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115 Houston County Students Named AP Scholars

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – One hundred fifteen Houston County students have earned the designation of AP Scholar. The College Board has recognized 35 Houston County High students, 22 Northside High students, 24 Perry High students and 34 Warner Robins High students for their exceptional achievement on college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Program Exams. The AP Scholar Awards are academic distinctions which students may cite on applications and resumes.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for these students,” stated Dr. Wanda Creel, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. “The Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide a rigorous curriculum that is very beneficial in preparing students for the demands of college. We hope to continue to increase participation in our AP program.”

The AP Program offers students the opportunity to receive college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. College credit is awarded to students in accordance with the receiving institution's AP policy. Students took AP exams in May 2009 after completing college-level courses at their high schools. AP exams are graded on a five-point scale, with five being the highest for “extremely well qualified.” Based on the average cost of a freshman class offered at UGA, parents saved approximately \$1,300,000 on college tuition.

Several levels of achievement are recognized by the College Board. The honorees are listed below.

➤ **National Scholar:** Granted to students in the United States who receive an average of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Houston County High School: Varun Kannan and Brandon Munda

Perry High School: Allison Williams

Warner Robins High School: Hunter Blair and Colby Wilkason

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➤ **Scholar with Distinction:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five of these exams.

Houston County High School: Anna Bratcher, David Burke, Varun Kannan, Brandon Munda, Anna Schmitz, and Selina Walker

Northside High School: Trace Deighan, Sara Dominey, Mariah Sappington, and Emily Stahl

Perry High School: Patrick Cossart, Emma Cutchen, Mary Ellis, Allison Jansen, Kyle Stubbs, Janvi Wadiwala, and Allison Williams

Warner Robins High School: Kurtis Anderson, Hunter Blair, Lukas DeFrancis, Melissa Hyde, Cameron Premo, Courtney Walker, Nathanael Westray, and Colby Wilkason

➤ **Scholar with Honor:** Granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Houston County High School: Jerry Addison, Felicia Atkinson, Vinh Dong, Lakiesha Hampton, Lucy Ma, and Shelton Whitley

Northside High School: Jacqueline Overman and Melyssa Williams

Warner Robins High School: Michael Barrett, Kelsey Cummings, Melanie Custer, Egan Guillet, Marcia O'Neal, and Katherine Rhoades

➤ **Scholar:** Granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Houston County High School: Angelica Borden, Bradford Boyer, Katelyn Callahan, Rachel Callery, Theresa Davis, Ian Day, Timothy Delaney, Susan Emery, Jessica Glover, Priscilla Han, Steven Klein, Hannah Ludicke, Kaitlyn Merrifield, Alysa Moore, John Mulder, Stephen Philips, Christopher Stagg, Yinan Tang, Edwin Vazquez, Jonathan Walker, Kyle White, Tyler Wilson, and Kyle Wright

Northside High School: Jamie Barnwell, Tiffany Brown, Shawn Campbell, Cassandra Clark, Johnny Fells, James Floyd, Robert Frisch, Zemetria Hampton, Kyle Hathaway, Rachel Hutchinson, Erika Lloyd, Christopher Platt, Curtis Rau, Billy Robinson, April Walmer, and Luke West

Perry High School: Jessica Coates, Morgan Collins, Sarah Cossart, Daniel Crovo, Ian Culpepper, Carrie Daniels, Meredith Freeman, Jasmin-Marie Jones, Halston Kirkpatrick, Daricus Larry, Cory Mader, Kelsey Millman, Stephanie Pullen, Joshua Rogers, Caitlin Tompkins, Marsha Williamson, and Allesyn Young

Warner Robins High School: Keith Bean, Kyle Blevens, Kristen Brinson, Ashley Catron, Chelsea Couch, Patrick Fingles, Maria Theresa Franco, Caroline Greene, Jamieson Jensen, Bryan Jones, Aubrey Mullen, Tyler Purvis, Kody Shellhouse, Stanley Simmons, Rachel Sundry, Sean Taylor, Hannah Toland, Jan Turner, Alexandria Vinge, and Lycia Zingarelli

For more information, please contact the counselor's office at any of the high schools.