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WPHS Test Scores Continue to Rise

Woodland Park, CO –12/2/2022 –Back in October, Woodland Park High School (WPHS) freshmen and sophomores took their Princeton Review Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exams, while the Junior class took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). With much of the Nation reporting a decrease in their scores from previous years, WPHS is pleased to announce that our current freshman, sophomore, and junior classes beat last year's freshmen, sophomore, and junior class composite scores. A composite score is the combined score of two subjects tested in the PSAT: evidence-based reading writing (EBRW) and math. The highest composite score possible for PSAT 9 (freshman) is 1440, while the PSAT 10 (sophomore) and NMSQT have a maximum composite score of 1520.

After receiving this year's Fall PSAT scores, WPHS staff reviewed pre-pandemic and post-pandemic PSAT composite scores to identify trends. WPHS found a steady increase in pre to post-pandemic PSAT composite scores. To dissect these scores further, our current freshman class earned a composite score of 798, 24 points higher than last year's freshman class and 88 points higher than the freshman class in 2018. This upward trend shows us that our 8th-grade students have the necessary skills to achieve higher learning levels as they enter their first year of high school.

WPHS Principal, Kevin Burr, said, "We continue to raise the expectations of our students, and our students are responding. We commend the Middle School staff for their fantastic job in providing students with skills that prepare them for higher learning and achievement."

Furthermore, last year's freshman class outscored themselves this year, as sophomores, by 114 points with a composite score of 888. They also outscored last year's sophomore class by 36 points. An important note is that the sophomore class outscored themselves by taking a more challenging test than their freshman year, making the point differential even more impressive.

In addition, this year's current junior class outperformed last year's junior class in the NMSQT. The current junior class earned a composite score of 990, 39 points higher than last year's juniors. Further, this class increased their composite score as a cohort by 26 points from last Spring when they took the Spring PSAT exam their sophomore year.

WPHS attributes the increase in PSAT scores to its highly qualified staff, consistency within the curriculum, and student progress tracking implemented through standards-based learning and the Summit Learning Platform.

While sharing scores with the Board of Education at their November meeting, Co-Interim Superintendent Tina Cassens praised our teachers' hard work and expertise and celebrated the continued success across our secondary schools.

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