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## **MCAULEY ANNOUNCES AP SCHOLARS**

Thirty-six Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School students earned the distinction of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.6 million high school students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar. Students took the AP Exams in May 2008 after completing challenging college-level courses at McAuley. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Nine McAuley 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 senior Andrea Altenbach of Blue Island; and Class of 2008 graduates Natalie Distasio of Clearing, Christine Kazlauskas of Chicago Lawn, Katherine Kelly of Orland Park, Amy Maslar of Lemont, Helen Padden of Beverly, Catherine Ryan of Evergreen Park, Victoria Simmons of Evergreen Park, and Maura Walsh of Oak Lawn.

McAuley had four students qualify 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 Class of 2008 graduates Claire Bowens of Beverly, Maria Dikcis of Burbank, Monica Prado of Oak Lawn, and Veronica Willis of Flossmoor.

Twenty-three students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. These students are seniors Christine Anthony of Mt. Greenwood, Kelly Bartusiak of Burbank, Caitlin Gallagher of Beverly, Kathleen Kaysen of Orland Park, Amanda Shine of Morgan Park, Eileen Torpy of Beverly, and Chelsey Walsh of Beverly; and Class of 2008 graduates Elizabeth Chaps of Beverly, Margaret Curran of Oak Lawn, Michelle Garner of Oak Lawn, Francesca Gattuso of Oak Lawn, Mary Glennon of Orland Park, Alyssa Gutierrez of Clearing, Lorry Henderson of Harvey, Cathy Hornik of Archer Heights, Laura Kinahan of Oak Lawn, Frances Kobiernicki of Oak Lawn, Catherine Martin of Oak Lawn, Megan Needham of Oak Lawn, Katelyn O'Donnell of Evergreen Park, Megan Walsh of Alsip, Kelly Wright of Oak Lawn and Val Zulevic of Ashburn.