

**2010 SIEMENS AWARDS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT
National Winner**



ROHIT AGRAWAL

Total AP Exams Taken to Date: 10

Favorite AP Class: Chemistry

What sparked his interest in science & math? “I have always been impressed with science’s explanatory power, and its beauty.”

Top Tips for Taking AP Exams: “Don’t stress. If you took the class and paid attention you’ll probably do well. Read, sleep, exercise – whatever you do to relax – and you’ll do better.”

Rohit Agrawal started taking Advanced Placement classes in his sophomore year, eager to challenge himself and learn college-level material. “The AP program helped expose me to higher level science and convinced me to pursue math and science-related fields.”

A senior at Wayzata High School in Plymouth, Minnesota, Mr. Agrawal is currently taking all of his classes at the University of Minnesota through the state’s Post Secondary Enrollment Options program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take college classes and receive high school credit. His course load includes several upper level math classes.

Last summer, he was one of 70 people from around the world invited to participate in the prestigious Research Science Institute (RSI), a six-week program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At RSI he worked on an original research project that applied mathematics to the study of voting systems. “I learned a lot of math in a short amount of time and enjoyed presenting the results of my research.”

Mr. Rohit was named one of the Top 20 freshmen in the nation in the 2008 Math Olympiad Summer Program and won first place in the Minnesota State High School Math League for two years running. He will compete this May at the national Science Bowl, having recently won the team category at the state level.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Mr. Agrawal enjoys swimming and skiing. He volunteers at his local library doing outreach to community teens and as the webmaster for the Minnesota chapter of Asha for Education, an organization dedicated to catalyzing socio-economic change in India through education of underprivileged children. He aspires to be a professor of mathematics or computer science.