Awards will be given to the student with the highest overall average per subject. There will be one award given to each PreAP or Advanced Placement, and college prep subject.

An Arete award will also be given for each subject. Arete is a Greek word that means excellence of any kind; the act of living up to one’s full potential. Sometimes translated as “virtue,” the word actually means something closer to “being the best you can be,” or “reaching your highest human potential.”

**VALEDICTORIAN**
Claire McCutcheon

Claire is also receiving the Texas Education Agency Honor Graduate Certificate for the highest ranking graduate in the senior class of 2017

**SALUTATORIAN**
Alice Wang

**BIBLE AWARDS**
Presented by: Allen Strickland, Department Head

**Ninth Grade:**
- Girls Highest Average – Catherine Crabtree
- Boys Highest Average – Josh Clapp

**Tenth Grade:**
- Girls Highest Average – Addison Martin
- Boys Highest Average – Nathan Park

**Eleventh Grade:**
- Highest Average – Sarah Yun

**Twelfth Grade:**
- Highest Average – Claire McCutcheon

**ENGLISH AWARDS**
Presented by: Jennifer Dubicki, Department Head

**English I:**
- CP Highest Average – Katie Lowry
- PAP – Julia Webster

**English II:**
- CP Highest Average – Abby Burnett
- PAP – Jack Nguyen

**English III:**
- CP Language Highest Average – Sarah Yun
- AP Language – Zoe Cobb

**International English III Highest Average:** Ha Hoang

**English IV:**
- CP Literature Highest Average – Nhu Pham

Arete awards for each subject:
- Ninth Grade: Arete – Julia Webster, Marshall Wales
- Tenth Grade: Arete – Summerlee Zavidny, Brandon Dunleavy
- Eleventh Grade: Arete – Cameron Thiem
- Twelfth Grade: Arete – Cameron Hartzler

Arete awards for CP, PAP, and AP levels:
AP Literature – Audrey Watts Arete – Jessica Wang

Speech: Highest Average – Cameron Hartzler Arete – Courtney Juneau

**MATH AWARDS**
Presented by: Christina Martin, Department Head

Algebra I: CP Highest Average – Catherine Crabtree Arete – Natalie Hall
PAP – Kate Lobjries Arete – Julia Webster

Geometry: CP Highest Average – Sam Xing Arete – Avery Potts
PAP – Alex Hood Arete – Joshua Clapp

Algebra II: CP Highest Average – Osa Egbon Arete – Luis Lademora
PAP – Madison Muse Arete – Tiffany Thompson

Pre-Cal: CP Highest Average – Erik Nguyen Arete – Madison Wilcox
PAP – Audrey Watts Arete – Race Nguyen

College Algebra: Highest Average – Eden Spigener Arete – Mackenzie Winkel

AP Calculus: Highest Average – Cameron Hartzler Arete – Cristina Rivera

**SCIENCE AWARDS**
Presented by: Alecia Settle, High School Science

Biology: CP Highest Average – Catherine Crabtree Arete – Alice Nguyen
PAP – Julia Webster Arete – Daniel Folse

Environmental Science: Thomas Kontilis Arete – Jason Morris

Chemistry: CP Highest Average – Ethan Hoang Arete – Alexandria Gardner
PAP – Jack Nguyen Arete – Josh Romero
AP Chemistry Highest Average – Sarah Yun Arete – Claire McCutcheon

Physics: CP Highest Average – Will Drescher Arete – Luis Lademora
AP/DC – Audrey Watts Arete – Zolanny Salas

PAP Anatomy/Physiology: Highest Average – Cameron Hartzler Arete – Erik Nguyen

Health: Highest Average – Josh Romero Arete – Will Drescher
**HISTORY AWARDS**
Presented by: Sandye Reed, Department Head

**WH/Geography I:**
CP Highest Average – Alice Nguyen  
Arete – Marshall Wales
PAP – Daniel Folse  
Arete – Grace Dubicki

**WH/Geography II:**
CP Highest Average – Zach Adair  
Arete – Ethel Deng
PAP – Jack Nguyen  
Arete – Addison Martin

**US History:**
CP Highest Average – Victoria Phan  
Arete – Tiffany Thompson
DC – Sam Bulkley  
Arete – Zoe Cobb

**Government:**
CP Highest Average – Cameron Hartzler  
Arete – Caylie Riggs
AP – Alice Wang  
Arete – Audrey Watts

**Economics:**
CP Highest Average – Cameron Hartzler  
Arete – Okwura Uche-Okorocha
PAP – Alice Wang  
Arete – Claire McCutcheon

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS**
Presented by: Gerry Rice, Department Head

