

Cambridge AICE Diploma Awards Press Information September 2021

Students from North Port High School earn Cambridge AICE diploma


North Port High School proudly congratulates the 134 students who earned their Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diplomas during the 22-23 school year. One hundred and twenty-five students from the class of 2023 earned this prestigious diploma from Cambridge Assessment International Education. An additional nine students from the class of 2024 earned this honor as well, fulfilling all program requirements in only two years rather than the standard three.

The Cambridge AICE diploma program recognizes students who successfully complete a rigorous course of study and pass the relevant exams. To achieve the Cambridge AICE diploma, students have three years to take a minimum of seven college-level courses in three different academic areas – Mathematics and Science, Arts and Humanities, and Languages – and pass the corresponding exams.

Of the 125 students from the class of 2023 who earned their Cambridge AICE diploma, 13 were recipients of the AICE diploma with Distinction, which indicates the highest level of achievement, and 71 received the AICE diploma with Merit. To earn these additional honors, students accrue quality points by attaining high scores on their exams. Students who accrue 360 out of a possible 420 points earn the diploma with Distinction, and students who earn between 250 and 359 quality points earn the diploma with Merit.

Cambridge examinations are recognized as qualifications that prepare and equip students with the skills they need to succeed both at university and beyond. The qualifications are designed to develop students who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative, and engaged. Students develop deep subject knowledge, conceptual understanding, and higher order thinking skills that will be needed for success at school, university and employment. North Port High School offers 20 different AICE courses in a variety of subject areas, allowing students to tailor their path to the AICE diploma to their own strengths and interests.

Mrs. Shannon Fusco, the NPHS Principal, notes that the Cambridge Magnet status of North Port High meshes well with the Virtual and Performing Arts (VPA) Magnet status although it does involve pre-planning. AICE diploma seeking students can be found heavily invested in VPA programs, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs both on campus and at three other Technical Programs and taking Dual



Enrollments classes at state colleges and Universities. Allowing students choice in their course integration gives families the freedom to strategically mix academic programs to support interest and ability.

Students who earn the Cambridge AICE diploma and have 100 community service hours are guaranteed to earn the Florida Academic Scholar (FAS) Award from the Bright Futures scholarship program, which pays full tuition and fees for four years of college or university study. Altogether, these 125 Cambridge AICE diplomas have guaranteed that members of the North Port High School class of 2022 will receive over three million dollars in Bright Futures scholarships alone, consequently saving them more than \$650,000 in student loan interest and providing them with an additional \$500,000 in free college classes.

Diploma candidates were honored at a banquet in April. As the program continues to grow, the number of candidates to be honored in 2024 is anticipated to be even higher.