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Academic Magnet High School Celebrates Six Graduates who Earned Perfect AP Scores

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Charleston, SC – Academic Magnet High School celebrates Maria Cymbalyuk ('23), Madelyn Hall ('23), Angela Mei ('23), Ava Peterson ('23), Jeffrey Song ('23) and Yiqing Ye ('26) for earning perfect scores on their college-level Advanced Placement® exam in the spring 2023, situating them among an elite few in the world. This news comes on the heels of last years' perfect score recipients Caroline Tiller, 1 of 36 worldwide who earned a perfect score in AP Seminar and Oscar Abar ('22), 1 of 306 worldwide who earned a perfect score in AP Research.

Class of 2023 graduates Maria Cymbalyuk (Georgia Tech), Madelyn Hall (Duke University), Angela Mei (Harvard University), Ava Peterson (Salem College), and Jeffrey Song (Dartmouth College) were five of 357 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Research exam while Yiqing Ye was one of 459 to receive a perfect score on the Computer Science Principles exam.

Principal Perlmutter pointed out that "Academic Magnet High School students' collective scores constitute approximately 1.5% of all perfect scores in the world for AP research, a fact which speaks not only to the excellence of our individual learners but also to that of our instructional programming!"

According to AP Research teacher Ms. Audrey Smith, "AP Research allows students to study a topic of their choosing in depth. It requires a different way of teaching, and it is exciting each year to see what students decide to investigate. Student choice is of utmost importance as these students will conduct an in depth, independent, year-long research study."

In AP Research at Academic Magnet teachers Mr. Garris, Mr. Jent and Ms. Smith guide students through the process, but to be one of the top scorers in the world, the credit must be given to these aspiring researchers. When asked

about his success, Jeffrey Song explained that “choosing a topic that I was passionate about motivated me to consistently put forth my best effort.” Madelyn Hall explained that her work ethic was a huge contributor to her success; similarly, Maria Cymbalyuk sees her perfect score as a product of her hard work. All of these students received word of their achievement in the midst of their freshman year of college where they are adjusting to the rigors of highly respected academic institutions. Learning of a perfect score is validating and motivational. Madelyn said, “Looking back on my work now, I am extremely proud of what I accomplished on my own, and if I was able to do that in high school, there is no limit to what I will be able to do now.”

The Advanced Placement Program is committed to ensuring that students have access to the opportunities they have earned. Students who succeed in AP are not only more likely to succeed in college, but have the chance to save a significant amount of time and money by earning college credit or placement while still in high school. Colleges and universities around the world receive AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process. To learn more about AP, please visit exploreap.org.

Congratulations again to our young raptors on this truly remarkable accomplishment. Fly on!



(From L to R: Maria Cymbalyuk, Madelyn Hall, Angela Mei, Ava Peterson, Jeffrey Song, Yiqing Ye)