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## COLLEGIATE RANKS TWELFTH IN MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOLS

After six years in existence as a school, Collegiate has been ranked as the number twelve school in the state of Missouri. The rankings are based on school metrics like college-readiness, graduation rate, AP courses available, state test scores, and the demographics of the student body. This is a huge honor for such a small and young school, and demonstrates the amounts of hard-work put in everyday by the staff, parents, and most importantly, the students.



## SENIORS OF 2019 BECOME THIRD GRADUATING CLASS OF COLLEGIATE

Collegiate sends off it's third group of Owls. The class of 2019 is leaving high school to pursue their life goals and higher education. All 37 members of the class are attending college in the fall, making the Class of 2019 the first class to be 100% college-bound.

The graduation ceremony was held at St. Louis University's Center for Global Citizenship. Elected student speakers included Mohemmed Al-Husseiny, Ka'Nya Conley, and Sachi Korgaonkar. All three students spoke on the importance of attending Collegiate as they worked toward being successful in academics and friendship beyond high school. As Mohemmed said, "We went from strangers, to classmates, to friends, to family." Best of luck to the Class of 2019!



Left: Seniors, Chynah Brown, Marissa Hailey, Kaylce McKinney, Kaylee McKinney, Janiz Rodriguez, and Olivia Chairez pose for a photo in their caps and gowns
Right: Student speakers, Mohemmed Al-Husseiny, Ka'Nya Conley, and Sachi Korgaonkar sit together before giving their speeches during the graduation ceremony

# MS. LASHONDA MACKEY NAMED SLPS MATH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Left: Collegiate Math Teacher, Ms. Mackey, named 2019 Educator of the Year for the Saint Louis Public Schools District

Anyone who knows Ms. Mackey will not be surprised that she has received the honor of being named Secondary Math Educator of the Year. This Collegiate math teacher is a leader in every sense of the word. From her work with mentoring her colleagues and students, heading the Math Department, taking lead of the House system, and doing all this with a positive attitude and a smile everyday, Ms. Mackey is truly one of the people that makes Collegiate so great.

Ms. Mackey has been at Collegiate since 2016, after being in education for over 8 years. She teaches Algebra 2 and Geometry for Collegiate, and is known for pushing her students and colleagues to be their best. Sophomore Lorene Tran says about Ms. Mackey, "The most important thing she taught me was how to problem solve, and how to apply that to real-life scenarios."

A big "thank you!" to Ms. Mackey for all that she gives.

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#### SENIORS CELEBRATE IN THEIR LAST SEMESTER

The Senior class spent their last semester with plenty to celebrate! The third graduating class was one of the smallest, at 37 students, but they didn't let that stop them from making their last year a huge success academically, socially, and philanthropically. This senior class had some of the strongest friendship bonds coming out of Collegiate, and they'll continue to support each other as they move beyond the walls of high school.

In their last semester the seniors celebrated their hard work with prom, Decision Day Assembly, and the Senior Symposium. All these events gave the seniors some last opportunities to celebrate themselves and each other, as well as all the hard work they've put forth thus far.

The class of 2019 will be pursuing many different paths in their post-secondary lives, but all 37 of them will be attending college in the Fall. They will be working towards majors in the medical field, business world, political sphere, and many more. This group will no doubt go on to contribute and accomplish many great things!



Above: The senior class poses for a group photo during the Decision Day Assembly, in which the seniors announce their post-secondary decisions for the colleges and universities they will be attending after graduation. This year, 100% of the senior class is college-bound.

#### FAST FACTS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2019

- Class of 2019 has earned over 6 million dollars in scholarship money for their college and university studies
- 90% of the seniors have chosen to stay in Missouri for college
- The most popular 4-year universities for the Class of 2019 were Washington University, Fontbonne University, Saint Louis University and Southeast Missouri State University

- The senior class complete 5,807 community service hours



Above Left: Board member, Dr. Michael Railey address the attendees during the graduation ceremony

Above Center: Four Collegiate Seniors head to Washington University in fall, including Nya Fifer, Naomi Steele, Mohammad Albuhssin, and Mateline Rogers

Above Right: Seniors, Catherine Cassani, Marissa Hailey, Chynah Brown, and Caroline Reifsteck capture a photo during their prom





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#### INCOMING FRESHMEN PREPARE TO BE OWLS

Collegiate opens it's doors to the Class of 2023! The incoming freshmen class is already starting to learn all that it takes to be an Owl. Starting with New Family Orientation in April, the families heard testimonies from soon-to-be classmates about how their decision to attend Collegiate has been overwhelmingly positive. The new families also heard from teachers and administrators about the opportunities that await them in the next four years.

