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**Harrisburg Academy Celebrates Two National Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Two students at Harrisburg Academy have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) provides motivated 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 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

**At Harrisburg Academy, two students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken. These students are Thomas Cheney '09 (8 exams) and Steven Pecht '09 (5 exams). Thomas Cheney is studying History at Newcastle University in Newcastle on Tyne, United Kingdom; Steven Pecht is studying Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated 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 the exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. AP is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities worldwide for college credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam grades. This includes more than 90 percent of four-year institutions in the United States. 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 higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

Harrisburg Academy challenges and inspires children in preschool through 12th grade to reach their full potential. An IB World School, Harrisburg Academy is the only school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. This school year, Harrisburg Academy is celebrating its *Triple Anniversary* – 225 years since founding, 200 years since chartering, and 50 years at its location at 10 Erford Road.

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