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SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL CONTINUES TO MAKE TREMENDOUS ACADEMIC STRIDES

College Declaration Ceremony to Take Place this Friday, May 23

Sacramento, CA (May 22, 2008)— With nearly 80% of seniors accepted into 4-year colleges, and state wide rankings on the rise, Sacramento High School has plenty to celebrate these days. The entire senior class, parents, faculty and staff will do just that this Friday, May 23 at 8:30 a.m. with the first annual College Declaration Ceremony in the school's East Wing Commons. The ceremony will provide a forum for each student to publicly announce their school of choice and share the special moment with family and the school community.

"This ceremony means a lot to seniors because we are being recognized for all of our hard work to get into college," said senior Marc Romo who will be attending University of California Riverside. "This event should also inspire the junior class to push themselves and study hard so that they can get into colleges next year."

Of the more than 70 colleges that students were accepted to this year, Sac High students will be attending colleges across the country this fall, including; MIT, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Riverside, Purdue, San Francisco State, Sacramento State, Arizona State, University of the Pacific, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, Philadelphia University, Howard University and Fresno State.

"We firmly believe that our job as educators is to prepare students for college and life. Whether they decide to attend or not is up to them, but at least they will have that option," said PK Diffenbaugh, co-principal at Sacramento Charter High School. "We have very high expectations for our students, and believe that given a supportive environment, all students regardless of their zip code can and will strive to meet that challenge. Friday's ceremony will celebrate these students who've pushed themselves to excel."

Students and staff will have even more to celebrate than originally anticipated: On Wednesday, May 21st, The California Department of Education released their annual Similar Schools Ranking and gave Sacramento High School an "8" out of "10", which puts them in the top 30% of similar schools. The year before Sac High became a charter, the similar schools ranking was a 2-- the bottom 20% of similar schools.

While all Sacramento area high schools are not grouped in the same "similar school" category, the new ranking nevertheless puts Sac High as having the second highest similar school ranking of all high schools in Sacramento City Unified School District, only behind West Campus.

<http://api.cde.ca.gov/AcntRpt2008/2007BaseSch.aspx?allcids=34674390102038>).

School Name	Similar School Ranking
West Campus	10
Sac High	8
Kennedy	6
Hiram Johnson	3
CK McClatchy	3
Luther Burbank	2
Rosemont	1

Friday's College Declaration Ceremony Schedule of Events:

- 8:30am: Welcome – Co-Principal Ed Manansala
- 8:35am: Student Speaker – TBA
- 8:40am: Class of 2007 Alumni Speakers – Cervante Burrell & Kim Washington
- 8:50am: College Declarations & Hanging of name plates below college pennants
- 9:30am: Conclusion

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