Becoming an Owl isn't easy, after a rigorous application process including an entrance essay and admissions interview, only 82 students were accepted to the class of 2023, out of the 265 total students that applied. These incoming freshmen are among the best and the brightest in the region and Collegiate can't wait to welcome them into the Owl family.

This summer, the new students will attend a week long orientation at the beginning of August, which includes field trips and activities that will help the new students get to know each other, and get to know all that is expected of them during their time at Collegiate.

### COLLEGIATE SENDS 57 STUDENT-ATHLETES TO SCHOLAR LUNCHEON

Collegiate sent 57 student-athletes to the district-wide Scholar Athlete Luncheon, held to honor the student-athletes that have excelled in academics while competing in a sport during the year. Many of our student-athletes compete in more than one sport throughout the year, so it is a huge accomplishment to succeed in academics while juggling all their extracurricular activities.

The luncheon was a time for the students to hear from community leaders, as they shared their own stories and lessons-learned from their high school time. The student-athletes left the experience inspired to continue their success in the classroom and on the field.



Above: Student-Athletes take a group photo before the district Scholar Athlete Luncheon, that honors students who participate in athletics and do well in their academics. Almost all of our athletes qualified to be a part of the celebration.



Above: Assistant Principal Rougeau greets families of the incoming Class of 2023 at the New Family Orientation held at Goldfarb school of nursing

### NEW GIS COURSE AND COMPUTER LAB OFFERED

Collegiate is proud to add a new course in the 2019-20 school year, Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping. This course will give students the opportunity to work with software that allows them to integrate layers of data in relation to it's geographic location. GIS systems are used in a multitude of industries including, urban planning, environmental sciences, disaster management, energy use and tracking, and public health. Learning these tools will give the students a huge lead as they enter into their post-secondary studies and the workforce.

The school is working under a grant with local universities that will bring this cutting edge software into the classroom. As part of the grant, Collegiate will be completely outfitted with a new computer lab, which will include new computers, software, and furniture to make the course a possibility for the school. Collegiate looks forward to seeing the many ways the students will apply this technology in their academics.

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#### **COLLEGIATE OWLS SPORTS' REPORT**



Above: Collegiate's 4x400m relay team, Raizha Wallace, Amya Owens, Kori Seals, and Sydney Smith, places 9th at the state competition with a PR of 4:22:18.

The spring season was a record-setter for Collegiate sports. Women's soccer set school records across the board with 12 season wins (including 7 shutouts), 82 goals scored, and reaching the district championship game. Coach Klosterman, a math teacher with Collegiate, has built the men and women's soccer teams to achieve new heights during their seasons. Their coach hopes to continue their upward owls!

Men and Women's Track and Field sent 5 athletes to the state competition. For the girls' team, the 4x400m relay team qualified for the state competition. The relay team included three freshmen, Raizha Wallace, Kori Seals, and Sydney Smith, as well as one junior, Amya Owens. The girls placed 9th at the competition in Jefferson City with a personal record of 4:22:18.

The Men's track team qualified one athlete this season, sending Junior, Benjamin Vandenbrink, to the state competition competing in the 1600m. He medaled, receiving 8th place in the state, with a time of 4:40:27. Ben was quoted in the St. Louis Dispatch as saying, "You have to run your own race, you have to stay calm, trust the training you've done and not be too worried about it."

Collegiate ends the 2018-19 athletic year looking forward to continuing to improve in the coming years. Let 's Go Owls!



Above: Juinior, Benjamin Vandenbrink, takes 8th place in the state competition in Jefferson City with a time of 4:40:27 for the 1600m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN SUMMER

Thursday, May 30 - Math Testing for Incoming Freshmen at 8 a.m.

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Monday. July 29 - Thursday, August 1 - Incoming Freshmen Orientation from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. meeting at Collegiate

Wednesday, August 8 and Thursday, August 9 - Mandatory Registration Days for all Collegiate students, in the Lecture Hall from 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Monday, August 12 - First Day of Fall Athletics (Sports Physical Required before attendance)

Tuesday, August 13 - First Day of School



Above Left: Freshman, Sifa Wangia, leads the Owls' for goals scored, netting over 20 during the season

Above Right: The Lady Owls soccer team celebrates their senior players, Marissa Hailey, Catherine Cassani, and Caroline Reifsteck, during their Senior Night Game against North Technical Institute