

Mr. Ross Thomas
Valley Catholic High School
4275 Southwest 148th Avenue
Beaverton, OR 97007

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On behalf of the Siemens Foundation and the College Board, I am very pleased to inform you that your high school has been selected to receive the **2009 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement**. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment! In a pool of extremely strong applicants from your state, your school's commitment to providing your students opportunities to explore the AP Program[®] and your staff's dedication to student success were evident. We believe high schools like yours represent the best of American education.

Established in 1998, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement exemplify the strong partnership between the Siemens Foundation and the College Board to expand and strengthen the pool of math, science and technology talent that we will need for the continued growth of business and industry in the United States and globally. The Siemens Foundation also honors high school students and outstanding AP teachers with these awards.

As one of 50 high schools nationally to win the award this year, your school will receive a \$1,000 grant to support science and math education. Please complete the enclosed W-9 form and send it using the following address, fax or email to:

Siemens Foundation, Attn: Kiesha Boykins
170 Wood Avenue South
Iselin, NJ 08830
Fax: (732) 603-5890
Email: foundation.us@siemens.com

Once the form has been received it takes approximately 4-6 weeks to process the award. We will email you a follow-up survey to find out how you chose to use the award.

The public announcement of the winners of the 2009 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement will be made on Thursday, February 19th on the Siemens Foundation website at www.siemens-foundation.org. Names of all recipients will also be featured in the *USA Today* on Monday, February 23rd. The Siemens Foundation will be mailing you a banner to display in recognition of this outstanding achievement.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me at 571-262-5928 or you may also call Janet DeCarlo at 571-262-5929. Our e-mail address is spro@collegeboard.org. For press inquiries, please contact Valerie Francois at the Siemens Foundation at 732-590-5292.

Again, congratulations on winning this prestigious award.

Sincerely,



Diane Tsukamaki
Director, National Recognition & Scholarship Programs

Enclosure

cc: Joe Bernard, Valley Catholic High School