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**GCHS Students Garner Top Designations by The College Board on 2017 AP Exams**

Each year, Garden City High School students sit for Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Depending on a student's results and the college or university he/she will be attending, these exams can count toward college credit, savings thousands of dollars on coursework (or freeing the student to take higher-level courses earlier in his/her college career), and serving as valuable college-readiness preparation.

The College Board administers the tests, scores exams on a scale of 0-5 (5 being the highest), and determines four levels of overall student achievement: Scholars, Scholars with Honors, Scholars with Distinction, and National Scholars. Each level is increasingly difficult to attain: Scholars must achieve grades of 3 or higher on three or more exams; Scholars with Honors must achieve an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams; Scholars with Distinction must achieve an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams; and National Scholars must receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

As illustrated in the attached chart, since 2008, the high school has had a steady increase in the total number of exams taken by its students. For 2017, Garden City High School students sat for 1,254 AP exams, and achieved the second highest total since 2008 of students scoring 3+. The total number of Scholars noted by The College Board was 222, a tie with the total achieved in 2015, and the second highest ever achieved by Garden City High School students. For National Scholars, the total for 2017 was 14, tied with 2016 and 2011. Again, these designations are awarded by The College Board to any student who has taken the exams and achieved high scores.

Congratulations to all our students for setting the bar high for themselves and to the high school administration and AP teachers for preparing our students so well!

AP EXAM SCHOLAR RESULTS 2008-2017

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total AP Students	450	448	522	501	531	526	522	544	549	547
Total Exams	914	1,001	1,134	1,096	1,199	1,203	1,179	1,267	1,293	1,254
AP Students with scores 3+	332	359	437	429	456	466	440	465	474	467
% AP Students with scores 3+	73.8	80.1	83.7	85.6	85.9	88.6	84.1	84.7	86.3	85.4
% ALL GCHS graduates scoring 3+ at some point	n/a	n/a	66.4	70.4	77.8	81.5	77.1	70.6	72.4	73.9
Scholars (Total)	93	153	185	176	201	220	206	222	238	222
Scholars	39	78	100	77	88	83	89	91	95	77
Scholars with Honors	15	43	35	41	47	58	54	56	64	74
Scholars with Distinction	39	32	50	58	66	79	63	75	79	71
National Scholar	3	4	15	14	15	18	18	14	31	14