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Online Students at NC Virtual Public School Excel on National Latin Exam

Raleigh: Several Gaston County students enrolled in online Latin courses through North Carolina Virtual Public School (NCVPS) competed in the National Latin Exam and received awards for their participation. Four students from Gaston County have received national recognition for their performance on the National Latin Exam (NLE).

The following students received awards:

Steven Suarez - Gold Summa Cum Laude
John Holleran - Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Brandon Heavner - Cum Laude
Paula Hernandez - Cum Laude

The National Latin Exam is a voluntary contest program offered under the joint sponsorship of the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. More than 149,000 Latin students from all fifty states participated this year, as did students from thirteen foreign countries, including Australia, Belgium, Canada, China Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe. Magister Tom Sears, NCVPS Latin instructor comments, "The success of our online Latin students on the NLE underscores the rigor and challenge of NCVPS courses. Students taking NCVPS Latin courses are able to be fully competitive with face to face Latin students on National testing standards such as the NLE and AP."

"Gaston County Schools is proud to recognize these students for their tremendous accomplishments. These students have access to superior support and we are fortunate that the North Carolina Virtual Public School provides a channel for success through an array of quality online course offerings", comments Chris Hall, Distance and Online Learning Director for Gaston County Schools.

For more information on the North Carolina Virtual Public School, visit www.ncvps.org. If you would like additional information on the National Latin Exam, please visit www.nle.org.

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