the house to see your senior graduate June 1? CP Grad Night is holding four live, online auctions for 4 premium seats with a parking pass at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Bidding is now active and will run through May 15, 16, 17, and 18 (one bid closes per day).

To place a bid, please go to

- charityauction.bid/CPgrad2017

All proceeds will go to CP Grad Night.

Keeping Our Seniors and Community Safe Graduation Night

PAST General Meeting

All parents are invited to attend the **PAST General Meeting on Thursday May 25 at 5:30 pm in the Commons**. A summary of the year will be given and PAST members will vote on the board members for next year. Following the meeting parents and students are invited to attend the **Freshman Research Symposium** in the auditorium. PAST Hospitality will have refreshments for the meeting.

Freshman Research Symposium

The **Class of 2020** invites you to attend **the Freshmen Research Symposium on Thursday May 25 at 7 pm in the College Park auditorium**. During this event, they will present the results of a six-week environmental study in Jones State Forest. Parents, siblings and guests are welcome to attend. Following presentations in the auditorium students will showcase their work on third floor with project boards and electronic journals.

Underclassmen Award Ceremony

Academy students are invited to attend the ninth annual Underclassmen Award Ceremony on Friday May 12 from 1-2:30 pm in the College Park auditorium. Students in grades 9-11 will be recognized for outstanding achievement in the following:

- Science Fair
- Senior High EDC
- BEST Robotics
- Envirothon, FIRST Robotics
- Envirothon
- Destination Imagination
- Completion of Exploration Credit (by the end of sophomore year)
- Special Junior Awards
- Election of new officers for the Academy Student Union

Parents and guests are welcome at this event.

The **Architecture Center of Houston (ArCH)** offers walking tours of the surrounding neighborhoods to explore architecture, design, and history of Houston's urban landscape. Each tour is led by a trained docent. Tours take place at 10 am. The following tours are offered. Reservations are encouraged. For more information go to <http://aiahouston.org>. These tours qualify for exploration credit for students.

- May 4 UH Art & Architecture Tour
- May 6 Rice University Walking Tour
- May 13 Houston Heights Bicycle Tour
- May 18 Montrose Walking Tour

Academy News

Academy Student Wins Stockholm Junior Water Prize for Texas

Sophomore **Hudson Nash** was notified that his paper received first place at the state-level **Stockholm Junior Water Prize** competition. He will now compete in the national competition June 16-18 in Charlotte, North Carolina! Hudson was selected to receive this prize at the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston.

Only projects that have been nominated by the national organizer in each participating country are admissible to participate in the national competitions. Hudson submitted his technical paper for the Texas competition and won First Place, thereby making him eligible for the National Competition.



Students Honored at Repsol Event

Repsol recognized students with the Student Innovation Award at a presentation on Wednesday April 19. The awards were presented by Repsol Honda World Champion MotoGP riders Marc Marquez and Dani Pedrosa. In addition to the certificate each awardee also received 4 complimentary tickets to see Marquez and Pedrosa in action at the 2017 RedBull Grand Prix of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Students receiving this award included: **Megan Alam, Juliana Steward, Nandika Nair, Ajitha Anand, Sreshta Margan, Hannah Meiseles, Roshni Sen, Andrew Kim, Hudson Nash, and Tori Windrich.**





