

Points of Pride



2016-17 Highlights at Ronald Reagan High School

Ronald Reagan High School's graduating class of 343 seniors received \$12.2 million dollars in college scholarships from across the nation.



Reagan's juniors exceeded the 2017 Wisconsin State average on ACT composite scores:

Reagan's 2017 Composite Score: 21.4

WI State 2017 Composite Score: 20.1

The ACT scores are a primary consideration by most college admissions and scholarship boards when reviewing student applications.

Principal Mike Roemer joined the MPS Superintendent, Dr. Driver at the *White House Summit on Next Generation High Schools* hosted by President Obama in Washington DC.

Kyle Radomski (Senior) had his One Act Play chosen for production by the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, showcased in their annual Young Playwrights Festival.

Eli Kelley (Special Education) received the Division I Coach of the Year Award from the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Association (WHSTCA) for leading Reagan's girl's tennis team to win the City Conference.

Juniors Daniel Montalvo and Kellen Sharp were chosen to represent Reagan High School at the annual Wisconsin Badger Boys State citizenship program.

Reagan High School attained three School of Distinction awards for Reading, Math, and Behavior from the Wisconsin RtI Center for building a highly positive school culture.

The National Speech & Debate Association placed Reagan within the prestigious national "100 Club" for efforts in speech and debate.

Erica Breitbarth (Music) was chosen as a top ten finalist out of 3,300 applicants for the 2017 national Music Educator Award hosted by the Recording Academy and Grammy Foundation.

Kayana Adams (Junior), Anna Dannecker (Senior), and Lisset Perez (Junior) received Student Leader Awards from the national Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation.

Misa Sato (IB Coordinator) was recognized by the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee for her exemplary STEM teaching, honored at the *Celebrate Teachers and Teaching* ceremony.

Two Reagan students—Daniel Montalvo (Junior) and Sam Miller (Senior)—placed in the top three for the annual citywide Martin Luther King speech and essay contests.

Students received awards from the WI High School Forensic Assoc. for their production of *The Bear*. Awarded: Critic's Choice, Ensemble Acting, Director, Crew, and two Outstanding Acting awards for Gabriella Schmit (Junior) and Julia Matiszik (Sophomore).



Newsweek named Reagan High School as one of *America's Top High Schools: Beating the Odds* for successfully educating economically disadvantaged students.

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Marcel Dinsmore (Senior) was featured in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and *Preps Plus*, Wisconsin's primary resource for information on all high school sports, for his academic success, athletic prowess, and leadership in the face of a challenging birth defect.

Freedom Gobel (Sophomore) penned an incisive article about social media disruption in schools which was published in *Wisconsin School News*, the official online magazine of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

Reagan High School's current students represent 31 different cultures. Those who are immigrants, refugees, or first generation Americans were showcased in *We Are Reagan*, a personal identity art exhibit that is part of the highly-acclaimed global participatory art project, INSIDE OUT.

Anna Dannecker (Senior) was chosen to receive the 2017 Kohl Excellence Scholarship from the Kohl Educational Foundation for outstanding leadership and academic success.

Top prizes were won by three Reagan freshmen at the highly challenging MPS District STEM Fair: 1st Place - Rohit Bhatia; 2nd Place – Samia Sheikh; and 3rd Place – Justice Hoff.

Lauren Barta (Sophomore) was chosen by the Wisconsin School Music Association to perform in the elite Wisconsin State Honors Choir in Madison.

The Reagan High School Robotics Team took first place in the 2017 Wisconsin Regional Robotics Competition. After defeating 54 other teams, they went on to the increasingly popular World Championship competition.

Reagan students qualified for the NCFL Grand Nationals in Forensics including Freshman Samia Sheikh, Sophomores Jazmin Reyes, Julia Matiszik, Alanna Bielawski, and Seniors Amber Weissert, Mayada Issa, and Joe Vitrano.

Reagan High School appeared on PBS' *Around the Corner* when John McGivern featured Milwaukee's contributing stakeholders from the Garden District (Aldermanic District #13).

Teri Knight (French) has been honored with a Teacher of the Year award for distinguished service in world language education by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black School Educators (MMABSE).

Amber Weissert (Senior) and Samia Sheikh (Freshman) both qualified for the National Tournament competition to be hosted in Birmingham, Alabama by the National Speech and Debate Association.

David Walker (History) was selected for the elite *MBA in Education Leadership* program sponsored by the renowned Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE).

A film by seniors Louis Cary, Ethan Lelinski, Ryan Nordmeyer, and Coltrane Verban was featured beside other indie films shown at the trendy Austin Revolution Film Festival.

Ana Montanez (Social Work Aide) was chosen to receive the MPS School Social Work Aide Award for her exceptional dedication.

Seniors earned seats in the NHD national competition including Trinity Jackson, Megan Palmisano, Madison, Xiong, Alanna Bielawski, Mackenzie Stelplflug, and Jazmin Reyes while Lauren Barta (Sophomore) received the NHD's prestigious Chronicling America Award.

The Reagan High School office staff was selected by MPS to receive the *I Got Caught* award for notable commitment to customer service excellence.

Reagan High School's music program received valuable airtime coverage on Wisconsin Public Radio's *Kathleen Dunn Show* where fine arts in education was discussed at length.



This is the seventh year of national recognition although U.S. News could not consider all IB schools for Gold/Silver due to a loss of data.

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.