

NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



*Charter Oak Awards
Ceremony*

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Thank you...

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“For the Good of the Pack”

Renaissance Honorees

Renaissance awards are presented to students who have been recognized by four or more staff members for demonstrating Northwood's core values, expected learning outcomes, growth, and/or academic merit. These students will receive a medallion to commemorate their achievement.

Congratulations to this year's Renaissance Honorees:

Jay Bruce

Daniel Cantillon

Jahnvi Gupta

Parsa Jokar

Melanie Kriout

Elizabeth Li

Averie Malave

Lia Nariman

Davina Pravin Mahil Kumar



Award Descriptions

Tonight's honorees have made an impression on the Northwood staff for various reasons; however, they all have distinguished themselves through their commitment to their educational journey. Students are being recognized in the following categories, and the letter(s) beside their name denote the award they received.

The **Authentic Learner** award commends those whose work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to the learning process sets them apart from their peers. **(a)**

The **Effective Communicator** distinction honors students who read, write, and listen intently, as well as speak reflectively, and think critically with integrity. **(c)**

The **Greatest Growth** achievement celebrates students who have demonstrated tremendous growth in the classroom. **(g)**

The **Community-Minded Individual** recognition commends those who have developed a sense of pride and ownership in the school, community, and the world. **(i)**

The **Pride of the Pack** award recognizes students who exemplify our core values: compassion, integrity, and mutual respect. **(p)**

The **Reflective Individual** honor celebrates students for their engagement in the learning process and their growth mindset approach during difficult times. **(r)**

The **Complex Thinker** award recognizes students who access, analyze, and synthesize information to formulate conclusions, solve problems, and make decisions. **(t)**

Students who were nominated by two or more teachers in the same category will show an asterisk **(*)**.

Ismail Abdulahi (a)
 Alicia Aerabi (t)
 Muhammad Ibrahim Afridi (c)
 Carolyn Ahn (t)
 Honoka Akuzawa (a)
 Sebastian Alexis (t)
 Lama Ali (t*)
 Haidar Alkhafaf (i,p)
 Rishith Allam (r,i)
 Diane Almaoui (c)
 Alina Amin (a,r)
 Sawyer Anderson (p)
 Aydin Austin (p)
 Sahar Azamy (r)
 Emaan Azimi (p)
 Eunchong Bae (c)
 Hannah Bae (i)
 Alice Baik (c)
 Ava Bakhtiari (a)
 Shriya Balaji (r,g,t)
 Emma Joy Balentine (g)
 Nicole Barlutiu (p)
 Mira Basilio (c,r)
 Sarina Bastani (a*)
 Ariana Bhanot (p)
 Reema Bharadwaj (p)
 Rishita Bhatia (t)
 Luna Bouhairi (c)
 Mina Bouloussa (a*,c)
 Hailey Brennan (a,p)
 Jay Bruce (a,c,i,t)
 Yaz-Minh Buchanan (p)
 Brandon Bui (t)
 Khai Bui (g)
 Riexzon Calalang (a*)
 Daniel Cantillon (a*,p*)
 Ayano Carter (i)
 Adelynn Case (a,p,t)
 Isaac Castillo Garcia (g)
 Matthew Chan (c,r)
 Abigail Chang (p)
 Damian Chang (p)
 Lydia Chang (a)
 Noah Chang (g)
 Shih Yu Chao (g)
 Alan Chen (a,r)
 Catherine Chen (a)
 Emma Chen (p*,t)
 Hudson Chen (g)

Kevin Chen (r)
 Max Chen (a)
 Olivia Chen (a)
 Peter Chen (i)
 Po Yu Chen (a)
 Po-Jui Chen (t)
 Timothy Chen (r)
 Xichen Chen (a,g)
 Emerson Cheng (p)
 Guo Cheng (a)
 Madeline Cheng (a,p,t)
 Peyton Cheng (a,p)
 Aidan Chew (c,t)
 Lauryn Chew (i,p)
 Aidan Chien (i)
 David Cho (p,t)
 Yejoon Choi (t)
 Grace Chow (p)
 Katherine Chu (c)
 Justin Chuang (a,t)
 Kamryn Chun (a)
 Lauren Cilderman (i,p*)
 Ellie Cohn (i)
 Zara Commissariat (i)
 Christopher Covrig (a*,t)
 Zixuan Cui (p)
 Kesin Dalal (p)
 Melody Damavandi (a)
 Keen Dang (a)
 Katelyn Dawson (a)
 Sidney Francisco De Paula Junior (a)
 Mina Delener (r)
 Mingyue Deng (p)
 Arshia Deshpande (p)
 Avery Diaz (p)
 Kalea Dieudonne (g*,p)
 Aaqib Dolani (r)
 Yi Xuan Dong (i)
 Riya Doshi (a)
 Borong DuanMu (a*,r)
 Keaton DuLaney (i,p)
 Nour Eltanahy (a,i)
 Avery Reese Empalmado (p)
 Michelle Erdenebat (a,p)
 Susana Espinoza (a)
 Tara Farazmand (p)
 Kaitlyn Ferrante (p,t)
 Erkin Fokov (g,r)
 Maile Foucart (i)

Distinguished Honorees

Students who were nominated by three staff members will receive a pin in honor of this achievement.

