

Honoring academic achievement and leadership

# The Portrait of a Scholar

## **Academic Achievement**

Scholars have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement so far in high school. This achievement has frequently been recognized by their school as well as organizations on a local, state, or national level. Scholars have held themselves to a high standard, taking advantage of opportunities to challenge themselves academically through curricula such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit.

### **Leadership**

Scholars are leaders, saying "yes" to opportunities to take responsibility and lead others. Scholars participate in multiple activities or organizations from academics to athletics, entrepreneurship to community service. Scholars show commitment, often sticking with an activity across multiple years and gaining experience through a variety of roles.

#### **Work Ethic**

Scholars are active and participate in a wide range of activities. Scholars lead busy lives and demonstrate a willingness to dedicate significant time to these pursuits. This ethic may be displayed through extracurricular activities or work experiences.

## **Initiative & Creativity**

Scholars show initiative and creativity, frequently in ways that fall outside of their high school work. They have examples of doing something new, different, or unexpected. Scholars set ambitious goals and think critically and creatively to achieve them.

#### **Passion**

No matter what they are involved in, scholars demonstrate passion for their work, their studies, and expanding their own worlds. They have a love of learning that is evident in their achievements and conversations. They are driven by curiosity about the way the world works, how they fit into it, and how they can have an impact.

#### Resilience

Students today have navigated through a disruption to the previously typical student experience on an immense scale. Scholars demonstrate the ability to adapt in challenging circumstances to achieve their goals. Furthermore, they incorporate the lessons learned into how they approach future challenges to obtain improved outcomes.