

Comal Independent School District

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Students at Smithson Valley and Canyon high schools named AP Scholars

Nine students at Smithson Valley High and 13 Canyon High students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

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. 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.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The Canyon High AP Scholars are Nicholas Chauret, Aaron Frater, Emma Hankins, Patrick Hendricks, Kelsey Hoegenauer, Cody Jackson, Jake Keller, Morgan Manning, Cory Massey and Reid Reininger. The Smithson Valley High AP Scholars are Julie Amthor, Desie Baker, Matthew Evans, Matthew Genovese, Christine Keyser, Ian Spencer, Hannah Weissgarber, and John Whitehead.

Canyon High students Amy Hanlon, Emma Luckemeyer, and Nathan Moore, and Smithson Valley High student Luke Perkins, were named AP

Scholars with Honor for averaging at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and for receiving grades of 3 or higher on at least four or more of these exams.

Four May 2007 Canyon graduates and 24 SVHS '07 graduates are also AP Scholars. The Canyon High AP Scholars are Brian Armstrong, Zach Reeh and Chad Williams. The Smithson Valley High AP Scholars are Hillary-Anne Crosby, Jeffrey Deuel, Amanda Easley, George Efta, Danielle Foster, David Haecker, Andrew Janney, Leon Lind, Hayley Manning, Marvin McDaniel, Stephen Miller, Montana Moeller, and Clayton Rogers.

Smithson Valley High 2007 graduates Bonnie Blackburn, Jason Bradshaw, Canyon Browning, Elizabeth Cortez, Lauren Davenport, David Guidorzi and Candice Zipperer were named AP Scholars with Honor. SVHS '07 graduates Daniel Beiter, Misha Blizzard, Samantha Owens and Tamara Richner were named AP Scholars with Distinction for averaging at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and for receiving grades of 3 or higher on at least five or more of these exams.

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 2007, 37 AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).