Shriya Balaji
Mina Bouloussa
Adelynn Case
Emma Chen
Madeline Cheng
Lauren Cilderman
Christopher Covrig
Kalea Dieudonne
Borong DuanMu
Jace Jackson
Howard Jung
Meital Kochinski
Orly Kochinski
Kazusa Kodama
Eun Kwak
Courtney Lee
Hengzhou Li
Sophie Liu
Ishita Marathe
Alexa Matsuoka
Moksha Mettu
Stacey Moreno
Isaiah Paez
Sophia Paredes
Layla Sharifi
Paul Uriarte
Royce Vu
Eddie Wei
Lilin Yang
Nicole Ye
Meiwen Zajtmann

Jingbo Sun (a)
Milton Sun (c)
Tianai Sun (a)
Aadhi Suresh (t)
David Talebzadeh Nick (t)
Alyssa Tam (p)
Emily Tamura (a)
Jonathan Tan (p)
Ziyi Tan (c)
Elisha Tang (t)
Ethan Tang (i)
Ian Tang (r)
Martina Tarazaga (a)
Sophia Tasker (p,r)
Aashna Tatireddy (t)
Aina Tejani (p,r)
Tanisha Thangaiah (a)
Nicole Theodorou (a)
Srisha Thimmareddy (a)
Vidhur Thirupathi (a*)
Jane Thorpe (p)
Yin Tong (r)
Andrea Torres (a)
Aven Torres (a)
Jeshua Torres (a)
Alejandra Torres Lopez (a)
Bryant Tran (t)
Elisha Tran (a)
Kingston Tran (t)
Thuy Dung Tran (c)
Hsiang-Yi Tsou (g)
Joshua Tung (i)
Paul Uriarte (g,p,r)
Indra Uganbayar (a)
Jailia Vang (i)
Mía Velazquez (a)
Amruta Vemuri (i,p)
Darian Veres (a)
Akshay Verma (p)
Daniel Vicente (p)
Sofia Vicente (a)
Sarah Vieira (g)
Mabel Villamil Carpintero (g)
Eider Villamil Sanchez (g*)
Anh Vo (p)
Kseniia Volodina (g)
Mason Vu (a*)
Royce Vu (a*,p)
Taejoon Vu (g)
Taylor Vu (t)

Logan Vuong (t)
Kyle Walsh (p)
Jayden Wan (r,t)
Isabella Wang (p)
Mirabelle Wang (t)
Xiaoyan Wang (p)
Zhuoyan Wang (t)
Eddie Wei (a,t*)
Athena Wellengard (g)
Terrence Wen (t)
Suzan Whiteside (t)
Henry Wiechmann (t)
Luke Witt (p)
Qianhui Xia (a)
Dev Yair (a)
Kenzo Yamashita (t)
Ethan Yan (c)
Zoe Yan (t)
Hanshi Yang (a,p)
Isabelle Yang (t)
Lawrence Yang (a)
Lilin Yang (i,p,t)
Nicole Ye (a*,r)
Samantha Yee (c,t)
Ryan Yeh (a)
Haolun Yin (t)
Jimin Yoon (a)
Kailey Yoon (a)
Angeline Youssef (i)
Ella Yu (p)
Jason Yu (a)
Nathaniel Yu (p)
Julia Yuwen (p)
Sophia Zaidi (a)
Meiwen Zajtmann (a,p,t)
Andrew Zaragoza (a)
Edward Zhang (g)
Jerry Zhang (g)
Kewei Zhang (t)
Sylvia Zhang (a)
Chengyi Zhou (t)
Xinyu Zhou (r)
Jinzhou Zhu (a)
Xinyi Zhu (a,g)
Xiwen Zhu (g)

