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Academy of Arts & Sciences (AAS) Thousand Oaks & Simi Valley and Compass Charter Schools (CCS) of Los Angeles Celebrated its Class of 2017 and 2021

Thousand Oaks, Ca. – AAS and CCS hosted a joint eighth grade promotion celebration and joint high school graduation ceremony to honor its accomplished scholars on Monday, June 12 at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Thousand Oaks. The ceremonies promoted 59 eighth grade scholars and celebrated 26 graduating high school scholars.

The high school graduation ceremony included opening remarks from Janae Smith, CCS High School Coordinator, and a keynote address from J.J. Lewis, CCS President and CEO. Each scholar received their diploma to signify their graduation, and enjoyed a light lunch after the ceremony to celebrate the start of the next chapter with their guests.

The high school graduation ceremony also gave special recognition to several scholars for their outstanding academic achievements. In addition to receiving a diploma, Albert P. and Celeste R. received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, and Chavion D. received the President's Award for Educational Achievement. Two scholars, Trent D. and Albert P., were also inducted as lifetime members into the National Honor Society and were presented their NHS cords.

"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 their certificates, two scholars earned special recognition for their academic achievements. Isabella R. 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 Jude W. received the President's Award for Educational Achievement for outstanding educational growth, commitment, and teacher recommendations.

"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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