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Madeira Junior Receives a Perfect Score

Madeira High School (MHS) junior Ben Wetzel recently joined a unique group of students nationwide when he achieved a perfect composite score of 36 on the American College Testing (ACT) test.

The ACT evaluates what students have learned in high school to determine their academic readiness for college. Their composite score is the average of correct answers to 75 English questions, 60 mathematics questions, and 40 each of reading and science questions. Nearly 1.4 million students took the ACT last year, with an average composite score of 21 out of 36. A perfect score of 36 is rare, with only 0.25% attaining it.

Ben received the perfect score the first time he took the test in June. Of his achievement, he said, "I felt I did pretty well, but I was not expecting a 36. I had put in a solid amount of preparation and had confidence in myself, so I thought it would be good, just not that good,"

Ben is an officer in Student Government and Key Club, and participates in National Honor Society and Spanish Club. He also takes part in cross country, basketball, and track. He plans on attending college and exploring engineering and business as possible majors.

"Madeira prepared me extremely well for the ACT and helped me with the skills needed to do well on the test," Ben stated. "I'm thankful for the Madeira experience and look forward to my last couple of years here."



Ben Wetzel