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**Vestal High School Students Earn AP<sup>®</sup> Scholars Awards**

In recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP<sup>®</sup>) Exams, 56 students at Vestal High School have earned the designation of AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar by the College Board. The students took AP<sup>®</sup> Exams in May 2009 after completing challenging college-level courses. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on a student's performance.

At Vestal High School, Cathy Hao, Wenfang Li and Colin Lu qualified for the National AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher (on a five-point scale) on all AP<sup>®</sup> Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Fifteen students qualified for the AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP<sup>®</sup> Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Vestal High School's AP<sup>®</sup> Scholars with Distinction are: Wajiha Ali, Alicia Ciringione, Kerensa Crump, Brendon Dunham, Cathy Hao, Diana Hong, Lisa Kashinsky, Wenfang Li, Colin Lu, Taymoor Rehman, Gabriel Sanna, Jeffrey Saucke, Heli Shah and Preeya Shah.

Eleven students qualified for the AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP<sup>®</sup> Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Talha Aamir, Eileen Bruns, Alec Cohen, Jeffrey Dahlgren, Katherine Gallagher, Eric Green, Neel Lalkiya, Timothy Lewis, Daniel Mermelstein, Soyoung Park and Lindsey Stout.

Qualifying for the AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar Award by completing three or more AP<sup>®</sup> Exams, with grades of 3 or higher are 27 Vestal High School students: Alyssa Abrams, Katy Austin, Gregory Bai, Caitlin Barrett, Amber Bowe, Norman Chen, Alexandra Cottrell, Madison Davis, Michelle Dein, Bethany Eiche, Daniel Festa, Sean Hogan, Jeffrey Landry, Ryan Mitchell, Bryan Moore, Corey Robinson, David Schatz, Kelcie Schatz, Samuel Schwartz, Tayyab Shah, Jessica Shindler, Saba Siddiqui, Haley Sorber, Elizabeth Spivak, Russell Tingey, Christopher Waid and Steven Walker.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP<sup>®</sup> provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Research consistently shows that AP<sup>®</sup> students who score a 3 or higher on AP<sup>®</sup> Exams typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP<sup>®</sup>.

The College Board is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Among its best-known programs are the SAT<sup>®</sup>, the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> and the Advanced Placement Program<sup>®</sup>.