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NATION'S MOST 'ADVANCED' SCIENCE & MATH STUDENTS HONORED WITH 2006-07 SIEMENS AWARDS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

**Two Thirds Are First Generation American;
Contrary to Stereotype, Top Math and Science Scorers Are Also Big in Sports**

Iselin, NJ, February 26, 2007 — The best performances by American high school students on Advanced Placement science and math courses were honored today with the announcement of the 2006-07 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement. Eighty-one students in 46 states, including 74 high school seniors and seven high school juniors, were named winners. Each will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship from the Siemens Foundation, a national leader in math and science education. A complete list of winners is available at www.siemens-foundation.org.

More than two thirds (67 percent) of this year's honorees are first-generation Americans. Contrary to the popular notion that academic achievers are always buried in books, well over half (59 percent) are actively involved in sports, including 22 percent at the varsity level. Less surprisingly, nearly a quarter (21 percent) are class valedictorians.

"This is an outstanding group of young math and science scholars," said Thomas N. McCausland, chairman of the New Jersey-based Siemens Foundation. "We expect to see great things from all of them in the years ahead."

The \$200,000 program, first established in 1998, honors high school students who excel on the College Board's Advanced Placement[®] (AP[®]) Program science and math courses. The College Board selects up to one male and one female winner from every state. In addition, one male and one female student are selected as national winners.

"These students represent the highest level of achievement among the more than 300,000 students who take Advanced Placement math and science courses each year," said College Board President Gaston Caperton.

The Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement also recognize teachers and high schools making significant strides in AP. One teacher is selected as Siemens National AP Teacher of the Year for dedication to the AP Program both inside and outside the classroom.

Student Winners

Up to 100 students (potentially one female and one male in each state) receive a \$2,000 college scholarship for earning the greatest number of grades of 5 on the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science AB, Environmental Science, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, and Statistics. Students must obtain a grade of 5 on at least three of these exams to qualify. Two national winners (one male and one female with greatest number of grades of 5) will be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Teacher & School Winners

The Siemens Foundation honors winning high school math and science teachers with a \$1,000 award. One Siemens National AP Teacher of the Year wins a \$5,000 award. Teachers with a minimum of five years of teaching experience in math, science or technology courses are selected for their exemplary teaching and enthusiastic dedication to students and the AP Program.

One high school per state is selected in recognition of its commitment to students and leadership in AP participation and performance. Schools receive a \$1,000 grant awarded from the Siemens Foundation to be used to support math and science education.

The Siemens Foundation

Established in 1998, the Siemens Foundation provides nearly \$2 million in college scholarships and awards each year for talented high school students in the United States. Based in Iselin, New Jersey, the Foundation's signature programs—the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, and the Siemens Teacher Scholarships—recognize exceptional achievement in science, math, and technology. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation, research, and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens' U.S. operating companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org.

The College Board

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,200 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT[®], the PSAT/NMSQT[®], and the Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns.

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