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Moon Area Students Designated AP Scholars

Eighteen Moon Area High School seniors and recent graduates have been named AP Scholars by the College Board following their performance on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Nationally, nearly 1.6 million high school students took the AP Exams in May 2008. Only 18 percent in 16,000 schools performed at a level to merit various AP Scholar recognitions.

Moon Area Class of 2008 graduates Aaron Hassett, Stephanie Jackson, Melissa Opsal and Vincent Pronesti earned the designation of AP Scholar with Distinction signifying each had scored an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Pronesti scored a top score on three out of four exams taken in 2008 including biology, European history and U.S. government and politics. Jackson also notched a top score of 5 on three out of five exams including biology, chemistry and U.S. government and politics.

Elizabeth Donahoe, Ling-Ling Lee, Ankit Medhekar, Kevin Tomb and Kaitlyn Wauthier earned the designation of AP Scholar with Honor after receiving an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams.

Nine students were named AP Scholars after receiving grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. These students were Sophia Bender, Lauren Deem, Stephanie Dombrowski, Travis Duncan, Siddarth Govindarajan, Elizabeth Hatton, David Homol, Aradhana Purker and Anita Shriver.

"We are very proud of the success that our students have had with their Advanced Placement studies and testing. Our teachers are well-trained and well-versed in the AP subjects that they teach and our students are capable and enthusiastic learners. This combination of distinguished teachers and talented students allows the Moon Area High School AP program to be one of the best. Our students and teachers are to be congratulated for their accomplishments," said Michael Hauser, Moon Area High School principal.

Moon Area offers students eight AP courses including English, calculus AB, calculus BC, U.S. history, European history, government and economics, chemistry and biology.

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 in the 37 AP exams available.