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For Immediate Release

Local students earn national recognition for academic achievement

Twenty-eight Alachua County Public School high school students have been named College Board National Scholars for their outstanding performance on high level exams and their classwork.

The students were recently notified that they'd earned Scholar status through the College Board's African American, Hispanic or Indigenous Recognition Programs. Those programs recognize academic excellence among students from underrepresented groups.

Besides doing well in school, the students must have earned top scores on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 college entrance exams or rigorous Advanced Placement exams. Colleges and scholarship programs often use the Scholar designation to identify high-achieving students from underrepresented groups.

"We're very proud of these young people," said Superintendent Dr. Carlee Simon. "They are outstanding representatives of their schools and our entire district."

Buchholz, Eastside, Gainesville and Hawthorne high schools all had students recognized through the programs this year. Both Eastside and Gainesville High had students recognized in all three categories.

The Scholars include:

African American Recognition Program: Buchholz High School—Alyssa Ross, Kevin Williams, Layla Thomas, Nicholas Treadway, Sophia Butler; Eastside High School: Abeni Bello Roufai, Clarence Dagens, Danae Ferguson, Rani Batist; Gainesville High School—Alyssa Ohaegbulam, Autumn Leviston, Mia Sims, Zelmarria Davis; Hawthorne High School—Viviana Roberts

Hispanic Recognition Program: Buchholz High School—Gabrielle Williams, Mia Driaza, Sophia Butler; Eastside High School—Augustus Paluzzi, Avery Colon, Bo Garcia, Bosco Martin-Burrows, Lia Ponciano-Diaz, Maribella Langley, Nicolas Hincapie-Leon, Valerio Rosales; Gainesville High School—Colton Kelly, Yodelix Melendez;

Indigenous Recognition Program: Eastside High School—Benjamin Zou, Bo Garcia; Gainesville High School—Kaylee Postoak

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