



Saint Viator Student Named National Hispanic Scholar

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Eddie Zahrebelski '11

Eddie Zahrebelski, a Saint Viator High School senior from Hoffman Estates, was named a National Hispanic Scholar by officials with the College Board, who develop and score college testing programs, including the SAT, the PSAT and Advanced Placement.

Earlier, Zahrebelski was named an AP Scholar with Distinction for having earned an average score of at least 3.5 on all of his AP Exams, as well as a National Merit Commended Scholar.

The added title of being named a National Hispanic Scholar only affirms his profile, Saint Viator Principal Eileen Manno says, as an excellent student, grounded in rigorous academic study and well prepared for college.

“This makes him even more desirable to colleges,” Manno says, “who are seeking this kind of well rounded student.”

College Board officials launched the National Hispanic Recognition Program in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic and Latino high school students. Its scholars and those named as honorable mentions were selected from a pool of more than 200,000 students who took the 2009 PSAT and identified themselves as Hispanic.

Students recognized are at least one-quarter Hispanic or Latino and have achieved a minimum PSAT score for their region. In Zahrebelski’s case, he was designated a National Scholar for his strong GPA of over a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, as well as his test performance.

In his spare time, Zahrebelski is a varsity pitcher with the Saint Viator Lions, a member of the National Honor Society, and he also competes with the school’s Scholastic Bowl team in National Academic Quiz Bowl tournaments.