



Saint Viator Students Average 25.7 on ACT

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Saint Viator officials announced today that members of the Class of 2011 scored an average of 25.7 on the ACT college entrance exam --- nearly five points higher than the state (20.9).

“Over the last five years, we have raised our composite scores by one full point, which we think is pretty significant,” says Eileen Manno, principal. “Over that time, every department raised their scores by one full point and English by nearly two full points.”

This marks the third year in a row that Saint Viator students have posted an average score of 25 or higher and have scored five points higher than the state. The composite score of 25.7 reflects 265 reported scores.

“We’re thrilled,” Manno says. “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.”

Most importantly, school officials stress that students surpassed all four of the test’s benchmarks that measure college preparedness, as predicted by the ACT.

In English alone, Saint Viator students scored an average of 27, a full nine points higher than the 18 that ACT officials hold as the standard for college preparedness.

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

The Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., president, noted the strong ACT scores during the opening faculty meeting on Monday.

“Our emphasis on curriculum mapping and on academic excellence is succeeding,” he told them. “We begin this new year with renewed energy, as we continue the yearlong celebration of our 50th Anniversary.”