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High School —
in the News

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CONCORD STUDENTS NAMED IN ANNUAL HONORS

Six (6) 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. In addition, there were **seven (7) seniors** in the class of 2006 who were **AP Scholars** last year, but who chose *not* to take any AP exams in their senior year.

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. About 18 percent of the more than 1.3 million high school students in almost 16,000 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 2006 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.

THREE (3) AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION!

At Concord High School, **three (3) 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. These students are **Stefan Michael Beeman, Lenore Cline Berry** and **Anatole Leonard Paine**.

AP SCHOLARS

Three (3) students qualified for the **AP Scholar** Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: **Elizabeth Leah Hurwitz, Julie Janelle Katske** and **Alison Blythe Rosenstock**.

ALUMNI UPDATE

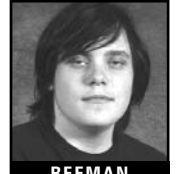


DESROCHERS

Vanessa Desrochers, Concord High School Class of '96, completed her CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) last June and is currently working as a bond trader for Wachovia in Manhattan Beach, California. She loves her job and is living in Playa del Rey. Vanessa earned her B.A. at the University of Washington, with honors, where she made the Dean's list and received a 4.0 in calculus.

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AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION



BEEMAN



BERRY



PAINE

AP SCHOLARS



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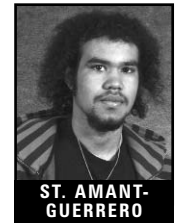
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CONCORD STUDENTS HONORED BY SANTA MONICA GEMS

Five Concord High School Students were honored at the 31st Annual **Santa Monica Gems** ceremony which recognized “outstanding achievement by black students and community members in Santa Monica”. The February 18th event honored **Gregory Quinn Copeland**, Concord High School class of 2006, who received a **Creative Arts** award, along with Concord students **Jasmin Marie Harpe**, **Jana Sachiko Moyenda**, **Robin Ocelli** and **Morrel Arthur St. Amant-Guerrero**, who received **Education** awards.



CONCORD STUDENTS ABROAD



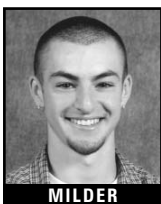
DAVID

August, 2005 “Where to begin? Well, I’m in Legon, Ghana, a very short ride from the capital of this immensely beautiful country.” So begins an e-mail from **Cecily David**, Concord High School class of 2003, currently a senior at UC Berkeley — doing a “stint” studying abroad in Ghana!



KIRSCH

October, 2005 An e-mail from Peggy Kirsch, mother of **Paul Kirsch**, Concord High School class of 2003: “A bit of news, Paul is in Stirling, Scotland studying at the University of Stirling this semester. He will be back on US soil in mid-December. He is having a wonderful experience. He just returned from a long weekend in Florence, Italy and has explored most of Scotland already. He has seen more castles and moors than he ever expected to experience in a lifetime.”



MILDER

Samuel McGee Milder, Concord High School class of 2002, was one of the 387 seniors to receive bachelor’s degrees during the 140th commencement ceremony at **Bates College**, on May 28, 2006. Milder graduated with a **bachelor of arts** degree in **Spanish**. He spent his junior year in **Madrid** and **Barcelona, Spain**, through a program run by Hamilton College.

CONCORD STUDENTS IN POLITICS

Andrew King, Concord High School class of 2002, recently served as **Regional Director** for the successful political campaign of U.S. Congressman **Joe Sestak**, for Delaware County, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. Sestak gained national attention for his strong campaign to unseat the long-term incumbent, Curt Weldon (see *Time Magazine*, 9-19-06). Andrew coordinated the efforts of hundreds of volunteers,



KING



SZILAGYI

who worked seven 12-hour days a week. He took a one-semester leave from UC Berkeley to meet the challenges of this opportunity, which he was offered during a summer internship in Washington, DC. Andrew will **graduate in June 2007** with a double major degree in **Political Science** and **Economics**. His career and grad school focus is **Public Policy**.

Petra Anaïs Szilagyi, Concord High School class of 2005, returned home to L.A. this summer after a very successful year at **Williams College**. Petra was once again a **summer intern** in the district office of **Congresswoman Diane Watson**; she was invited back after her high-school internship during the summer before her senior year at Concord. As you may recall, Petra is *determined* to become the **first African-American female Governor of California**. We can’t wait to vote for her!

MORE NEWS... **Sheris LaVonne Patterson**, Concord High School class of 2006, made the **Dean’s List** for the 2006 Spring Quarter at **UC Riverside**. She is majoring in African-American Studies. **AND...** The names of approximately 16,000 **2007 Semifinalists** in the 52nd annual **National Merit Scholarship Program** were announced on September 13, 2006. Concord High School’s **Anatole Leonard Paine** was among them! **Lenore Cline Berry**, class of 2007, was named a **Commended Student** by the program. **AND...** **Samuel Blechman Milstein**, Concord High School class of 2003, is a volunteer for **Bates College Emergency Medical Services**. Bates EMS is an all-volunteer, non-transporting emergency medical service licensed with the state of Maine. The team responds to an average of 120-140 calls per academic year.