



Saint Viator Students Average 25.2 on ACT --- Nearly 5 Points Over State Average

August 18, 2010



The Class of 2010 at graduation. Collectively, they earned an average ACT score of 25.2, nearly 5 points higher than the state average.

At Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights, administration officials announced that members of the Class of 2010 had scored an average of 25.2 on the ACT college entrance exam --- four points higher than the national average (21) and nearly five points higher than the state (20.7).

This marks the second year in a row Saint Viator students have posted an average score of 25 or higher, and have scored five points higher than the state.

“We’re thrilled,” said Eileen Manno, principal. “It’s a tremendous score and it reflects all the hard work by our faculty and students, as well as the school’s commitment to academic excellence.”

She added that Saint Viator students surpassed all four of the test’s benchmarks that measure college preparedness.

Manno credited the school’s rigorous course work with resulting in strong performance in college testing, which underscored the research published by ACT officials. They stressed the rigor of coursework – rather than simply the number of core courses – has the greatest impact on ACT performance and college readiness.

Evidence of that is the school’s latest Advanced Placement scores, which also remain consistently high, with 65 percent of the students in the Class of 2010 scoring a 3 or higher.

“That means 65 percent of our graduates have the potential of earning college credit,” Manno said.

She pointed to especially strong gains this year in AP Spanish and AP Physics scores.

The school’s good news came on Wednesday, the first day of the new 2010-2011 school year.

Administration officials announced strong enrollment this year.

Students come from 90 different communities in Northwest Cook, southern Lake, northern DuPage, and portions of Kane and McHenry counties, says Recruitment Director Bill Sanford, with 50 to 60 schools represented in each class.

The Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., president, said the school’s steady growth demonstrates support for the mission of the school, which is a commitment to academic excellence, rooted in faith formation.