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## **McAuley Announces AP Scholars**

Forty-two 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 2009 after completing challenging college-level courses at McAuley. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

Three 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 (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest). These students are Class of 2009 graduates Amanda Shine of Beverly, Andrea Altenbach of Blue Island and Rachel Page of Oak Lawn.

McAuley had thirteen 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 seniors Sarah Mahoney of Beverly; Anne Dailidonis of Brighton Park; and Gina Sanchez of Evergreen Park; and Class of 2009 graduates Hannah Pienton of Beverly, Kelly Bartusiak of Burbank and Rachel Pazda of Clearing; Lyssa Chavka and Christine Durco of Evergreen Park; Chelsey

Walsh of Morgan Park; Jessica Murray and Sarah O'Rourke of Mt. Greenwood; Emily Robinson of Oak Lawn; and Kathleen Kaysen of Orland Park.

Twenty-six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. These students are seniors Mary Baker, Sheila Burns, Jacqueline Capron, Katherine Cronin and Killian McIlvain of Beverly; Leah Maslona of Garfield Ridge; Kelsey Philippi of Morgan Park; Carol Frigo, Bridget Sheehy and Catherine Smith of Oak Lawn; Helen Sweiss of Palos Heights; Rebecca Sutich and Clare Teeling of West Lawn; and Class of 2009 graduates Caitlin Gallagher, Julie Larmon, Erin McGinnis and Allison Usher of Beverly; Brigid O'Keefe of Evergreen Park; Despina Batson of Lemont; Rebecca Pelka and Tia Puetz of Mt. Greenwood; Mary Albano and Sabrina Karakaya of Oak Lawn; Jessica Carroll and Ann Quinn of Orland Park; and Diana Rocha of West Eldson.