

**Two distinctions are available to Clarion Area students at commencement. With both of these, the student wears a bright orange sash during the ceremony.**

## **HONORS DIPLOMA CRITERIA**

In addition to completing the other graduation requirements, an **HONORS DIPLOMA** will be awarded to any student who attains a minimum grade point average of 95, receives no final course grade lower than an 85 and completes the following prescribed courses:

### **ENGLISH**

English I  
English II  
AP Language  
AP Literature  
Speech

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

U.S. History I  
U.S. History II  
Civics  
AP Government

### **MATHEMATICS**

Algebra I  
Algebra II  
Academic Geometry  
Pre-Calculus  
Calculus

### **SCIENCE**

Academic Biology  
Acad Chemistry **or** Acad Earth & Space  
Physics  
**One of the following:**  
AP Chemistry  
Advanced Biology  
Advanced Earth & Space  
College Physics

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Three-year sequence of a  
Foreign language

### **ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Two or more courses in the  
Fine or Practical Arts

Students graduating with an Honors Diploma sit at the front of the group, have their names listed at the top of the program, and receive a larger diploma after the regular diplomas are handed out.

## **GRADUATING WITH HONORS**

Regardless of the courses they take, students who complete their courses with a cumulative grade point average of 95 will **GRADUATE WITH HONORS**. Their achievement is noted with an asterisk on the program.