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CALIFORNIA'S HIGHEST ACHIEVERS IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT® MATH & SCIENCE WIN 2011 SIEMENS AWARDS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Raymond Wu of San Diego and Sihua Xu of Cupertino Recognized by Siemens Foundation

ISELIN, NJ, February 6, 2012—Raymond Wu, a senior at Canyon Crest Academy, and Sihua Xu, a senior at Monta Vista High School, today were named the California state winners of the 2011 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, a signature program of the Siemens Foundation administered by the College Board. The awards recognize America's top achievers in Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) science and mathematics courses with a $2,000 college scholarship to one male and one female student in each state. Two national winners are also recognized, each receiving a $5,000 scholarship. This year, 101 high school students in 50 states – including 96 seniors, 4 juniors and 1 sophomore – were recognized.

"These students lead the nation in performance on Advanced Placement math and science courses and we are proud to recognize them for their academic excellence," said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, President of the Siemens Foundation.

"Over the last 13 years, AP exams have become the gold standard of academic rigor in schools across the world," said College Board president Gaston Caperton. "Today the College Board and our partners at the Siemens Foundation recognize 101 students who have risen to meet this standard and exceed it. I am incredibly proud of the hard work put in by each and every one of them, and I look forward to watching them grow up to change the world."

RAYMOND WU
Total AP Courses Taken to Date: 17
Favorite AP Class: Chemistry
Notable Accomplishments: 2011 Congressional Award Gold Medal; USA Mathematics Olympiad 2011 Qualifier
Plans for College Study: Environmental Sciences, Applied Mathematics
Career Aspirations: Researcher
Hobbies: Tennis
What sparked his interest in science & math? Teacher encouragement and curiosity

SIHUA XU
Total AP Courses Taken to Date: 8
Favorite AP Class: Physics
Notable Accomplishments: National Merit 2011 Semifinalist; U.S. Physics Team 2011 Semifinalist
Plans for College Study: Physics, Business, and Engineering
Career Aspirations: Undecided
Hobbies: Badminton

What sparked her interest in science & math? Tackling problems and concepts for the American Mathematics Competition

Encouraging students to pursue academic careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is a national priority. Students who take AP math and science courses major in STEM fields at significantly higher rates than other students, according to the study, "AP Students in College: An Analysis of Five-Year Academic Careers," released by the College Board in 2007. Student participation in AP science and mathematics courses grew 7.2 percent to 733,631 students from 2010 to 2011.

For a complete list of winners and to view multimedia assets associated with this release, please click: http://www.multivu.com/mnr/54202-siemens-foundation-math-science-advanced-placement-awards**.** Follow the Siemens Foundation on Twitter (www.twitter.com/sfoundation) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/SiemensFoundation).

The Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement
Established in 1998, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement (http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/advanced_placement.htm) award $2,000 college scholarships to students from each of the 50 states who have earned the greatest number of scores of 5 on exams in the following AP® courses: Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Environmental Science, Statistics, Physics C Mechanics and Physics C Electricity and Magnetism. Each state potentially has two winners, one male and one female. Two additional national winners (one male, one female) are awarded a $5,000 college scholarship.

The Siemens Foundation
The Siemens Foundation provides more than $7 million annually in support of educational initiatives in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the United States. Its signature programs include the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, and The Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge, which encourages K-12 students to develop innovative green solutions for environmental issues. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow's scientists and engineers. The Foundation's mission is based on the culture of innovation, research and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens' U.S. companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org.

The College Board
The College Board is a mission-driven not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the College Board was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is made up of more than 5,900 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, the College Board helps more than seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs and services in college readiness and college success — including the SAT® and the Advanced Placement Program®. The organization also serves the education community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators and schools. For further information, visit www.collegeboard.org.

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