

# Take a Look at James B. Conant High School



***Conant High School has a tradition of excellence, pride and school spirit. The facts below are just some of the many reasons for “Cougar Pride!”***

- James B. Conant High School opened in 1964 as the first high school in Schaumburg Township.
- Dr. James B. Conant – chemist, educator and author who gave his name to the school – was a leading authority on teacher education. He was instrumental in developing the comprehensive high school system used today.
- Conant is located on 34 acres with 370,000 square feet of building space. The school has an auditorium, music practice rooms, swimming pool, two gymnasiums, athletic stadium, baseball, softball and soccer fields, running track, tennis courts and computer, science and vocational laboratories.
- Conant High School offers advanced placement, dual credit, E.S.L. and gifted programs.
- Approximately 75% of students participate in Conant’s many clubs and organizations.
- Conant’s unique learning through community action program (L.C.A.P.), in which seniors devote a minimum of 20 hours over a 10-week period to community service, is the winner of numerous civic commendations and the governor’s hometown award for being one of the best programs for teens and youth community involvement in Illinois. We have totaled over 500,000 hours since L.C.A.P.’s inception in 1973.
- 93% of the class of 2019 is attending a college or university.
- Conant has 24 students from the Class of 2020 who will receive recognition in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Conant has 2 students from the class of 2020 who will receive recognition in the 2020 National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- The class of 2019 had 248 students receive scholarships for a total of \$9,490,004.
- Conant High School’s class of 2020 had an SAT composite score of 1090.
- The Football team won the MSL Conference Championship.
- Girls Tennis qualified singles-Freshman Natalia Sadon & Doubles-Grace Park/Simren Mahajan for state.
- Head Boys Water Polo Coach Tim Daniel was named by the IHSA Boys Water Polo Coach of the Year.
- Girls Golf placed 4th in sectional. Michelle Zhang, shot an 87 at state.
- Girls Golf won the IHSA Regional Championship for the 4th consecutive year.
- Conant Girls Swimmer Megumi Komoto broke the pool record in the 100 fly.
- Conant Boys Soccer player, Piotr Pyz, named to the MSL All-Conference Team.
- Twenty students were accepted into the District 7 ILMEA. Makiba Kurita, Charles Lin, and James Preucil all advanced to state.
- Jackson Wesley earned the Award of Excellence from the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders.
- Social Studies teacher Samantha Serrano was named 2018 Geography Teacher Fellow by The American Geography Society.
- Nurse, Dawna Smeltzer was named a “Those Who Excel” winner in the category of Support Staff. Mrs. Smeltzer was awarded the highest level of recognition, the “Distinction of Excellence”.
- Makiba Kurita and James Preucil were both selected for the 2018 NAFME All-National Honor Orchestra.
- Saanji Shah, Megan Ja, and Labdhi Jain won 1st place in the video game category at the Northeastern University Hackathon.
- Girls Varsity Bowling won the MSL West Divisional Title.
- The Conant Boys Varsity Wrestling Team finished

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# More reasons for “*Cougar Pride!*”

- 2nd at the MSL Conference Tournament, with the following MSL Champions: Alex Giuliano, Dominic Laskero, Nicky Amato, Filippo DeFrenza.
- The Conant Girls Varsity Gymnastics placed 3rd in the MSL Conference Tournament.
  - Rajat Mittal and Andrew Milas both made the top level of the Area Regional Math League. This puts them in the top 30 kids in the entire Chicagoland area.
  - Conant came in 5th place at the Speech Conference with three conference champions - Ailey Yamamoto Sachi Goel Linnea Pietsch.
  - Competitive Dance (Charrelles) finished 7th at Sectionals.
  - Conant came in 3rd place at the 2019 MSL Conference Chess Championship.
  - Teacher Assistant Edgar Huerta was recognized as an Outstanding Activity Advisor for the Illinois Directors of Student Activities (IDSA).
  - Danielle Smith and Mikaela Kaminski qualified for Girls Gymnastics state meet.
  - Nick Chen was named all-state for Congressional Debate.
  - Congratulations to Patti Ertl for receiving the BPA Illinois Outstanding Advisor of the Year.
  - At the 2019 BPA National Championship 12 Conant students medaled including Saanji Shah, Shreya Katwala, Kimaya Parmar and Sahithi Ankireddy who took first place in the Global Marketing Team category.
  - IHSA State Journalism winners included Michelle Zhang—5th place in Editorial Writing, Jaylen Patel—5th place in Photo Story Telling, and Isaac Goffin—6th place in News Writing and 1st place in Sports Writing.
  - Isaac was named to the 2019 Illinois Journalism Education Association All-State Journalism team (one of 14 students in the state to be given this award).
  - Rajat Mittal won the John Benson Award that is given to the one student in each division who best exemplifies the founder of the North Suburban Math League’s love of mathematics and his passion to share his enthusiasm and knowledge with others.
  - At the State Math Team meet, Rajat Mittal won 1st Place in Orals (first math team state champion at CHS), Andrew Milas won 5th place in Algebra 2 and the Junior-Senior 8-person team won 2nd place.
  - Congratulations to Andrew Milas who qualified for the United States Math Olympiad, the 3rd round of the American Mathematics Competition. Andrew is the **FIRST** student in Conant’s history to make it to this round.
  - At the Science Olympiad state finals Conant placed 12th overall. Jareth Gomes and Krish Mehta placed 5th in Mousetrap Vehicle, Jareth Gomes and Saurav Sumughan placed 5th in Sounds of Music and Krishna Jivani and Rahi Patel placed 5th in Detector Building.
  - Boys Tennis finished 2nd in the MSL.
  - Boys and Girls Water Polo were Sectional Champions.
  - Baseball Raised \$3,500 for the Anthony Rizzo Cancer Foundation.
  - At Valparaiso University’s Chinese contests Amiera Dandona received 3rd place in speaking Vivian Zhao received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in Chinese talent show, Avril Fielle Mauro received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in Chinese talent show and Labdhi Jain received 3rd place in speaking and 2nd place in writing.
  - Two students participated in the MCTA (Midwest Chinese Teacher Alliance) speech contest. Parveen Mundi and Avril Fielle Mauro won gold medals.
  - Madison Aykroid and Laura Vesco were Golden Apple Award recipients.
  - Saurav Sumughan was named to the 2018-2019 Daily Herald Academic Team.
  - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) had 9 first-place winners at state.