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DSHS STUDENTS PERFORM WELL ON AP EXAMS; AP SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—Dripping Springs High School students performed extremely well on Advanced Placement (AP) exams administered in the spring of 2014.

Of the total exams taken by DSHS students, 79.6 percent of tests received scores of 3, 4, or 5, which can earn credit at most colleges and universities. That percentage far exceeds the state rate of 52.2 percent; internationally, 61.3 percent of tests received scores of at least a 3.

In 2014, 378 students took a total of 645 AP exams at Dripping Springs High School. Student enrollment in AP courses during the 2013-14 school year was 1,145.

One hundred and nineteen students from DSHS received recognition for their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement (AP) exams administered last spring, which means some of those honored are current seniors and some are 2014 graduates.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically prepared students with an opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to potentially earn college credit with a score of 3, 4 or 5 (on a 5-point scale) on the AP exam.

AP Scholar Awards are presented on several different levels based on average score on the exams and the cumulative number of tests taken. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams. For DSHS, many of those recognized are graduates from the Class of 2014, while others are now seniors or juniors.

Dripping Springs High School had **eight** National AP Scholars, which represents the highest level of recognition. The National AP Scholar Award means the students earned an average grade of 4 or higher on all AP exams taken, **and** scores of 4 or higher on eight or more exams. Recipients were Class of 2014 members Clark Boes, Taylor Hetrick, Devi Jadeja, Evon Looper, Thomas Metzger and David Slater, as well as current seniors **Tori Gahagan** and **Savannah Shifflet**.

The AP Scholar with Distinction Award was earned by **34** DSHS students who scored an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more tests.

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Dripping Springs High School had **21** students named AP Scholars with Honor, which means they received an average score of at least 3.25 on all exams, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more.

A total of **55** DSHS students were honored as AP Scholars, a status that is granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

The complete report that will be presented to the Board of Trustees on September 22.

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AP SCHOLARS- DRIPPING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL (current students only)

AP Scholars With Distinction:

Gwen Cochran
Cole Crawford
Kristina Dickinson
Sarah Everett
Haleigh Grant
Rachel Hammond
Clayton Kurpiewski
Luke Larue
Sarah Ladoux
Samuel Moody-Wong
Alexandra Mulconnery
Sydney Neugebauer
Asher Parker
Nathalie Rahmes
Abigail Schmidt
Hannah Slater
Christopher Stoll
Edwin Thomas
Isabella Waltz
Haley Willis

AP Scholars With Honor:

Kaitlyn Anderson
Emma Barkis
Shanna Dooley
Molly Jennings
Madeline Kennedy
Kelly Rice
Robert Thomas
Tricia-Marie Thomas

AP Scholars:

Insiya Aziz
Kelsi Ballard
Kyle Bender
Shannon Bonner
Gabriel Borg
Kaila Brinckmann
Madison Collier
Amelia Cunningham
Alexandra Davis
Maria Duster
Aidan Edwards
Jhad Francis
Austin Gieselmann
Macaella Gray
Eliseo Herrera
Sophia Higuera-Victoria
Scott Hodsdon
Tyler Hooks
Ivan Leontiev
Valentin Medina
Riley Moynihan
Marisa Mullins
Shelby Murrell
William Nichols
Emma Riggins
Sophia Schroeder
Trixie Wilkins

Numerous DSHS graduates also were recognized in the AP Scholar list for 2014: 28 AP Scholars, 13 AP Scholars with Honor, and 21 AP Scholars with Distinction.