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**FORTY-SIX TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM TEXAS ACT COUNCIL**

Texarkana, TX – Forty-six Texas High School sophomore students received the “Texas Student Achievement Award from Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment.

ACT’s College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science to have a successful college freshman experience.

Students receiving this recognition from Texas ACT Council are: Carly Amox, Trevor Bates, Gabriella Bermea, Cavan Bilyeu, Kathryn Black, Kelly Burnett, Matthew Cantin, Andrew Chirwa, Natalie Copeland, Jacob Dowdy, Christopher Fore, Christina Harris, Tab Hartman, Jacob Hill, Cassandra Hitchcock, Aaron Jones, Christopher Keith, Shelby Kelley, Heather Lanier, Hailey McGuire, Joseph Meredith, Ramirez Morales, Mary Norton, Abigail O’Gorman, Zachary Oldham, Ashley Osborne, Kevin Paxton, Davis Payne, Ryan Peavy, Christian Pennington, Mackenzie Phillips, Logan Porter, Alexandra Prather, Joseph Quinnelly, Riden Reiter, Riley Rogers, Haley Rushing, Autumn Sehy, Andrew Shew, Macy Shirley, Caroline Smith, Michael Stanley, Caleb Strutton, Stephen Vaughan, Hailey Woods and Jennifer Wyrick.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the board areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, “The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Texas High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students.”

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