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Blue Valley seventh-graders earn top honors in Duke TIP

More than 100 seventh-graders have earned recognition in the 2008-09 Duke Talent Identification Program. Students qualify for Duke TIP by scoring 95 percent or better on either the math or reading portion of an achievement test.

One hundred and ninety-six students chose to take the ACT, SAT or both college entrance exams. Of those students, 18 qualified for grand recognition and 125 for state recognition.

Students qualifying for grand recognition must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **SAT:** Score greater than 670 on math; greater than 650 on critical reading; greater than 650 on writing; or a combined score of 1850 or greater on math, critical reading and writing.
- **ACT:** Score greater than 28 on math; greater than 28 on English; greater than 30 on reading; greater than 26 on science; or composite score of 26 or higher.

Students qualifying for state qualifying recognition must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **SAT:** Score greater than 520 on math; greater than 510 on critical reading; greater than 500 on reading; or two of the three following scores: 510 in math, 500 in reading, 490 in writing.
- **ACT:** Score greater than 20 on English; greater than 20 on math; greater than 21 on reading; greater than 21 on science; or three of the following scores: English 19, math 19, reading 20, science 20.

Blue Valley's **grand recognition winners** are: Ajay Subramanian from Blue Valley Middle; Mary Beaman from Harmony Middle; Kendall Strohs and Annie Zhang from Lakewood Middle; John Dussold, Kelvin Li, Emmaline Lorenzo and Ben Sensenich from Leawood Middle; Michael Zhou from Overland Trail Middle; Jack Chen, Katherine Hartman and Grant Sander from Oxford Middle; Sandy Sanchez and Katherine Super from Pleasant Ridge Middle; and Luke Chen, Mackenzie Haun, Alec Newport and Rachel Phillips from Prairie Star Middle.

These students were also recognized at the state level.

Blue Valley's **state recognition winners** are:

Blue Valley Middle: Nihil Abraham, Joseph Alani, Greer Banks, Rachel Bergeson, Elynnor Burress, Connor Davis, Aquib Jamil, Madison Jewett, Mikhail Motsonashvili, Sarah Niebergall, Jonathan Schloemer, Mackenzie Smith, Ajay Subramanian, Daniel Voss, Natalya Vrana and Taylor Yeazel.

Harmony Middle: Brandon Barber, Mary Beaman, Michelle Chen, Erin Dimon, Ashwini Kamat, Max Katcher, Delaney Lafon, Abigail Lanphear, Morgan Little, Mykell Ma, Ami Nanavaty, Kelly O'Farrell, Eric Osburn, Priyanka Rao and Namana Rao.

Lakewood Middle: Will Baltzer, Rosanna Chan, Riley Clark, Nicholas Fausnight, Kaitlin Grover, Jackson Henriksen, Benjamin Hodges, Brianna Jackson, Emily Kapp, Drake Laughlin, Miranda Lindmark, Mackenzie Lujin, Andrew Meyers, Iqraz Nanji, Anna Peters, Grace Weissend and Carolyn Willis.

Leawood Middle: Hayley Berger, Nathan Branham, Jonathan Bush, Sarah Cokington, John Dussold, Andrew Dykeman, Muriel Eaton, Benjamin Imlay, Grace Li, Kelvin Li, Emmaline Lorenzo, Claire Miller, Joshua Moncure, Sean O'Connor, Grant Parker, Ben Sensenich, Kendall Strohs and Annie Zhang.

Overland Trail Middle: Benjamin Brock, Christopher Clarkston, Emma Dopheide, Ashley House, Harichandana Karne, Sakshi Mahajan, Daniel Rosenberg, Lauren Schwartz, Maximilian Thieme, Lora Uhlig, Jarod White, Madylan Womack, Emma Worgul, Linda Yang and Michael Zhou.

Oxford Middle: Jack Chen, Jason Cocjin, Swapnil Gupta, Katherine Hartman, Evan Hatley, Tejas Patel, Grant Sander, Hannah Tharp and Rachel Wilkins.

Pleasant Ridge Middle: Lauren Atkeisson, Sabrina Castle, Michelle Cowles, Morgan Cowles, John Grimsley, Nathan Hansen, Lauren Henke, David Hu, Jennifer Kealey, Grant Laster, Marissa Muro, Sandy Sanchez, Lucas Scott, Khyati Somayaji, Keegan Sullivan and Katherine Super.

Prairie Star Middle: Shilpika Bajpai, Jack Beardslee, Luke Chen, Max Chesis, Taylor Daniels, Zachary Deleon, Robert Goheen, Mackenzie Haun, Danielle Hayworth, Rachel Jenkins, Zoe Krump, Brandon Lee, Alec Newport, Megan Nicholis, Daniel O'Toole, Max Palmer, Rachel Phillips, Adam Samazin and Zachary Williams.

Grand recognition winners will be recognized May 18 at Duke University in Durham, N.C. State recognition winners will be recognized June 7 at the University of Kansas.

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