



Saint Viator High School announces its first National AP Scholar

Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights learned from the College Board officials this week that they had 61 students earn AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams, including their first National AP Scholar.

Alex Grabowski of Arlington Heights earned the distinction after scoring an average of 4 or better on all the AP exams he took.

Earlier, Grabowski was one of two Saint Viator students to score a perfect 36 on the ACT college entrance exam. His classmate, Timothy Belter of Arlington Heights, also earned the highest score possible. Belter was named an AP Scholar of Distinction.

“We saw a significant increase in the number of students receiving recognition as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, and AP Scholars with Distinction,” says Eileen Manno, principal. “This year, all of our AP students took the AP test in their respective subjects, and we’re thrilled with their results. It reflects all of the efforts of their AP teachers and their rigorous work in preparing our students.”

In all, about 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed highly enough to earn an AP Scholar Award.

Specifically, 33 students from the Class of 2009 earned the distinction of AP Scholar, having scored 3.0 or higher on three AP Exams. Another 10 students earned the title of AP Scholar with Honor, after having averaged at least 3.25 on AP Exams and grades 3 or higher on four or more AP tests.

Saint Viator also saw 18 students earn the rank of AP Scholar with Distinction, after having averaged 3.5 on all AP Exams and grades of 3 or higher on five or more AP tests.

The AP Program offers the AP Scholar Awards to recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. While there is no monetary award, the achievement is acknowledged on any AP Score Report that is sent to colleges the following fall.