**Spanish I:**
CP Highest Average – Race Nguyen  
Arete – Kenzie Laird
PAP – Thien Do  
Arete – Katie Lowry

**Spanish II:**
CP Highest Average – Bryant Meneses  
Arete – Campbell Sherman
PAP – Jack Nguyen  
Arete – Joshua Clapp

**Spanish III PAP:**
Highest Average – Emily Austin  
Arete – Prince Godwin

**French I:**
Highest Average – Ha Hoang

**French II:**
Highest Average – Scott Stanley

**TAPPS 5A ACADEMIC RECOGNITION RIBBON**
Presented by Lisa Stiles, TAPPS Academic Coordinator

Grace Lopez – Fifth Place Spanish

**ACADEMIC ALL STATE AWARDS**
Presented by Steve Hale, Athletic Director

Football: Colton Elkins
Volleyball: Jasmine Ezzell
Girls Basketball: Savannah Webster

Boys Basketball: Prince Godwin, Dominque Williams

Girls Soccer: Hannah Hirst, Osa Egbon

Boys Soccer: Joseph Echevarria

Swimming: Sam Bulkley, Chase Lamendola, Eden Spigener, Madison Telschow, Rain Wang, Audrey Watts, Morgan Willoughby, Mackenzie Winkel

Track and Field: Osa Egbon, Caleb Mendoza

**SENIOR AWARDS**

We would now like to recognize our Class of 2017 with the university they have chosen to attend, and scholarships received. We will also honor award recipients, present cords for the Golden Eagle Award, PALs, Mu Alpha Theta, Science Honor Society, FFA Honors, NHS cords and stoles, Honor Graduate cords, and finally, our valedictorian and salutatorian for 2017.

Jay Cao – undecided
Gala Carrillo – University of Houston Downtown
Chailynn Chase – The King’s College, $86,000
Tori Couet – Sam Houston State University
Ryan Currier – Lone Star College
Nichole Deng – Texas State University, $1000
Logan Downing – Sam Houston State University
Joey Echevarria – Houston Community College
Colton Elkins – University of Oklahoma, $194,600 (full scholarship)
Savannah Garland – Culinary Institute LeNotre
Michelle Guerra – undecided
Beck Hargrove – Blinn Junior College
Cameron Hartzler – Letourneau University, $68,000
Hannah Hirst – United State Military Academy West Point, $250,000 (full scholarship)
Jakob Humphrey – Texas A & M College Station, $14,000
Chase Lamendola – Texas A & M Corpus Christi
Claire McCutcheon – University of Texas at Austin
Caleb Mendoza – Oral Roberts University, $68,000
Joseph Mickhail – undecided
Eleni Mote – Abilene Christian Academy, $65,000
Lane Murphy – Sam Houston State University
Vee Nguyen – Lone Star College
Peter Nguyen – Lone Star College
Anh Nguyen – Houston Community College
Erik Nguyen – Lone Star College
Jason Okello – Lone Star College
Nikole Page – University of Houston
Jacob Peyton – Lone Star College
Nhu Pham – Lone Star College
Zolanny Salas – Texas A & M Engineering Academy at Blinn
Ethan Settle – Colorado School of Mines, $200,000 (full scholarship)
Brady Smith – Sam Houston State University, $10,500
Eden Spigener – Blinn Junior College
Daniel Stewart – United States Marine Corps
Paul Sun – University of California, Santa Barbara
Madison Telschow – Texas A & M University, $5000
Lexi Temple – West Virginia University, $42,000
Bailey Temple – Hardin Simmons University, $14,000
Kyle Tobia – Oklahoma Wesleyan University, partial (athletic)
Okura Uche-Okorocha – Houston Baptist University, $84,000
Ben Vo – Lone Star College
Twila Wales – University of Mary Hardin Baylor, $70,000
Alice Wang – University of Michigan
Ryan Wang – University of Houston
Recheng Wang – University of Texas at Tyler
Rain Wang – University of California, Santa Barbara
Jessica Wang – University of Houston, $10,000
Audrey Watts – Texas A & M University
Madison Wilcox – Texas State University
Morgan Willoughby – University of Alabama, $76,404
Mackenzie Winkel – Liberty University, $24,000
Esther Yoo – University of Houston, $6,000
Dominique Williams - undecided

Total scholarship money awarded to this year’s senior class: $3,087,364.00

I would now like to introduce two special presenters:

- Lt. Colonel Reginald E. Williams, Jr. who will present Colton Elkins Army ROTC Scholarship.
- Mr. John M. Talhelm, Military Academy Admissions Representative Katy Independent School District who will present Hannah Hirst’s offer of appointment to The US Military Academy at West Point.

**Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center “Blood Donor Cords” presented by Mrs. Reed**

Giving blood represents the sacrifice someone has made to save three lives and it paints a picture of christ-like character. It upholds the principles of reverence toward god and responsibility to the community. These students have donated blood at least twice this year.

Tori Couet, Scott Currier, Michelle Guerra, Claire McCutcheon, Eleni Mote, Brady Smith, Daniel Stewart, Madison Telschow, Twila Wales

**The Golden Eagle Award cord presented by Mrs. Reed**

The golden eagle award is being presented for community service. It is reserved for one graduating senior who has exhibited the highest commitment to community service and citizenship during their four years at Faith West Academy. This exclusive award is selected by the administration.

