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Wayne Township Board of Education Recognizes National Merit and AP Scholars

(Wayne, NJ) – On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the Wayne Township Board of Education recognized 51 students for their academic achievements with the National Merit and Advanced Placement Scholarship Program. The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition to recognize student achievement and to award undergraduate scholarships. Established in 1955, the program is open to all U.S. high school students who meet participation requirements.

The majority of scholarships awarded in the National Merit Program are sponsored by about 400 corporate organizations and higher education institutions. Each year, educators in about 21,000 high schools provide the opportunity for their students to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Typically, over 1.5 million students in about 21,000 high schools enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program each year. Some 50,000 entrants qualify for program recognition, and approximately 8,500 outstanding students receive scholarships for college undergraduate study. The total awards are valued at about \$39 million.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCHOLARS

The AP Scholars Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. AP Scholar Awards come in different levels and types.

AP Scholar-Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

AP Scholar with Honor-Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction-Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

COLLEGE BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The College Board's National Recognition Programs create pathways to college for students from underserved communities by awarding them academic honors and connecting them with universities across the country.

Additional specific requirements include:

- Take the PSAT in October of their junior year.
- Achieve the minimum requested PSAT scores (qualifying level may vary by state each year).
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Toback, congratulated all of the students and their families for receiving this recognition and thanked them for being such outstanding role models.

President, Suzanne Pudup, stated, "It's also always exciting for the Board of Education to honor our students' accomplishments. I would like to thank them for being here this evening and their parents for their ongoing support through their educational years. Parental support makes a big difference. So thank you so much."

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS / AP SCHOLARS
CLASS OF 2022
WAYNE HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Michael Rewick, Principal

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMENDED STUDENTS

Jack Gallipoli, Arnav Garg, Jaein Han, Celine Kim, Julianna Lee, Maya Lozea,
John Oseback, Tyler Sirot

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

Pranav Chintala, Julia Ferreira, Ricardo Hernandez, Justin Polsky

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

John Dahdouh, Omkar Dhekne, Jack Gallipoli, Arnav Garg, Kathryn Gorden, Jaein Han,
Celine Kim, Maya Lozea, Connie Ni, John Oseback, Tyler Sirot, Daryna Yushchenko

AP SCHOLARS

Ryan Brim, Samantha Flynn, Chaitrali Gokhale, Jake Hecker, Noah Heller, Eunho Jung,
Joy Lee, Malavika Loka, Dylan Misquita, Ava Oseback, Jiwon Song, Devin Yun

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS / AP SCHOLARS
CLASS OF 2022
WAYNE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Kenneth J. Palczewski, Principal

NATIONAL MERIT

Faiyaz Aziz, Joseph Cappadona, Aparna Jayanth, Lavleen Madahar, Alyssa Sherry,
Grace Steiner

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

David Pritchard

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

Daniel Campos Yuvraj Gohil , Allison Gorelik, Aparna Jayanth, Alyssa Sherry

AP SCHOLARS

Faiyaz Aziz, Joseph Cappadona, Lauren Cinquino, Isabella DeRosa, Rachel Herschbein,
Lavleen Madahar, Madeline Martin, Natalie Ritacco, Kiarra Rosa, Evan Rowbotham, Taylor
Smith, Grace Steiner, Connor Williams

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLARS

Daniel Campos, David Pritchard, Evan Rowbotham, Isabella Vazquez, Kendall Ferguson,
Serena Celi

**COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM
SCHOLAR**

Kendall Ferguson

COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION PROGRAM SCHOLAR

Serena Celi

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