

**Graduates of Distinction:**

- **Cum Laude:** - Weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher without ever receiving a D or F as a final grade in any course.
- **Magna Cum Laude:** - Weighted GPA of 3.85 or higher without receiving a D or F as a final grade in any course.
- **Summa Cum Laude:** - Weighted GPA of 4.2 or higher without receiving a D or F as a final grade in any course.

**Community Service Cord Award (150+):**

Our students have been aware of the importance of community service since their freshman year. Whether it was for entrance into the National Honor Society, a requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship, or something that was emphasized as part of being a person of good character, most students embraced the notion of giving back to the community. Tonight we would like to recognize the following students, who went above and beyond for their community and completed at least 150 hours of community service during their high school career:

**Talented 20:**

Each year, high schools all over the state celebrate the top 20% of the graduating class, based on cumulative weighted GPA, over 7 total semesters. These students are known as the Talented 20. The Talented Twenty program is part of the Governor's Equity in Education Plan. The purpose is to guarantee admission to students who succeed in their respective K-12 public schools, and to encourage students to strive for better grades and pursue rigorous academic courses. Students eligible for the Talented Twenty program are guaranteed admission to one of the 12 state universities and these students are considered a priority for the awarding of funds from the Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG).

**Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship:** - This is Florida's primary merit-based scholarship program and students have been working hard toward obtaining this scholarship since the beginning of freshman year. The highest Bright Futures Scholarship is the *Florida Academic Scholars Award*. To receive this scholarship, students must earn a cumulative, weighted GPA of 3.5 in their core courses, complete at least 100 hours of community service and earn exceptional scores on either the SAT or ACT.

The second highest Bright Futures Scholarship is the *Florida Medallion Scholars Award*. To receive this scholarship, students must earn a cumulative, weighted GPA of 3.0 in their core courses, complete at least 75 hours of community service and earn scores on either the SAT or ACT that are well above the national average.