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LAUSD Student from Robert A. Millikan Middle School Achieves PERFECT score on the SAT II- Biology Exam



Los Angeles—Millikan Middle School student Kian Farahbakhshian has achieved a remarkable score--a perfect 800--on the SAT II Biology exam—a subject test generally taken by high school juniors and seniors in anticipation of applying to college.

“Kian is humble, intelligent, makes class work look effortless, and he is very well liked by his peers,” said Carlos Lauchu, Kian’s Advanced Placement (AP) Biology teacher at Millikan Middle School Science Academy, who also happens to be an LAUSD Teacher of the Year.

The eighth grade student, age 13, will be recognized at Millikan Middle School’s culmination ceremony for students who are advancing to high school on Thursday, June 23, 6:15 p.m.

“Kian’s achievement is extraordinary, and reminds us of the great heights our students can reach when we have high expectations for them,” said LAUSD Board President Mónica García. “Congratulations to this student, his family and teachers, and the entire Millikan community!”

Kian Farahbakhshian has been an exceptional student in the Millikan Science Academy for the past three years. There are no statistics on the scores of middle school students who rarely take the exam, however, the national average for high school seniors and some juniors who take the SAT II – Biology is 601. According to his congratulatory letter from the College Board, Farahbakhshian scored higher than 99 percent of all college-bound seniors.

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"Congratulations to Kian for his extraordinary score on the SAT II Biology exam," said LAUSD Boardmember Tamar Galatzan, who represents Millikan Middle School. "His tremendous accomplishment is a great source of pride for all of us at LAUSD."

He qualified as an eighth grader to take the SAT II biology exam because of the school's special, accelerated, after-school Science Academy that offers Advanced Placement (AP) science courses to middle school students. The Science Academy is a three-year program that enables students to take AP Biology/Anatomy and Physiology in seventh grade, and AP Physics, AP Chemistry and Astronomy in the eighth grade.

"Yet another amazing example of the brilliance that our students in LAUSD show," said Chief Academic Officer Judy Elliott. "Kian is an incredible example of the excellence, perseverance, and hard work our students demonstrate. We couldn't be more proud of Kian and his educational career in LAUSD."

An example of LAUSD's "best and brightest," he attended Lanai Elementary School in Encino before studying at Millikan Middle School.

His mother praised the Science Academy Program in a conversation with the school's principal John Plevack. She said, "Thank you to Millikan and the special Science Academy Program, and especially to Mr. Carlos Lauchu, for the work that helped Kian to achieve this goal."

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