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

Fox Cities: Twenty 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 22% of the Class of 2018.

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

At St. Mary Catholic High School:

- **Erik Meier**, a 2018 graduate, qualified for the *AP Scholar with Distinction Award* by earning an average score of 3.5 or higher in all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- Seven students, **Noah Johnson, Mollie Olson, Erika Quinonez and Alicia Thone** (class of 2018) **Michael Kerwin, Nicholas Purcell, Maya Staehler**, (seniors this year) all 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 of these exams.
- Twelve students, Class of 2018 members: **Christian Jack, Grace Jares, Paige Parks, Olivia Pennings, Taylor Schmidt, Brittney Stumpf, Connor Trader**, Class of 2019 members: **Joshua Hopwood, Anna Little, Ruth Meier, Ian Shofner and Ethan Unruh** qualified for the *AP Scholar Award* by earning scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Of this year's award recipients at SMCHS, the eight seniors have the 2018-19 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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