

# AP Scholars are recognized

Twenty-one students at Fountain Hills High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP Exams.

About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board

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

At Fountain Hills High School, Karl Lundin qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of four or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, as well as grades of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Alex Fryer and Karl Lundin also qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken as well as grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams.

Shelby Curtis, Damen Haughy and Catherine Ward qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, as well as grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams.

Finally, Mary Carillo, Michael

Carillo, Anna Chrzanowski, Naomi Davis, Luka Djordjevic, Justin Green, Jason Hulme, Courtney Larsen, Brian Lau, Evonne Lau, Benjamin Owens, Amber Perry, Eric Sahr, Devin Strang and Christopher Wingert qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher.

Of this year's award recipients at FHHS, five are sophomores or juniors and have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.

In 2007, 37 AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response

(essay or problem-solving or oral response) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,200 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations.

Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning.

Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program (AP).