

## **29 Pattonville students recognized for performance in advanced placement classes**

Twenty-nine Pattonville High School students have been recognized for their outstanding performance on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams taken last spring.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP exams. Only about 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Pattonville students took the AP exams last May after completing challenging college-level courses at Pattonville High School. Pattonville currently offers 10 Advanced Placement courses: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP European History, AP Government, AP Physics, AP Psychology, AP Statistics, AP Studio Art and AP U.S. History. More than 340 students at Pattonville High School students are currently enrolled in one or more of these AP courses.

Pattonville students were recognized for achieving three different levels of "AP Scholar." Eight students, all of whom graduated with the Pattonville Class of 2007, earned the "Scholar with Distinction" Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Two who graduated last May earned the "Scholar with Honor" Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Nineteen Pattonville students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement or both based on successful performance on the AP exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Among its best-known programs are the SAT®, the PSAT/NMSQT® and the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®).