MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: September 25, 2014
SUBJECT: Recognition of Steve Zhang and Defne Altan as Oklahoma’s 2014 AP Scholars

State Superintendent Janet Barresi and the State Board of Education recognize and commend 2014 State Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar award recipients Mr. Steve Zhang, a senior at Norman North High School and Defne Altan, a graduate of Casady School.

The College Board’s AP program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 22 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award. The designation of State AP Scholar is granted to one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.

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