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SMC Announces AP Scholars

NEENAH: Seven students at St. Mary Central have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18% of the nearly 1.7 million students who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

At St. Mary Central, one student, ***Brandon Willems***, qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: ***Amanda Batterman, Clare Englebert, Tyler Neuman, Alexander Reinl, Maria Schmitz, and Michael Zolnowski.***

"AP is a wonderful opportunity for our SMC students. Not only does it give them college credits, but it helps them stand out in the college admissions process as well as develop the key skills needed to succeed in college," stated Cindy Nelson, SMC Guidance Counselor.

Compared to 2004, SMC has three times as many students taking AP courses and is administering three times as many AP tests.

St. Mary Central, a regional Catholic high school, is part of Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES). The system also includes St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel Elementary Schools in Neenah, as well as St. Mary Elementary and Seton Catholic Middle School in Menasha. TCCES is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

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