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PRESS RELEASE

COLLEGE PREP INITIATIVE AWARDS 2018 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Students from Abilene High, Cooper High and the Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math & Science (ATEMS) will receive checks on Tuesday, Oct. 30, as incentive awards for their outstanding performance on the Spring 2018 Advanced Placement and PSAT exams.

Incentives are funded entirely through longstanding partnerships between Abilene ISD's College Prep Initiative, the Dodge Jones Foundation, and the Dian Graves-Owen Foundation. Incentives are granted to students who earned passing scores on AP tests in May 2018 and/or are recognized in the National Merit Scholarship Program for high scores on the PSAT exam.

For each passed exam, incentives include both a \$100 award and reimbursement of the student's cost. The 2018 awards total approximately \$84,500 to more than 300 students. The average award per student is approximately \$250.

Presentation of the checks will be made at the College Prep Initiative student awards assembly at each campus on Oct. 30 according to the following schedule:

- Cooper High School, 8:30 a.m., CHS Auditorium
- Abilene High School, 10:30 a.m., Room 200
- ATEMS, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room

Currently enrolled students will receive checks at the assemblies. Qualifying former students are welcome to attend the assembly or collect their checks in person at One AISD Center from Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, after which the checks will be mailed.

For more information, contact Kimberly Brumley, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction, at kimberly.brumley@abileneisd.org.

