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MVTHS Illinois State Scholars 2/4/2010

Mt. Vernon Township High School 2010 Illinois State Scholars include, from left, **FIRST ROW**, Samuel Cortez, Alicia Sheldon, Priya Patel and Mallory Adams. **SECOND ROW**: Trisha McPheeeters, Mollie Burdett, Chris Williamson and Amanda Pike. **THIRD ROW**: Sarah Wagner, Brett Tucker, Paige Wallace and Rya Heady. **FOURTH ROW**: Tyler Weston, Steven Beckham, Alex Crisel and David Price. **FIFTH ROW**: Brandon Calvert, Alexander Taaka and Braden Hayes. **SIXTH ROW**: Blake Fields, Lucas Hurst and Samantha Allen. **SEVENTH ROW**: Darwin Walters, Andrew Mendenall and Ericka Opalecky. **EIGHTH ROW**: Caitlin Bullock, Erica Kirsch and Cody Owens. Ayesha Akhtar, Cody Allen, Ben Payne and Dillon Payne were also 2010 MVTHS Illinois State Scholars. Typically, only the top 10 percent of students in the state are chosen for this award, according to a school statement. State scholars are selected based on a combination of American College Test score, grade point average and class rank. Typically, only the top 10 percent of students in the state are chosen for this award, according to a school statement. State scholars are selected based on a combination of American College Test score, grade point average and class rank.