Ari Francisco (t*)
Malk Gaber (r)
Zerach Gamez (a)
Keira Gardner (r)
Ibrahim Ghani (a)
Hailey Goldstein (r)
Jayden Gomez (t)
Sebastian Gonzalez (g,p)
Navya Gottumukkala (g)
Kyle Grant (c,t)
Preston Graves (i)
Ella Greer (g)
Amelia Guan (p)
Shresta Guddeti (a)
Bahar Gulgen (p)
Arsh Gupta (a)
Jahnvi Gupta (a,c,i,r,t)
Rohan Gupta (a)
Yesha Gupta (p)
Akshara Gurrām (a*)
Elijah Gutierrez (a)
Aidan Haghani (a,t)
Aisha Haider (a)
Ethan Hall (p)
Marina Hanna (a,t)
Jacob Harper (p)
Jordan Haruno (a)
Zane Hasan (c)
Max Haymes (a,p)
Lannea Hazzard (p)
Jiaqi He (i)
Casey Hecht (p)
Jada Henkel (p,t)
Alexis Herda (c,g)
Zoey Hernandez (p)
Miley Hernandez-Tovar (g)
Jade Hidalgo (a)
Thomas Hikida (g)
Emily Hill (a)
Tri Quang Ho (a)
Ethan Hsu (t)
Grace Huang (i)
Kelvin Huang (c,i)
Lyric Huang (p)
Shiloh Hui (t)
Brenden Hwang (i)
Valerie Hwang (t)
Shahd Iseed (t)
Reisa Iwai (c)
Shuma Iwata (t)

Ava Jaberansari (p)
Jace Jackson (a,c,t)
Lucia James (a*)
MohammadParsa Jenabi (p)
Edward Jenks (a*)
Christine Jeon (p,t)
Feiyang Jiang (g)
Peiyi Jiang (a,i)
Kaiwen Jin (t)
Parsa Jokar (a,c,i*,p)
Aaliyah Jones Escalera (r)
Jared Jose (a)
Shriya Joshi (c)
Howard Jung (a,c,t)
Aria Kamat (g)
Maya Kamboj (g)
Laasya Kanneganti (i)
Shivali Karthik (a)
Natalie Keith (a,g)
Lucy Kensrue (a)
Zephyr Kensrue (t)
Taha Keskin (p)
Minal Khan (a)
Nuzha Khan (p)
Rayan Khan (p)
Madison Khang (a)
Yash Kher (i,t)
Chloe Kim (c)
Isla Kim (c,p)
Jadyn Kim (p)
Jane Kim (a)
Johanna Kim (a)
Joseph Kim (a)
Micah Kim (c)
Namu Kim (p)
Steven Kim (p)
Susan Kim (t)
Yubean Kim (g)
Meital Kochinski (a*,r)
Orly Kochinski (a,p*)
Kazusa Kodama (g,i,t)
Moksha Kolli (c)
Dakota Kosinski (a)
Farhad Kouhkan (a)
Marko Kovacic (p*)
Oleksandr Kozlov (p)
Ally Kraeber (g)
Melanie Kriout (a*,p,t)
Nesja Kugler (r)
Purva Kulkarni (a*)

