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### **Eighteen SMCHS Students Earn AP Scholar Awards**

Fox Cities: Eighteen students at St. Mary Catholic High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams. This honor was bestowed on 27% of the Class of 2016.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 22 percent of the 2.2 million student worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn a AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

At St. Mary Catholic High School:

- Three students, **Kevin Greif, Madeline Hass** and **Zachary Parks**, all 2016 graduates, qualified for the *National AP Scholar Award* by earning an average score of 4 or higher in all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.
- Nine students, **Kara Brightwell, Kevin Greif, Madeline Hass, Emma Metz, Zachary Parks, Christina Porter** and **Madeline Uhlenbrauck** (from the Class of 2016) and **Peyton Jack** and **William O'Brien** (seniors this year) all qualified for the *AP Scholar with Distinction Award* by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

- Three students, Class of 2016 members **Rochelle Butler and Melissa Srnka** and current senior **Patrick Golichnik** qualified for the *AP Scholar with Honor Award* by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more.
- Six students, 2016 graduates **Elizabeth Ahles, Katrina Franda, Emily Minton** and **Lauren Unruh** and current seniors **Regan Andersen** and **Joseph Kerwin** and qualified for the *AP Scholar Award* by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher.

Of this year's award recipients at SMCHS, the five seniors have the 2016-17 school year to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.

AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admission process. More than 3600 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores, and most four-year colleges in the U.S. provide credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying exam scores.

The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. For more information, visit [www.apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com).

**St. Mary Catholic High School**, a regional Catholic high school, is part of St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS). The system also includes St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Village of Fox Crossing and St. Mary Elementary Schools (St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel in Neenah, and St. Mary in Menasha). SMCS is dedicated to the individual development of students in grades Pre3-12 by providing the highest quality education focused on faith, academics and service in a rapidly changing world.

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