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Two Mahtomedi High School Students Achieve Top ACT Score

Mahtomedi, MN — August 11, 2010 — Emily Kvasnicka and Meghan McElreath, who will be seniors at Mahtomedi High School this fall, earned a top composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, roughly one-tenth of one percent receive a top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2009, only 638 of nearly 1.5 million students nationwide earned a composite score of 36.

“As Emily and Meghan's school counselor, I can attest that they are both extremely hard working students,” says Keith Miley, a guidance counselor at Mahtomedi High School. “What makes both of these students so special is their kind and giving hearts. Emily and Meghan are truly humble people with outstanding parents who are invested in their education. Emily and Meghan have dedicated their time and energy to be the best they can be. Their perfect ACT scores are just icing on the cake.”

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. ACT test scores are accepted by all major U.S. colleges and, according to the ACT organization, an exceptional score of 36 provides colleges with evidence of student readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead.

“The fact that Meghan and Emily earned 36 on their ACT is no accident,” says MHS Principal Kathe Nickleby. “They are such thoughtful young women and have consciously mapped their educational journeys with clear goals to prepare for their futures. Mahtomedi High School is so very proud to be a part of that journey with Meghan and Emily.”

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