Aryan Kumar (t*)	Lauren Low (t)	Aurora Nauss (p,r)	Davina Pravin Mahil Kumar (c,i,p*)
Kavin Kumar (t)	Angelina Lu (a)	Palawi Nawabi (a)	Judy Ragab (p)
Danuj Kunaseelan (t)	Ningxi Lu (a)	Lea Ner (i)	Rishi Raichura (a,r)
Shruthika Kunta (a)	Sophia Lu (g)	Adelaide Nguyen (a)	Nysa Raina (c,t)
Eun Kwak (t*)	Xinyi Lu (a)	Adrian Nguyen (p,t)	Mischka Rajula (p)
Kayla Kwak (p)	Candace Luo (a,t)	Audrey Nguyen (a)	Armeen Rashid (p)
Elliot Kwon (p)	David Luo (g)	Darcy Nguyen (g)	Camila Reyes (g)
Elodie LaFont (a)	Kelland Lusby (p)	Ethan Nguyen (p)	Diego Reyes (a)
Riddhi Lahiri (p)	Kaden Luu (p)	Faith Nguyen (r)	Keon Rezazadeh (r)
Sierra Lai (a)	V Luu (c)	Fiona Nguyen (i)	Lara Ribeiro Oliveira (a*)
Sean Latchman (a)	Elaine Marguerite Luy (c)	Nora Grace Nguyen (a,r)	Colin Rivera (i)
Omar Latifzada (r)	Carson Lv (c)	Vanessa Nguyen (i)	Kai Rivera (a)
Abbie Lau (i)	Braelynn Lynch (i)	Jayden Nhu (g)	Katerinna Rizos (c)
Emily Law (a,p)	Ashley Ma (p,p)	Nima Niknafs (p)	Daniyal Rizvi (a)
Natalie Lawrence (t)	Gavin Macaraeg (a)	Emory Oakey (a)	Lexington Rodevich (a)
Anderson Lay (c,p)	Noah Macaraeg (a,g)	Josh Obando (p)	Elliott Roh (t*)
Courtney Lee (a*,p)	Noah Madani (p)	Prince Octavianus (t)	Viona Rohbani (a)
Doah Lee (t)	Ashray Gowda Mahadeva (t)	Azra Odabasoglu (p)	Winston Ryeec (g)
Hyunjung Lee (g)	Niharika Mahesh (p)	Prithvinath Oduru (a)	Sejal Sachdeva (a)
Jocelyn Lee (p)	Sama Maiwandi (a)	Allen Okamoto (i)	Kai Sakanashi (p)
Joseph Lee (c)	Rhea Majmudar (a)	Gisel Ordaz (p)	Noor Saleh (a)
Lia Lee (a)	Xander Mak (g)	Yelizaveta Pabiarzhyna (t)	Behnia Samimi (a)
Marissa Lee (a)	Averie Malave (a,i,p*)	Isaiah Paez (a*,p)	Holden Santor (t)
Dylan Leung (a)	Niya Malone (a)	Henry Page (i)	Jayliah Santos (i)
Kingsley Leung (i)	Ira Malshe (a)	Karina Yun Ki Pang (a)	Tristan Santos (a)
Miles Leung (c)	Zige Mao (i)	Shiyu Pang (g)	Jake Schaffer (g)
Aojia Li (a)	Ishita Marathe (a,p,t)	Sophia Paredes (a,i,r)	Jay Schmetzer (a)
Elizabeth Li (a,p*)	Dev Marfatia (a)	Jayna Parikh (t)	Kelly Seefeldt (p)
Hengzhou Li (t*)	Alexa Matsuoka (t*)	Bijou Park (a)	Neel Shah (a)
Jingxuan Li (g)	Baani Mattewal (a)	Deo Park (a,p)	Shreya Shah (a,r)
Mo Li (p,t)	Keiren McDermott (a*)	Evelyn Park (t)	Jasmine Shao (a,t)
Shunkun Li (t)	Nithin Mehta (t)	Ijun Park (p)	Layla Sharifi (a,p,t)
Sophie Li (t)	Moksha Mettu (c,p,t)	Jiwoo Park (a)	Nikhil Sherman (a)
Xiang Li (t)	Lana Metwally (p)	Joshua Park (a)	Ahrim Shin (p)
Youjia Li (a,t)	Nathaniel Meyers (t)	Lauren Park (a)	Isaac Shin (a,g)
Mikaela Liang (g)	Kyleigh Meza (i,p)	Saina Patro (c)	Yuhwan Shin (p)
Kasia Lien (r)	Sia Miglani (t)	Saisha Patro (p*)	Elizabeth Shobe (t)
Briana Lim (a)	Dawon Min (p*)	Lineysa Paul (t)	Rebecca Short (g)
Anderson Lin (a)	Jasmine Moghnie (p)	Andrew Payne (p)	Anusha Sinha (a,r)
Lawrence Lin (t)	Moneer Mohammad (a)	Kaitlyn Payne (p)	Shada Sirat (a)
Megan Lin (a)	Isabella Montes (c)	Ashton Paz (r*)	Westley Song (i)
Ben Liu (a)	Stacey Moreno (a*,g)	Zixian Peng (a)	Atharva Soni (i,t)
Jinrong Liu (a)	Grant Morikawa (a)	Yuval Perel (a)	Ramya Sreeram (p)
Kaitlyn Liu (i)	Shae Muldoon (a,c)	Elijah Perez (i)	Thada Sriprapundh (t)
Lucas Liu (g)	Cailen Muncy (a*)	Andrew Pham (i)	Vedant Sriram (a)
Megan Liu (a)	Colin Nagle (r)	Khang Phung (g)	Marley Stokes (a)
Serena Liu (a)	Tony Nakayama (p)	Anjali Pillai (t)	Tristan Straub-Yankauskas (g)
Sophie Liu (a*,t)	Noemi Namgoong (a)	Marin Pizer (p)	Jude Sufian (a)
Lydia Lo (t*)	Nika Namiri (a)	Hana Pourmohammadi (r)	Kona Sugiura (p)
Dominic Love (t)	Lia Nariman (a,p,i,t*)	Skylla Poynter (r)	Anas Suleiman (g)