Mackenzie Winkel
The 2nd Annual Stephen V. Harnisch Community Service Scholarship presented by Mrs. Reed

This $750.00 scholarship is being presented to the senior student that has accumulated the most volunteer/service hours over the course of their four years of high school. It is donated by the Harnisch family in memory of their nephew who passed away last year.

Mackenzie Winkel/ 651 community service hours

PAL cords presented by Mrs. Graham

PAL stands for Peer Assistance and Leadership. These students are nominated, apply, and are then interviewed. PAL students offer mentorship to elementary and junior high students on a weekly basis.

Lane Murphy, Cristina Rivera, Zolanny Salas, Madison Telschow, Alexis Temple, Twila Wales, Morgan Willoughby, Mackenzie Winkel

Mu Alpha Theta cords presented by Mrs. Martin

Mu Alpha Theta is an organization dedicated to promoting scholarship in mathematics and establishing math as an integral part of high school and junior college education.

Jay Cao, Cameron Hartzler, Claire McCutcheon, Peter Nguyen, Cristina Rivera, Zolanny Salas, Paul Sun, Bailey Temple, Ryan Wang, Rain Wang

The American Auxilliary Legion’s Girls State Program

Each summer young women are selected to participate in the American Auxillary Legion’s Girls State Program. The program epitomizes the ALA’s mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom through developing young leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. This week-long summer program teaches young women the processes of state government and provides young women with learning, experience, memories, and friends.

Hannah Hirst participated in this program, and is receiving a graduation cord for her participation.

Science Honor Society cords presented by Mrs. Coalson and Mrs. Settle

Science National Honor Society motto is a Latin phrase meaning "fortunate is one who understands the causes of things". The objective of SNHS is to:

• To encourage and recognize scientific and intellectual thought
• To advance students’ knowledge of classical and modern science
• To encourage students to participate in community service and in turn, encourage a dedication to the pursuit of scientific knowledge that benefits all of mankind

Savannah Garland, Cameron Hartzler, Claire McCutcheon, Eleni Mote, Caylie Riggs, Ethan Settle, Paul Sun, Alexis Temple, Bailey Temple, Madison Telschow, Alice Wang, Jessica Wang, Rain Wang, Audrey Watts, Dominique Williams, Esther Yoo
**FFA Honor Cords presented by Mr. Abke**

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. As the blue field of our nation’s flag and the golden fields of ripened corn, unify our country, the FFA colors of the national blue and corn gold give unity to the organization. The national FFA emblem, consisting of five symbols, is representative of the history, goals and future of the organization. As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of FFA and agriculture. The graduation cord is intertwined with the National Blue and Corn Gold colors of the FFA to represent the unity of the program, with a charm of the FFA emblem at the bottom to symbolize FFA and agriculture.

Logan Downey, Colton Elkins, Jakob Humphrey, Joseph Mickhail, Jacob Peyton, Brady Smith

**International Thespian Society medallions presented by Mr. Barrett**

In November 2015, Faith West Academy petitioned the International Thespian Society for the privilege of chartering a Thespian troupe. The theater arts program of FWA was determined to meet these standards and our application was accepted. Troupe 8225 was created.

Since 1929, commitment to theater is what the International Thespian Society is all about. It strives to make education and arts programs places for good theater and to honor those students who do theater well. Its membership has grown to over 2 million worldwide.

Each of the following seniors have meet the criteria to be inducted into the Troupe and they have demonstrated high academic success in overall coursework to earn the distinction of a scholar medallion.

Thespian Medallion:  Beck Hargrove and Daniel Stewart  
Thespian Scholar Medallion:  Savannah Garland and Caleb Mendoza  
Vice President’s List Scholar Medallion:  Eden Spigener  
President’s List Scholar Medallion:  Cameron Hartzler, Madison Telschow, and Alice Wang  
Vice President’s List Scholar Medallion, President of International Thespian Society Troupe 8225 and Honor Thespian:  Eleni Mote

**National Honor Society cords and stoles presented by Mrs. Reed**

Cameron Hartzler, Hannah Hirst, Claire McCutcheon, Eleni Mote, Ethan Settle, Madison Telschow, Alice Wang, Jessica Wang, Ryan Wang, Audrey Watts, Mackenzie Winkel, Esther Yoo

**Honor Student gold cords for those students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and above for four years.**

Jay Cao, Chailynn Chase, Scott Currier, Colton Elkins, Savannah Garland, Cameron Hartzler, Hannah Hirst, Jakob Humphrey, Claire McCutcheon, Caleb Mendoza, Eleni Mote, Erik Nguyen, Nhu Pham, Caylie Riggs, Cristina Rivera, Zolanny Salas, Ethan Settle, Eden Spigener, Paul Sun, Madison Telschow, Alexis Temple, Bailey Temple, Okwura Uche-Okorocha, Alice Wang, Rain Wang, Ryan Wang, Jessica Wang, Audrey Watts, Madison Wilcox, Dominique Williams, Morgan Willoughby, Mackenzie Winkel

**Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Winners presented by Mark Elkins, Athletic Booster Club President**

$2000.00 Scholarship

Joey Echavarria and Madison Telschow