

Dept. of Public Instruction: Evers congratulates Wisconsin's 2017 AP State Scholars

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MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers extended congratulations to Wisconsin's 2017 Advanced Placement (AP) State Scholars: Teresa Wan of New Berlin West High School, and Christopher Xu of Memorial High School in Madison.

The College Board grants the State AP Scholar Award annually to the top male and female students in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia each year for their performance on AP exams. Students are chosen for the award for earning scores of three or higher on the greatest number of AP exams and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP exams they have taken.

"Christopher and Teresa obviously took challenging coursework in high school, including multiple AP classes, to prepare themselves for postsecondary studies. Congratulations on this award and on graduating college and career ready," Evers said.

Wan is attending the University of California at Berkeley. Xu is attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

The AP program offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses while in high school and to take end-of- course exams to demonstrate their mastery of the subject area. The AP Program offers exams in 38 subject areas. Students

earning a score of three, four, or five on AP exams generally receive college credit, advanced standing, or both at many colleges and universities worldwide.

In 2017, 2.4 million public high school students took almost 4.3 million AP exams. In Wisconsin, Wan and Xu were among 42,783 students across the state who took 72,637 AP exams in May 2017. Among state students, 65.9 percent earned scores of three, four, or five on their exams, 9.9 percentage points higher than students nationally.