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**TISD ANNOUNCES AP SCHOLARS**

**Texarkana, TX** -- Texarkana Independent School District is proud to announce that fourteen May 2011 graduates and four current senior students have earned the designation of AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor or AP Scholar with Distinction 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 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 18 percent of the 1.9 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

Students took AP Exams in May 2011 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

At Texas High School, May 2011 graduates, Shannon Brewer, Clifton Petty and Cicely Shannon qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction 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.

May 2011 graduate, Jane Bashaw, was named AP Scholar with Honor by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

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Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. Texas High School AP Scholars are: May 2011 graduates Julie Dailey, Jared Davenport, Maeghan Dickson, Alyssa Hudspeth, Andrew Lusk, Laura Miller, Brittany Morris, Robert Morris, Grant Ryden and Connor Watson. Current THS Seniors earning the distinction are: Constance Allen, Emily Hoover, Claire Howard and Victor Wedding.

Through 34 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,800 colleges and universities annually receive AP scores. Most four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or advanced placement for qualifying exam scores. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and have higher college graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

The College Board's is a not-for-profit membership whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the Collage Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of more than 5,900 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success including the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools.

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