

## News Release from Dripping Springs ISD



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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 2015.

Of the total exams taken by DSHS students, 74.8 percent of tests received scores of 3, 4, or 5, which can earn credit at most colleges and universities. In 2015, 349 students took a total of 563 AP exams at Dripping Springs High School. Student enrollment in AP courses during the 2014-15 school year was 1,145.

In addition to AP opportunities offered at DSHS, many students take dual-enrollment that allow them to earn high school and college credit at Austin Community College simultaneously. By the end of the 2014-15 school year, 99 juniors had earned 12 credit hours at ACC and 22 seniors had completed 24 credit hours.

**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 2015, 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 2015 members Cole Crawford, Sarah Everett, Tori Gahagan, Madeline Kennedy, Sydney Neugebauer, Kelly Rice, Savannah Shifflet and Haley Willis..

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The AP Scholar with Distinction Award was earned by **45** 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.

Dripping Springs High School had **20** 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 **32** 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 Oct. 26, 2015.

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

**AP Scholars With Distinction:**

Darrell Adams  
Hayden Anderson  
Insiya Aziz  
Alyssa Barth  
Kyle Bender  
Gabrielle Chavez  
Ashni Clayton  
Maria Duster  
Lorenzo Faivre  
Evan Gabrielsen  
Macaella Gray  
Samantha Hay  
Seiler Hess  
Daniel Huslig  
Benjamin Johnson  
Eric Kiehnau  
Riley Moynihan  
Justin Ponton  
Thomas Shively  
Cole Waldron  
Aaron Woodgate

**AP Scholars With Honor:**

Trey Boehm  
Kirsten Caldwell  
Henry Cohen  
Aidan Edwards  
Beringer Ergo  
Luke Hodsden  
Elena Lundeen  
Kylie Moss  
Weatherly Sawyer  
Tricia-Marie Thomas  
Morgan Yount

**AP Scholars:**

Maya Clausent  
Elise Higgins  
Sylvie Higgins  
Hailey Hodsden  
Joseph Ingrando  
Maheshsinh Jadeja  
Kristen James  
Jacob King  
Ryan Love  
Alexis Lytle  
Ainsley McCrimmon  
Claire McCrimmon  
Marnie O'Boyle  
Breanna Oliphant  
Julianne Peterson  
Josefina Salazar Morales  
Sophia Schroeder  
Daniela Watkins  
Amy Wierzbowski  
Grace Wyszowski  
Zhanna Yakymchuk