

Advanced placement students honored for accomplishments

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SPENCER – After a year of putting in the extra work and challenging themselves at the highest level, David Prouty High School Advanced Placement students are well-prepared for their exams. Last Friday, April 28, the staff celebrated their students' accomplishments with an AP breakfast.

Students in all AP subjects earned certificates from their respective teachers, with many students enrolled in multiple AP courses this year. It was a long and occasionally arduous road, but the experience enabled the students to learn at a college level while still in high school.

"My students have gone through everything I asked them to do, including Saturday sessions and homework on vacations. They are ready," said AP teacher Keith Servant.

If the students receive a certain score or higher on their AP exams, they will earn credit for specific college courses. But regardless of how well they do on the tests, the rewarding experience of taking part in an AP course will serve them well in college.

DPHS officials have been thrilled by the escalating enrollment numbers in AP courses. Rather than cruise through their final year, an increasing number of seniors

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have embraced the challenge. Juniors continue to accelerate their academics as well.

"The AP experience for me has been highly rewarding," said senior Eric Fyrberg. "It is a big challenge and a lot of work, but you come out feeling more knowledgeable on the subject matter than you would in an honors class. As a senior, I feel that taking these classes has prepared me greatly for the courses that I will be taking in college as well. I won't be caught off guard by the course load or the rigor of the course due to my time in this program."

Following the breakfast, the AP students registered for their exams which will take place over the following week-plus. For students who are ambivalent about whether to take an AP course next year, teachers and students alike agree that it is the best route for those seeking to challenge themselves and gain a head start in advance of college.

"It really is a great program, and I encourage anyone thinking about it to give it a chance," Fyrberg added.



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ia Figarsky receives a certificate from teacher Keith Servant.



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Meghan Bowen receives her certificate from teacher Mark James, who is retiring after 35 years.