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New AP Scholar Records Set for GCHS!

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.

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 2010, the high school has had a steady increase in the total number of exams taken by its students. For 2016, impressive new records were set across several areas. At 1,293, Garden City High School students sat for more AP exams than ever*. Students who achieved scores of 3+ were at the highest level to date: 473. The total number of Scholars noted by The College Board was 238, up from 185 in 2010. The total number of Scholars with Honors increased to 64. At 79, Scholars with Distinction tied with 2013 for the highest number; and the high school had an amazing 31 National Scholars for 2016 – more than double last year's 14 National Scholars! 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!

*The College Board provides these numbers. We expect the total to be revised upwards to 1,302 once all Garden City's AP exams are recorded.

AP EXAM SCHOLAR RESULTS 2010-2016

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total AP Students	522	501	531	526	522	544	549
Total Exams	1,134	1,096	1,199	1,202	1,178	1,244	1,293
AP Students with scores 3+	437	429	456	466	440	461	473
% AP Students with scores 3+	83.7	85.6	85.9	88.6	84.3	84.7	86.2
% ALL GCHS graduates scoring 3+ at some point	66.4	70.4	77.8	81.5	77.1	70.6	72.4
Scholars (Total)	185	176	201	220	206	222	238
Scholars	100	77	88	83	89	91	95
Scholars with Honors	35	41	47	58	54	56	64
Scholars with Distinction	50	58	66	79	63	75	79
National Scholar	15	14	15	18	18	14	31