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TO: West Potomac High School Community
FROM: Drew Hamlin, Advanced Academics Coordinator
RE: AP Scholar Awards, graduating class of 2010

Dear Community,

I'm proud to announce that **163** students from the graduating class of 2010 at West Potomac High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performances on the AP examinations. About 18% of the more than 1.8 million students worldwide who took the AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Here at West Potomac High School, the graduating class of 2010 had:

- **9** students qualified for the **National AP Scholar Award** by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.
- **40** students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- **49** students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning 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.
- **65** students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,800 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores. Most four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or advanced placement for

qualifying exam scores. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me. A special thanks must be mentioned to the West Potomac High School community, as they support our learning community strive to be our best!

Best,

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