

## Denver's South High School Spring Wrap Up!

### **Record-Breaking South Class of 2015 lands over \$7 million in scholarships!**

South High students were awarded nearly \$7M in college scholarships, the most money in South history. Rebel seniors include two Daniels Scholars, two Boettcher scholars, a National Merit Scholar, a National Hispanic Merit Scholar, a Retired Teachers scholar, a Horatio Alger National Scholar, a Coca Cola Scholar and five Dell Scholars! **An impressive 95% of seniors have been accepted to college and that figure includes our English Language Acquisition students.** Students will be attending universities across the nation, including the University of Chicago, Vassar, Baylor University, Berklee College of Music, Washington State University, and the University of Miami. Colorado School of Mines, CSU and CU are also well represented. Part of South's secret to success are 19 Advanced Placement courses and over 25 Honors level courses.

### **South Juniors accepted into CU's Denver Scholars Program**

Twenty-two Denver South Juniors have been selected to participate in the prestigious CU Denver Scholars program next school year. The Scholars Program is an early college enrollment program designed for high achieving students who will be their family's first generation of college students. The credit earned in the CU courses can be applied toward a bachelor's degree.

### **GRAMMY Foundation to Fund South Drum Line**

South High School was recently selected to receive a grant from the GRAMMY Foundation's Signature Schools Community Award program for excellence in high school music education. South was the only school in the Denver Metro Area to receive the prestigious award. This year funds will be used to expand South's new drum line program.

Please join us for South's art show and musical performances.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>: Opening of South's Art Show - 5:00-7:00 pm**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>: Choir Performance - 6:30 pm**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>: Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Drum Line - 6:30 pm**

### **Athletics**

Denver South's Athletics Program continued its tradition of excellence. Our program competed at elite levels and became one of the most inclusive programs in DPS. With a focus on academic success and leadership, our program saw an impressive increase in our number of Honor Athletes (3.5 GPA or higher) jumping from 125 in 2013-2014 to 180 this year. In partnership with DU's CPEX Program, we kicked off a new and exciting program called SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team), which concentrated on developing the leadership abilities of our team captains and student leaders. Participation in athletics at Denver South increased over 40%. We added softball, boys' swimming and a girls' lacrosse team. Our athletic program now boasts of 23 varsity sports. We also started our first Unified Sports Program in partnership with Project Unify and the Special Olympics. We offered Unified Cheerleading, Basketball and Soccer while being highlighted by our basketball and cheer teams being invited to participate in a game at the Pepsi Center! Many of our team sports had successful seasons, led by our 4A powerhouse Football and Boys Basketball programs and DPS league champions, girls cross country. Exceptional individual student-athletes took their talents to state competitions in Wrestling, Gymnastics, and Golf highlighted by individuals placing at 4A State in Track and Boys Swimming.