

## **Ridgewood High School Student Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs**

*Ridgewood High School student excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork to earn these awards, which colleges use to identify academically competitive underrepresented students*

Norridge, IL – A Ridgewood High School student has earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#). These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

RHS senior, Christian Beltran earned National Hispanic Recognition through College Board.

“Christian is a humble young man with tremendous academic standing and potential as demonstrated by his GPA, SAT score and his desire to help others succeed. It is a great distinction to have received the “National Hispanic Recognition Award,”” said RHS school counselor James Gyori.

The [National Hispanic Recognition Program](#) recognizes approximately 5,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors each year from among the more than 400,000 juniors who take the PSAT.

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them on their college and scholarship applications.

“By awarding students who excel academically with honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs, our aim is to create pathways to college for

underrepresented students,” said Steve Bumbaugh, College Board senior vice president of College & Career Access. “We hope this inspires many more students to work toward this recognition.

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Ridgewood High School District 234 is a public secondary school that was formed in 1960. Located in Norridge, IL, Ridgewood combines students from Harwood Heights and Norridge, IL. District 234 is composed of approximately 870 students from grades 9-12. The school mascot is the Rebels because the creators of the school “rebelled” against the norms of education; which is a tradition that has continued today.

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