Academy Senior Gala

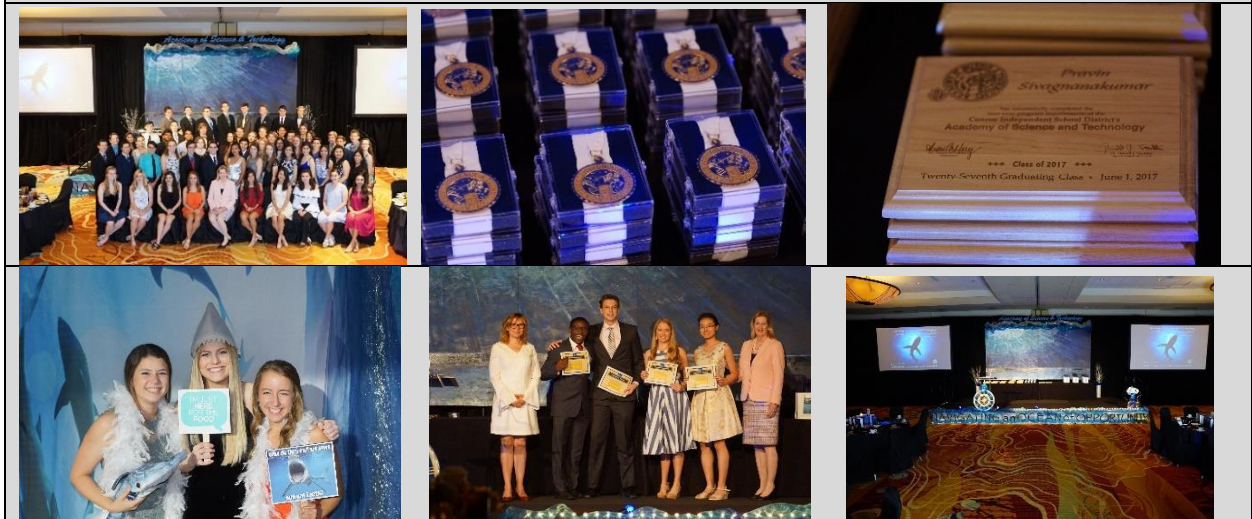
The 2017 Academy Senior Gala was held this past weekend. Gala Co-chairs Terri Kedzierski and Tandi Hodges along with their committee wowed us with an elegant design that showcased the theme Sharks: Navigating and Ocean of Possibilities. You may view the pictures at the following link:

<http://www.sydneyaustinphoto.com/Student-Center/Academics/Scienceech/2017-Academy-of-Science-Technology-Senior-Banquet/>

At their presentation, seniors receive a wooden plaque and the AST medallion, which is worn proudly at graduation.

A note from Terri Kedzierski and Tandi Hodges:

And just like that, the Class of 2017 Senior Gala has come and gone! Thank you to Dr. Caffery and the members of PAST for your continued support. Thank you also to the many volunteers who worked to make this event possible - Kathy Barbieri, Cheryl Brady, Sky Beck, Rob and Brenda Fluth, Tammy Sisson, Jen Kaiser, Laura Calizzi, Ivana Warma, Deb Stirling, Sue Smith, Chrissy Esposito, Anjani Ganesh, Sofia Overturf, Elizabeth Dunbar, Ellen Huang, Hollie Quigley, Beth Lyon, Sara Winningham, Myrna Frost, Melba Aguilar, Ericka Connor, Shelly Maes, Lamiyah Papar, Rosa Mendiburu Castillo, Chandana Mannem, Beth Vu, Yun Xi, Tammy Onofrio, Linda Chang, Lauren Bella, Monica Griffin, Amy Long, Sharla Sundin, Flor Schnicer, and Wendy Packer. It takes many hands and yours were greatly appreciated.



Retirement Celebrations

Students, parents, staff and guests are invited to the **Retirement Celebration** for **Mr. Larry Walker and Dr. Lee Barrow** on Tuesday May 9 from 3-5 pm in the Commons.

Mr. Walker has been an instructor in the Academy for 27 years and was part of the original Academy when it was housed within Oak Ridge High School. He was instrumental in starting the Jones State Forest environmental study and creating the Organic chemistry course. He has chaired the Display and Safety committee for the district, been a member of the State and International D&S Committee. Mr. Walker has sponsored science fair projects and Envirothon teams.

Dr. Barrow has been an instructor in the Academy for six years. He has taught SRD, AP Calculus BC, and AP Statistics. Dr. Barrow has sponsored science fair projects and DI teams.

Please send any cards or letters of appreciation to the Academy office.

P.A.S.T. for the Future News

Information from the Parents of Academy of Science and Technology

PAST General Meeting

PAST will hold a General Meeting at 5:30 pm on May 25 in the Commons. Elections for the new board will be held.

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