

ROSCOE COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

An Early College High School

P.O. Box 579, Roscoe, Texas 79545 325/766-3629 FAX 325/766-3138

www.roscoe.esc14.net

Friday, May 5, 2017

For Immediate Release:

Roscoe Collegiate ISD Sets New Standard for College and Career Readiness

On Friday, May 5, 2017 twenty-seven of twenty-eight (96%) of the entire Roscoe Collegiate Independent School District's (RCISD) senior class graduated from Western Texas College in Snyder with the Associate Degree, two weeks before they will cross the high school graduation stage in Roscoe.

Already a state and national leader in college and career readiness as an Early College/STEM Academy, RCISD continues to elevate the standard. Now in Year 9 as an Early College, the first year in 2009 RCISD had one graduate, followed by 38%, 52%, 58%, 73%, and 89% in 2014. Then, in 2015 the District reached its target of 90%, followed by 92% in 2016, and 96% in 2017. Of those 96% graduating from Roscoe Collegiate this year with the Associate Degree, 96% have also earned industry recognized workforce endorsements.

Now as the District continues to raise the bar as a state and national model, The Roscoe Collegiate P-20 System Model for Student Success, RCISD has begun negotiations with Four Year Universities to bring Four Year and Graduate Degree Programs to Roscoe, thereby enabling the District to reach another target, which is 90% of its graduates completing Four Year Degrees and 50% of its graduates completing Graduate Degrees by 2025. If successful in bringing the Four Year and Graduate Degree opportunities to Roscoe, that program will also be made available to young and mid-career adults from Roscoe and surrounding areas, as part of a Local Rural Economic Development Effort for Nolan County.