Dear Parents and Scholars,

Hello! The weather may be chilly outside, but it’s sunny all year long in the Summer Programs Department. When we return from break, scholars will officially begin the process of applying to a variety of summer programs through their College Readiness classes.

Progress Report night seems like an appropriate time to remind scholars that their performance in the classroom carries a lot of weight in terms of the kind of summer program that they are eligible for.

It’s important to remember that the table below serves as a guideline for the Summer Programs Department, not a “hard and fast” policy. That being said, these guidelines are a fairly accurate reflection of the qualifications a scholar needs to have in order to be accepted to and successful at their “best fit” summer program! Scholars are also welcome to do two summer programs in a summer; for example, if a scholar expresses an interest in an internship but they also have Summer Academy, it is sometimes possible to do both.

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| Summer Program Tier | Qualifications | Examples of Summer Programs |
| Tier 1: Pre-College | * 2.8 cumulative GPA (or higher) * College Prep or College Ready Status * 3.0 GPA (or higher) in College Readiness for Quarters 2-4 * History of good character standing in the AF AHS community * Has passed all of their classes for the academic year | * *MIT* * *Smith* * *Bryn Mawr* * *UCONN* * *Penn State* * *US Coast Guard Academy* * *Northfield Mount Hermon* |
| Tier 2: Internship | * 2.3 cumulative GPA (or higher) * College Prep or College Ready Status * 2.5 GPA (or higher) in College Readiness for Quarters 2-4 * History of good character/ character improvement in the AF AHS community * Has passed all of their classes for the academic year | * *St. Raphael’s Hospital* * *The Lighting Quotient* * *Bank of America* * *Foundation Source* * *Yale Medical Research* * *AF Network Support offices* |
| Tier 3:  Growth Opportunity | * Scholar has passed all of their classes for the academic year; is not required to attend Summer Academy * 2.0 GPA (or higher) in College Readiness for Quarters 2-4 | * *Advanced Visual Art/ Painting* * *Salsa Class* * *NFL Mentorship & Flag Football League* |
| Tier 4:  Summer Academy | * Scholar has failed a class and has to recover the credit | * *AF Amistad High School  Summer Academy* |

***\*\*The Summer Programs Department will use 2nd Quarter grades to help assign scholars to their appropriate tier\*\****

Please use this table as a reference for conversations with your scholar concerning their summer plans and current grades. Hard work is definitely its own reward, but summer programs are an added bonus to those who keep gritting through the year!

Working for Summer Fun,

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