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## **Twelve Avon High School Students are College Board National African American and Hispanic Recognition Programs Awardees**

***Avon High School students excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork to earn these awards, which colleges use to identify academically competitive underrepresented students***

Avon, Ind. – Twelve Avon High School Students have earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#). These programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications. This honor meaningfully connects students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board’s Student Search Service.

The 10 Avon High School students who are included in College Board’s African American Recognition Program are Daniel Alonge, Aderinsola Adeleke, Faith Kipkulei, Emmanuel Gichaba, Hiqmah Mustapha, Anthony Frazier, Lauren Fitch, Mya Doyle, Jaelyn Truitt, and Tyler Body. They are joined by two students included in College Board’s Hispanic Recognition Program: Anthony Lee and Sonia Aleman Villegas.

“We’re thrilled that our students have earned this recognition. We are very proud of them for their achievements in their classrooms and on College Board assessments,” said Principal Matt Shockley. “These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions, and any university in the nation would be lucky to have these outstanding students.”

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students apply during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the beginning of the following school year. Students receive their awards in time to include them on their applications.

“By awarding students who excel academically with honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs, our aim is to create pathways to college for underrepresented students,” said Steve Bumbaugh, College Board senior vice president of College & Career Access. “We hope this inspires many more students to work toward this recognition.”

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**About Avon Schools:** Avon offers students high-quality educational instruction with a keen focus on improving student achievement. We serve 10,300 students from preschool to grade 12 in 12 schools (one early learning center, six elementary schools, two intermediate schools, two middle schools, and one high school). Our 1,400 employees dedicate themselves to the success of our diverse student population.

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