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9 (!) AP SCHOLARS AT CONCORD — AGAIN!

Once again, nine students at Concord High School have earned the designation of **AP Scholar** by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams.



CHARMAINE MILDER



AMY UNTERMAN



PETRA SZILAGYI



JAMIE BENCE



ARISTA CHAND

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Only about 17 percent of the more than one-million high school students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student's performance on AP exams.

At Concord High School, two students qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Those students are



TOBY COHEN



JASON GOETZ



TARAN HUFFMAN



JACK SULLIVAN

Charmaine Milder and **Amy Unterman**. **Petra Szilagyi** qualified for the **AP Scholar with Honor Award** by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams. **Jamie Bence**, **Arista Chand**, **Benjamin ("Toby") Cohen**, **Jason Goetz**, **Taran Huffman** and **Jack Sullivan** qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher.

JARED GETS JETS ✈



JARED BURRIS

After **Jared Burris**, *Concord High School Class of 2000*, graduates from the **United States Air Force Academy** in the spring of 2005, he will enter **flight training school** at an Air Force base. Only the chosen few in the USAF qualify for flight school. (Jared earned his pilot's license last year.) Another *impossible* dream come true.

DAVID GETS THE GOLDEN KEY

In October 2004, UC Berkeley sophomore, **Cecily Anne David**, *Concord High School Class of 2003*, was invited to attend the Annual Sophomore Reception of the **University of California, Berkeley Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society** in recognition of UC Berkeley Sophomores in the **top 5% of their class!** Cecily was also made a member of the **National Collegiate Scholars**.



CECILY DAVID

MORE HONORS FOR SZILAGYI



PETRA SZILAGYI

More honors for **Petra Szilagyi!** In November 2004, she was awarded the **Presidential Freedom Scholarship** for her outstanding commitment to community service, and completed her Summer 2004 internship for **Congresswoman Diane Watson** with a Certificate of Recognition, a wonderful letter of recommendation, and an invitation to work in Congresswoman Watson's national office in Washington, DC.

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NASA HONORS BARRIOS



BARRY BARRIOS

MIT sophomore **Barry Barrios**, *Concord High School Class of 2003*, was one of 127 recipients of the inaugural **NASA Hispanic Explorers Scholarships**, totaling \$500,000 in 2004. He was also one of 10 students invited to represent the recipients at the 10th annual Hispanic College Fund (HCF) Scholarship Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C., on October 22, 2004. Since 1993, HCF has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to more than 1,600 Hispanic students in science, engineering, technology and business-related disciplines. HCF administers the NASA Hispanic Explorers Scholarship on behalf of the agency.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FUTURE

Four students from Concord High School, **Anna Geisslinger**, **Charmaine Milder**, **August Rasche**, and **Petra Szilagyi**, were part of the **YMCA's Youth and Government, Santa Monica** delegation that went to Sacramento for California's 56th Model Legislature and Court Conference, a statewide youth educational program that was established in 1949, involving more than 2,200 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors with nine months, *hands-on* experience. The teen delegates wrote bills, selected governmental positions to role-play, attended statewide training conferences, and ran for various elected offices, using the historic halls, chambers, and offices of our State Capitol, Supreme Court, and Governor's Office. While attending this conference, Senator and Committee Chairperson **Petra Szilagyi**, was selected as a California Delegate to participate in the YMCA Conference on National Affairs in Black Mountain, North Carolina in July 2004. Also, Senators **Charmaine Milder** and **August Rasche** created and sponsored a joint resolution on the PATRIOT Act which passed through both mock houses and was sent on to the real California State Legislature. Upon their return to Santa Monica, Senators **Petra Szilagyi** and **August Rasche** were selected as "Santa Monica Delegates of the 2003-04 Year" and **Petra** was voted Vice President of the Santa Monica Delegation for the 2004-05 year. More information is at: www.calyymca.org.



ANNA GEISSLINGER



AUGUST RASCHE



CHARMAINE MILDER



PETRA SZILAGYI

TALK OF THE TOWN

Beau Dozier, *Concord High School Class of 1997*, has recently been collaborating with singing sensation **Joss Stone** (as seen in *Rolling Stone*, November 11, 2004). They met backstage at one of Joss's gigs. Beau's father, Lamont, a Motown songwriting legend, offered to write a song for her next album. Beau and Lamont collaborated with Stone to write *Spoiled* on her new album *Mind, Body and Soul*. According to *Rolling Stone*, the collaboration produced the "best track on the album."



BEAU DOZIER & JOSS STONE

Richard Conkey/New York Daily News

UNTERMAN WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Amy Unterman, *Concord High School Class of 2004, Princeton University*, was selected as a regional winner in the **2004 Toyota Community Scholars Program**. This is quite an accomplishment as there were 10,000 applicants, of which only 100 were selected as winners. As a Toyota Community Scholar, she is guaranteed a four-year scholarship valued at \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year) for study at an accredited college or university of her choice in the United States as long as she is a full-time student.



AMY UNTERMAN

Amy was invited to a **Recognition Event** in **Louisville, Kentucky** which included a cruise aboard the Belle of Louisville, a tour of Toyota's manufacturing facility, a Scion/Prius Ride-and-Drive and a gala banquet at the Kentucky Derby Museum.

NEWS FLASH!



DANA EDELMAN

In October 2004, the **LA Opera** presented two free performances of the children's opera "**Brundibar**" at the **Dorothy Chandler Pavillion**, featuring the voice of Concord High School freshman, **Dana Edelman**.

EAGLE SCOUT THOMAS

Congratulations to **Blake Thomas**, *Concord High School Class of 2006*, for achieving the rank of **Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America**, Troop 223, in November 2003.



BLAKE THOMAS



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