



Center for Talented Youth

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## **Top students from Nevada recognized for academic excellence by Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth**

**BALTIMORE**, Spring, 2015 —**Eshaan Vakil**, a high-achieving student from Las Vegas, was honored as one of the brightest young students in the world at a regional awards ceremony for academically advanced children sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Eshaan, a participant in the CTY Talent Search, was recognized for his exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-grade-level test given to academically talented second-through-eighth-grade students.

As part of the CTY Talent Search, advanced young learners take above-grade level tests that identify academic talent and reveal gaps between a child's academic program and his actual capacity for learning. Seventh and eighth graders take the SAT or ACT—the same tests used for college admissions. These students, along with second through sixth graders, can also take the School and College Ability Test (SCAT), an above-level test, or the Spatial Test Battery (STB), which measures spatial ability.

Eshaan, a student at Hyde park Middle School Magnet School, was one of more than 33,000 students from 60-plus countries who participated in the CTY Talent Search this year by testing between March 2014 and February 2015. Because of the difficulty of the tests, only about 30 percent of students who participated earned an invitation to a CTY Awards Ceremony where they are individually honored for their academic performance and potential. Most students honored in 2015 CTY Award Ceremonies also qualified for CTY's summer courses and online classes.

"Congratulations to all of the outstanding young people recognized as part of the CTY Awards Ceremonies for their willingness to challenge themselves by taking a test originally designed for significantly older students," said Elaine Tuttle Hansen, executive director of CTY. "This is an opportunity to recognize these students' achievements but to also honor the parents and educators who have nurtured and supported their intellectual growth and development."

This spring, more than 8,470 CTY Talent Search honorees were invited to participate in 41 CTY Award Ceremonies across the U.S. and in China and Hong Kong.

## **About The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY)**

A nonprofit at one of the nation's premier universities, CTY identifies academic talent in the world's brightest K-12 learners and supports their growth with accredited summer, online, and family programs, services, and resources designed to meet their needs.

- CTY draws students from 50 states and nearly 82 countries worldwide.
- CTY provided \$5.8 million in financial aid to more than 7,400 students for Talent Search or programs in fiscal 2014.
- CTY Talent Search participants are a diverse group: Among those who chose to report their ethnicity, 40 percent describe themselves as white or Caucasian, 26 percent as Asian American or Asian, 12 percent as Latino or Hispanic, 11 percent as black or African American, 6 percent as of South Asian origin, less than one percent as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, less than one percent as Native American, and 5 percent as other.
- For more information about enrolling in the CTY Talent Search, go to [www.cty.jhu.edu](http://www.cty.jhu.edu).

**Media colleagues:** Please contact CTY for a complete list of students in your state honored at recent ceremonies.

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