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## **183 of the 2017 Dell Scholars Are AVID Students**

*Accounts for 45% of 400 national awards*

San Diego, CA (April 11, 2017): [AVID](#) (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a nationally recognized nonprofit and college-readiness system, announced today that 183 of the 400 2017 Dell Scholars are AVID students. The [Dell Scholars Program](#), an initiative of the [Michael & Susan Dell Foundation](#), selects high school seniors who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their college education. These Dell Scholars are provided with financial assistance, resources, and mentoring throughout college to ensure that they have ongoing support to succeed in college and obtain a bachelor's degree.

AVID works to close the achievement gap by providing educators with proven strategies that ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed in college, career, and life. Year after year, a significant number of AVID students have been chosen as Dell Scholars. With the help of their AVID educators and peers, these students have shown great determination to stay on a college-ready path, taking rigorous courses and building vital academic habits.

Dr. Sandy Husk, CEO of AVID, praised these newest Dell Scholars: "The Dell Scholars are an inspiration to all of us at AVID. These students have overcome significant obstacles to succeed, and we're honored to be a part of their college journey. I'm excited to see what they will achieve in the Dell Scholars Program."

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### **ABOUT AVID**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nonprofit, proven college-readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in nearly 6,000 schools in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 other countries/territories and impacts almost 1.5 million students nationwide in grades K–12, as well as in 43 postsecondary institutions. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school's academic culture to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and succeed in higher education. For more information, please visit [www.AVID.org](http://www.AVID.org).

## **About the Dell Scholars Program**

The Dell Scholars Program is a college completion program unique in the type of students it supports and how it nurtures and empowers those students on their path to a college degree. An initiative of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, the Dell Scholars Program provides its students with resources and mentoring beyond initial financial assistance to ensure they have the support they need to obtain a bachelor's degree. For more information, please visit [www.dellscholars.org](http://www.dellscholars.org).

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