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Sixteen Badin students earn various AP Scholar awards

Sixteen Badin High School students have earned various AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievements on Advanced Placement Exams.

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

"AP courses are basically college courses taught in high school, and we're very pleased with how well our students do with them," said Badin Principal Frank Margello. "Underclass students as well as seniors are earning college credits and learning at a very high level."

Two members of Badin's Class of 2009 qualified for the "AP Scholar with Distinction" award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The two were Jake Benzing (now at the Ohio State University) and Matt Roesch (now at the University of Notre Dame).

Four more graduates qualified for the "AP Scholar with Honor" award by earning an average grade of 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Those students included Ellen Cserbak (Xavier University), Katie North (Miami University), Anita Randrianantoanina (Vanderbilt University) and Tim Wiedenmann (The Franciscan University of Steubenville).

Ten students qualified for the "AP Scholar" award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher. They included graduates Lauren Ceronie (Miami University), Mary Cochran (University of Michigan), Daniel Greve (University of Cincinnati), Jamiee Harbin (University of Virginia), Kelly Hoerst (DePauw University), Hannah Mills (Miami University) and Ben Motley (Kent State University in the NEUCOM medical program), and current seniors Michael Begovich, Billy Saurber and Jake Woodward.

Begovich and Woodward were recently named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. The three juniors will have an opportunity to advance their award, just as Roesch did after being named an "AP Scholar" as a junior.

“The number of students taking our Advanced Placement courses continues to increase because of the opportunities involved,” Margello said. “Our students place better than the overall national average, and these 16 young men and women are certainly to be commended for their success.”

Badin High School currently offers nine College Board-approved Advanced Placement courses, and requires all students in those classes to take the AP exam at the end of the course.

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