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OVER FIFTY PERCENT OF 2015 NEW CLASS OF DELL SCHOLARS ARE AVID STUDENTS NATIONALLY

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) celebrates student success, as 152 seniors are recognized for their academic achievement

San Diego, CA (April 21, 2015): [AVID](#)—a San Diego-based non-profit, proven college readiness system—announced today that 152 of the 300 of the new class of Dell Scholars are AVID students in high schools around the U.S. The [Dell Scholars Program](#), an initiative of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their educations. In turn, these scholars serve as positive role models and change the trajectories for their families, friends, and communities.

AVID is well known for its role in closing the achievement gap for all students, including those who are underrepresented in college. The non-profit provides educators with real-world strategies to accelerate the achievement of students in college, career, and life.

“We could not be more proud of these AVID students’ achievements, and we send our congratulations to each and every one of these fine scholars as they begin their postsecondary education,” said Dr. Sandy Husk, CEO of AVID. “As we monitor our persistence data into and through college, we know these scholars will continue to succeed thanks to their achievement and the support of educators, as well as people like Michael and Susan Dell, who are dedicated to closing the achievement gap,” she continued.

ABOUT AVID

AVID is a non-profit organization that provides educators with proven, real-world strategies to accelerate the performance of underrepresented students so that these students and all students across the campus can succeed in college, career, and life. AVID is a proven college-readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 5,000 schools in 44 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories, and impacts close to a million students in grades K–12 and in 43 postsecondary institutions.

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