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H-F's A.P. Program "Exemplary"

Homewood-Flossmoor recognized by the College Board for second straight year

Feb. 10, 2011 (Flossmoor, Ill.) — In a report released this week, the College Board recognized Homewood-Flossmoor High School as the only school in the state of Illinois with an exemplary Advanced Placement program for its efforts in getting African-American students to succeed in A.P.® classes. For the second year in a row, Homewood-Flossmoor had the highest number of African-American students earn at least a 3 on the A.P. Psychology exam of any school in the nation. The A.P.® Psychology course is taught by teachers Lauren Chasey and Jennifer Juenke.

"We invest a great deal of resources to getting letters to students and parents about their opportunities to take on and succeed in challenging A.P.® courses," said **Dr. Von Mansfield**, superintendent.

The push towards rigorous coursework starts early, even before students begin at the high school.

"High expectations and equity and access to all of these courses are highlighted for incoming students every winter when we host our A.P.® Showcase event," said Mansfield. "Communicating early has really allowed us to create interest among many, many students."

The school currently offers 23 A.P.® courses in six different content areas:

- English — English Language & Composition; English Literature & Composition
- Fine Arts — History of Art; Studio Art; Music Theory & Composition
- Mathematics — Calculus AB; Calculus BC; Computer Science using Java 1/Java 2; Statistics
- Science — Biology; Chemistry; Environmental Science; Physics B; Physics C
- Social Science — Economics; European History; Human Geography; Psychology; U.S. Government & Politics; U.S. History; World History
- World Language — French; Spanish

No longer just for upper classmen, five of these courses (History of Art; Computer Science; Statistics; Human Geography; U.S. Government & Politics) are even open to freshmen. In 2010, 157 H-F students received the designation A.P.® Scholar or higher with 12 being named A.P.® National Scholars.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership organization committed to excellence and equity in education. Its 7th Annual *A.P.® Report to the Nation* shows how well educators across the U.S. have increased access to the types of rich academic experiences that prepare student for success in college. Additional data from the report can be found at collegeboard.com/apreport.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a three-time National Blue Ribbon award-winning school, located at 999 Kedzie Avenue in Flossmoor, Ill. For more information on the school, call 708-799-3000 or visit hfhighschool.org.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a comprehensive community high school located in the South Suburbs of Chicago. The district serves the villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, and portions of Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Hazel Crest and Olympia Fields. A tradition of excellence is the cornerstone of H-F – the result of commitment on the part of district residents to the idea of a community high school with high standards for students and staff, and a solid goal of excellence in education.

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