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## **Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) Sonoma Celebrated its Class of 2017 and 2021**

*Rohnert Park, Ca.* – AAS hosted an eighth grade promotion celebration and a high school graduation breakfast reception to honor its accomplished scholars on Thursday, June 8 at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. The ceremonies promoted 23 eighth grade scholars and celebrated 6 graduating high school scholars from the Sonoma region.

In place of a traditional graduation ceremony, CCS President and CEO, J.J. Lewis, hosted a breakfast reception. The attending scholar received her diploma to signify her graduation, and enjoyed a breakfast reception with her family to celebrate the start of her next chapter.

Two scholars were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. In addition to receiving a diploma, Isabel T. received the President's Award for Educational Excellence for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for two or more semesters, along with teacher recommendations, and Isabel L. received the President's Award for Educational Achievement for outstanding educational growth, commitment, and teacher recommendations.

"I am so proud of our accomplished high school scholars" said Lewis. "They have persevered throughout their high school journey and I am confident that they are prepared for their next journey in life. Please join me in celebrating our Class of 2017 for their amazing achievements."

CCS also hosted a promotion ceremony for eighth grade scholars to celebrate their academic progress and welcome them into high school. Each scholar received a certificate of promotion and enjoyed light refreshments following the ceremony to celebrate with their guests.

In addition to receiving a certificate, Anita R. received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and Adan G. received the President's Award for Educational Achievement.

"Congratulations to all our eighth grade scholars on their promotion," said Melissa Blitzstein, CCS Middle School Coordinator. "I am so proud of each of these scholars and wish them the best as they move onto high school."

### **About Compass Charter Schools**

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) operates five WASC-accredited public charter schools (Academy of Arts & Sciences: Sonoma, Academy of Arts & Sciences: Thousand Oaks & Simi Valley, Compass Charter Schools of Fresno, Compass Charter Schools of Los Angeles, and Compass Charter Schools of San Diego), serving thousands of scholars throughout the state. Catering to TK-12 grade scholars, CCS offers the choice of either their home study or online academic program. CCS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and

sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

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