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## DSHS STUDENT RECEIVES RECORDS PERFECT ACT SCORE

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs High School senior **Tori Gahagan** earned a perfect composite score of 36 on ACT college entrance exam she took in September. Tori, who previously was announced as the lone National Merit semifinalist from DSHS, is the daughter of Lisa and Alan Gahagan.

Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, on average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earns the top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.85 million students earned a composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. Some students also take ACT's optional Writing Test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

Tori has been involved with marching band, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, the Helping Hands Club and the Thespian Society at Dripping Springs High School. She also has participated in UIL academic competition and served as president of the Physics Club.

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