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Wisconsin AP Scholars named

MADISON — Two graduates from Marshfield High School have been named Advanced Placement Scholars for Wisconsin. This is the third year that both scholars have been from the Marshfield School District.

The College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program recognized **Kara Faciszewski** and **Stephen Nordin** as 2009 State AP Scholars from Wisconsin for their performance on Advanced Placement exams. This is the 19th year that the organization has granted State AP Scholar Awards. The distinction goes to one male and one female student from each state and the District of Columbia with grades of three or higher on the greatest number of AP exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP exams taken. For 2009, 109 students nationwide received AP Scholar Awards.

“Kara and Stephen obviously focused on their studies while in high school so they were ready for the college-level work AP courses and exams demand,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “We want all students in our schools to graduate with the skills and knowledge that prepare them for further education and the workforce.”

The AP program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP exams. Scores of three, four, or five on AP exams generally are considered “passing” and worthy of credit at many universities. In 2009, more than 1.7 million high school students in 17,000 secondary schools worldwide took more than 2.9 million AP exams. During the 2008-09 school year, 27,269 Wisconsin students took 43,830 AP exams. The state’s passing rate was 68.4 percent, nearly 10 percent higher than the national average (58.9 percent). In the 2008 “AP Report to the Nation,” Wisconsin had the highest participation and passing rates on AP tests in the 13-state Midwest region.

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