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MAST Students Receive National Recognition

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program of the College Board has named fifty-six (56) MAST Academy students *AP Scholars*, *AP Scholars with Distinction*, *AP Scholars with Honor* or *AP National Scholars* for their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

Thirty students (30) qualified for the *AP Scholar Award* by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Evelyn Aguilar, Dannia Alfonso, Joaquin Alvarez, Melody Charles, Stephanie Coronado, Stefania Dimauro-Nava, Marianna Dimauro-Nava, Pedro Espina, Gabriel Franca, Daniel Garcia, Monica Gonzalez, Thomas Green, Johanna Interian, Erin Jester, Visvaldis Krumins, Marcos Lanio, Kellye Lopez, Jenny Millet, Simone Nibbs, Andre Ortega, Valeria Picado, Alexandra Primiani, Arturo Ricondo, Alexander Rivarola-Borrot, Jonathan Roth, Mariella Saavedra, Carlos Sanchez, Gaurav Sen, Erika Tyburski, and Erica Wenguer.**

Five (5) students 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. These students are **Willie Avendano, Cossette Joy, John McGraw, Lauren Peterson, and Stephanie Villagra.**

Twenty one (21) students qualified for the *AP Scholar with Distinction Award* by earning 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. These students are **Scarlett Barker, Kevin Bernfeld, Danica Carew, Crystal Diaz de Villegas, Daniel Giovinazzo, Christopher Hendrix, Aarthi Kalaichezhian, Ian Kent, Amanda Labora, Brandon Leibowitz, Jessica Lichter, Christopher Montero, Nicholas Morales, Leah Nation, Alan Reyes, Alexander Salinas, Gregory Solano, Catherine Suarez, Jeremias Szust, Guillermo Tinoco, and Thomas Utset-Ward.**

Four students (4) qualified for the *National AP Scholar Award* by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are **Danica Carew, Leah Nation, Alexander Salinas, and Catherine Suarez.**

MAST seniors **Scarlett Barker, Guarav Sen, and Stephanie Villagra** have been named **Semifinalists** in the *2008 National Merit Scholarship Competition*. **Simone Nibbs** is a **Semifinalist** in the *2008 Achievement Scholarship Competition*. **Chinelo Okany** has been recognized as a **Commended Student** by the *National Achievement Scholarship Program*. Recognized as **Commended Students** in the *2008 National Merit Scholarship Program* are **Gabriel Franca, Daniel Giovanzo, Christopher Hendrix, Amanda Labora, Marcella May, Simone Nibbs, and Alan Reyes**.

MAST sophomore **Patrick Canary** will attend the *National Young Leaders Conference* (NYLC) in Washington, DC, from October 16th -21st. The NYLC is designed to instruct and enrich promising students in a hands-on, experiential atmosphere while preparing them for a lifetime of leadership. Conference participants will discuss current events and issues with top policy makers in Washington, D.C., analyze concepts, and then put them immediately to work.