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Compass Charter Schools (CCS) of Fresno Celebrated its Class of 2017 and 2021

Fresno, Ca. – CCS hosted an eighth grade promotion celebration and a high school graduation ceremony to honor its accomplished scholars on Friday, June 9 at the Smittcamp Alumni House at Fresno State University in Fresno. The ceremonies promoted 13 eighth grade scholars and celebrated 3 graduating high school scholars from the Fresno region.

The high school graduation ceremony included opening remarks from Susan DeLaPena, CCS High School Advisor, and a keynote address from J.J. Lews, CCS President and CEO. The attending scholar received his diploma to signify graduation, and enjoyed light refreshments after the ceremony to celebrate with his guests.

"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. Danielle M. 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 Eric C. 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.

For more information about CCS, visit <u>www.compasscharters.org</u>.