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SPRING-FORD AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR ATTAINING ONLY PERFECT PSYCHOLOGY ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORE IN THE WORLD

ROYERSFORD – Spring-Ford Area Senior High School is celebrating the fact that one of its students achieved the only perfect score on the Advance Placement (AP) psychology exam in the world when she took the test in spring 2012.

High school senior Amanda Jurewicz took the exam during the 2011-12 school year as a culminating test for the AP psychology course. Advance Placement exams are based on a composite score of one to five, where a five is equivalent to an A in the corresponding college equivalency course. Amanda not only received the top score of five — ranking among 15.5 percent of students to fall within this top score in 2012 — but was the only person in the world to earn every point possible on the test. Amanda answered every multiple choice question correctly and earned full points on each of the essays or problems in the free response section of the exam. Amanda earned 150 out of 150. In total, 220,361 students took the AP psychology exam in 2012.

The AP exams are written and scored by college professors from around the world, and are typically designed to cover a full-year of intensive, college-level knowledge and skills, so it is rare for a high school student to earn every possible point on the test. Looking across all 3.7 million AP exams that were taken by 2.1 million students in 2012, in subjects ranging from art history to calculus and physics, a total of 88 students earned every point on an AP exam. This result is characterized as an extraordinary academic achievement by the College Board's AP Program.

Spring-Ford Area Senior High School Principal Patrick Nugent said this is an incredible feat for Amanda, one that all of Spring-Ford is proud of.

"Throughout her academic career, Amanda has consistently performed at the highest level," Nugent said. "Accomplishing this worldwide triumph substantiates Amanda's abilities, while representing the Spring-Ford Area School District in the finest fashion."

Amanda explained that she was completely astounded when she received the news that she attained a perfect score.

"This is definitely the highlight of my academic career," Amanda said. "I'm so thankful that all of my hard work paid off, but I certainly could not have done it without my excellent teacher, who challenged me to do my best throughout the school year."

Amanda's interests lie in the sciences. She would like to attend college to study medicine and dreams of becoming an emergency room doctor. Amanda has applied to Johns Hopkins University, Washington University, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pennsylvania. To date, Amanda has been accepted to the University of Pittsburgh.

"Amanda was one of the most driven, dedicated students I ever had the pleasure of teaching," Amanda's teacher, Susan Miscavage, who teaches the Advanced Placement Psychology course at the high school. "This is without a doubt the high point of my career at Spring-Ford."

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides willing and academically prepared students the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses, while they are still in high school. In 2012, 3.7 million exams were taken by 2.1 million students at more than 18,000 high schools. Students received scores of three or higher on nearly 60 percent of these exams, potentially qualifying them for college credit or advanced placement at colleges and universities worldwide.

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