



## **AP® SCHOLAR AWARDS**

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Twenty-four students at Southeast Whitfield High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 22 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams. At Southeast Whitfield High School:

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Karla Archila, Josue Cruz, Jennifer Diaz-Gonzalez, Grant McArthur, Danahi Reza, and Kaylee Robertson.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Ian Lively and Haley Wimpey.

Sixteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Adison Anderson, Viviana Avila, Angie Botello, Jared Garcia, Monica Gonzalez, Kira Guiris, Elisama Hinojosa, America Lerma, Alicia Martinez, Crystal Melendez, Kaleb Padilla, Abel Salaices, Avery Skyles, Daniella Sosa, Samantha Triana, and Lizbeth Vega.

Of this year's award recipients at Southeast Whitfield High School, nine are juniors: Josue Cruz, Jennifer Diaz-Gonzalez, Jared Garcia, Alicia Martinez, Crystal Melendez, Abel Salaices, Avery Skyles,



Daniella Sosa, and Lizbeth Vega. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

Through 34 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admission process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores. Most four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying exam scores. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools.