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Essex High School Students Honored by State Board of Education

Several Essex High School students were recently honored by the State Board of Education, along with other students statewide for their academic achievements.

Five students, along with the Essex High School “We the People” class, were recognized by the State Board of Education at an awards ceremony on April 8. Two students, Brendan Farmer and Lauren Goodnow, were recognized as 2008 Vermont Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars. This award is given to one male and one female student in each state who have scored a 3 (or higher) on the greatest number of AP exams and who have the highest average grade on all AP exams.

Additionally, Brendan Farmer and Emily Xue received recognition for having the top male and female student SAT score (to date) in Vermont. Will Begley and Michael Lawrence were also recognized by the State Board for receiving the 2007 NCTE achievement Award in Writing (for Vermont).

The State Board also recognized the “We the People” team, consisting of Graham Ahokas; Nicola Anderson, Susanna Battig, William Begley, Bryan Dickinson, Joseph Finch, Loren Fulton, Alan He, Chelsea Henderson, Christian Konczal, Allison LaCroix, Sylvana Lane, Michael Lawrence, Leah Marvin-Riley, Joseph McClintock, Christopher McNally0Anderson, Gwen Pastel, Heidi Rickes, Libby Rose, Mathew Saladin, Hayley Schumacher, and Abigail Wood. This team was the state winner of the “We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution” competition sponsored by the Vermont Bar Association and will go on to compete for the national title.

Chittenden Central Supervisory Union Superintendent Michael Deweese cited the students as “exemplifying excellence in their academic preparation” and commended them for “maximizing their educational opportunities at Essex High School.”