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**Blue Valley seventh-graders earn top honors in Duke TIP**

More than 140 seventh-graders have earned recognition in the 2009-10 Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP). Students qualify for Duke TIP by scoring 95 percent or better on either the math or reading portion of an achievement test.

Two hundred and fifty-four chose to take the ACT, SAT or both college entrance exams. Of those students, 13 qualified for grand recognition and 146 for state recognition.

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

- **SAT:** Score 670 or greater on math; 650 or greater on critical reading; 650 or greater on writing; or a combined score of 1850 or greater on math, critical reading and writing.
- **ACT:** Score 28 or greater on math; 28 or greater on English; 30 or greater on reading; 26 or greater 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 520 or greater on math; 510 or greater on critical reading; 500 or greater on writing; or two of the three following scores: 510 in math, 500 in reading, 490 in writing.
- **ACT:** Score 20 or greater on English; 20 or greater on math; 21 or greater on reading; 21 or greater on science; or three of the following scores: English 19, math 19, reading 20, science 20.

The Blue Valley School district's **grand recognition qualifiers** are: Wesley Caldwell, Eric Reglin and Abhimanyu Sharma, from Pleasant Ridge Middle; Alec Mitchell and Gavin Zhu from Lakewood Middle; Kaleb Cox from Prairie Star Middle; Jackson Hubble and Natalia Mushegian from Leawood Middle; Sidney Hallak and Evan Trout from Oxford Middle; Suzanna Stephenson from Harmony Middle; Emily Zhu from Overland Trail Middle; and Sean Wilson from Blue Valley Middle.

These students were also recognized at the state level.

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

*Pleasant Ridge Middle:* Kennedy Brown, Owen Dahm, Billy Ferguson, Christopher Fry, Alexander Ghekas, Nicholas Grant, Jacob Hegna, Christian Horton, Hannah Huffman, McLain Hymer, Debolina Kanjilal, Katherine Lenson, Peter Martin, Alix Noteboom, Mathew Orzechowski, Taylor Skram, Megan Tolar and Zachary Tolar.

*Lakewood Middle:* Maheen Bangash, Matthew Birzer, Sarah Brabston, Clay Cubbage, Kyler Dixon, Jason Frederick, Elizabeth Friedeman, James Henderson, Anthony Kirk, Jacqueline Leonard, Megan Maricle, Layne Mays, Shrushti Mehta, Gabriel Ng, Ian Raddatz, Conner Reed, Elena Renner, Amanda Shoemaker, Ram Sivakumar, Carter Stout, Taylor Sutton and Rachael Witaszak.

*Prairie Star Middle:* Matthew Antonic, Beau Bequeaith, David Berkowitz, Sally Cochran, Morgan Donnell, Nadia Fardipour, Carter Floyd, Gabrielle Gunnerson, Linden Hoffman, Dane Holland, Chiranth Honnur, Jonathan Jarrell, Colton Mantyka, Taylor Morton, Nicholas Nugent, Sarah Olson, Arjun Prakash and Lindsey Taulbee.

*Leawood Middle:* Stella Atzenweiler, James Bergman, Samuel Boyd, Alexandra Dykeman, Andrew Gourley, Alexandra Keleti, Ben Leeper, Emily Levinson, Marcus Motley and Lynn Zhu.

*Oxford Middle:* Charles Anderson, Caleb Banegas, Catherine Bernard, Pumposh Bhat, Cody Blevins, Robert Canfield III, Brennan Case, Sara Drake, Moira Henderson, Meghan Henderson, Ankit Kadakia, Kerry Kao, Thomas Lasnier, Garrett Pieper, Megan Rodrigues and Conner Wernimont.

*Harmony Middle:* Sarah Fugate, Stratton Georgoulis, Alexis Jalbert, Austin Klein, Jackson Kutey, Jack Lapin, Tiffany Liu, Annie Mclean, Hanna Moradi, Abhik Nag, Trevor Peck, Helen Peng, Alexandra Schrobilgen, William Schuller and Katherine Thill.

*Overland Trail Middle:* Michael Burns, Yuyang Chu, Alexandra Davis, Madeline Easley, Christopher Gerhardt Mathews, Wyatt Hursch, Spandana Koduri, Gouthama Kumar, Matthew Martel, Mitch Reinig, Noah Ryan, Cecilia Ryan, Vanessa Shields, Joseph St. Pierre, Henry Wang, Zhiyuan Xue, Zhisheng Xue and Louise Yang.

*Blue Valley Middle:* Erin Birmingham, Jack Collins, Charlotte Davis, Andie Divelbiss, Harrison Dyer, Joseph Gorthy, Justin Hicklin, Joseph Lasley, Amanda Miller, Madison Mrla, Alec Nichols, Corinne Rolfs, Paige Salts, Adithya Sivakumar and Alyssa Yarbrough

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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