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**DUKE TIP ANNOUNCES 2008 BEVAN SCHOLARS**

DURHAM, N.C. -- Seventeen seventh-grade students have been named 2008 William and Dorothy C. Bevan Merit Scholars for their exceptional performance on the SAT and ACT. They are:

Jeffrey An, Cary, North Carolina  
West Cary Middle School

Keiko Bridwell, Woodruff, South Carolina  
Florence Chapel Middle School

Emily Crouse, Ponder, Texas  
Homeschooled

Calvin Deng, Cary, North Carolina  
Ligon Middle School

Taide Ding, Oxford, Mississippi  
Oxford Middle School

Preston Fegley, Grand Island, Nebraska  
Walnut Middle School

Michael Hwang, Plano, Texas  
Robinson Middle School

Nicole Jovanovic, Little Rock, Arkansas  
Homeschooled

Xinyu Bob Liang, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Glasgow Middle School

Timothy Nussbaum, Louisville, Kentucky  
Stuart Middle School

Michael Prewitt, Williamsburg, Kentucky  
Whitley County Middle School

James Rowan, Dallas, Texas  
St. Mark's School of Texas

Connor Sell, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
Regent Preparatory

Lilly Shen, Sugar Land, Texas  
First Colony Middle School

Robert Shen, Sugar Land, Texas  
First Colony Middle School

Tejas Sundaresan, Cary, North Carolina  
Ligon Middle School

Victor Wang, St. Louis, Missouri  
Ladue Middle School

Lawrence Wu, Sugar Land, Texas  
Sartartia Middle School

The Bevan Scholarship is given each year to the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search participants who earn the highest scores on the SAT or ACT. The Bevan Scholars will be recognized at the annual Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University and are awarded a full scholarship to attend Duke TIP's Center for Summer Studies.

The Bevan Scholars have distinguished themselves from nearly 70,000 gifted students who participated in Duke TIP's 2008 Talent Search. To qualify for the Talent Search, 7th grade students must be ranked in the top 5% on grade-level standardized tests. Participants take the SAT or ACT as an above-level testing experience to learn more about their academic abilities. The Bevan Scholars' scores on these above-level tests place them in the 99.97 percentile of Talent Search participants.

"I congratulate the 2008 Bevan Scholars on their extraordinary achievement," says Martha Putallaz, Ph.D., Executive Director of Duke TIP. "As seventh graders, these students have earned scores that are the envy of high school seniors across the country. Less than 1% of college-bound seniors have scored as well as the Bevan Scholars. I am thrilled by the intellectual trajectory of these young scholars and feel privileged to participate in their continued academic development through Duke TIP's programs and resources."

The Grand Recognition Ceremony, celebrating the achievements of the 1,804 Talent Search participants who scored in the top 3% on the SAT or ACT, will be held at Cameron Indoor Stadium on the Duke University campus on May 19, 2008. The Bevan Scholars will receive special recognition during this ceremony.

The Center for Summer Studies is an advanced academic program for gifted 7th-10th graders. The scholarship awarded to Bevan Scholars covers program costs, room and board to attend the Center for Summer Studies program. During the three-week residential session, students will take one course of their choice, usually covering the equivalent of a full year of high school material.

Duke TIP identifies and supports academically talented students in sixteen states in the South and Midwest. Since 1980 nearly 2 million students have been served by Duke TIP. A non-profit educational organization, Duke TIP is sustained by program fees and donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.

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