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VMMS 8th grade student challenges SAT

VISTA, Calif. – Admitted to take math online with Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University

Allan Garry is an eighth-grade student and has earned his way to taking an online math course through the Center for Talented Youth at Johns Hopkins University. On December 5, 2009 Allan took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) at Palomar College. Students typically wait until their junior year of high school to take this exam in order to qualify for entrance into most Universities. College Board states: "SAT scores are reported on a scale from 200-800, with additional subscores reported for the essay (ranging from 2-12) and for multiple-choice writing questions (on a 20-80 scale). Your scores tell college admissions staff how you did compared with other students who took the test. For example, if you scored close to the mean or average — about 500 on SAT critical reading and 500 on SAT mathematics — admissions staff would know that you scored as well as about half of the students who took the test nationally."

Allan Garry received scores of (all percentiles are based on college-bound seniors): **580** in Writing, 77th percentile, **650** in Critical Reading, 89th percentile, **770** in Math, 98th percentile. He received a Certificate of Participation with Distinction in Critical Reading and Math. This February, he will be attending the UCLA Math Festival where he will be listening to presentations, participating in contests, and going on a tour of the campus.

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