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The “Final Four” nominees for the Alabama Teacher of the Year are being interviewed today by the state judging committee, and the winner will be revealed May 8<sup>th</sup> during a ceremony hosted by the Alabama State Department of Education.

But the two finalists representing the secondary grades aren’t resting over the weekend as they wait for the results. Both will leave today’s interview and immediately continue their work, leading some of the state’s Advanced Placement (AP) students at two Saturday Student Study Sessions coordinated by A+ College Ready.

Finalist Jeff Johnson, head of the science department at Hoover High School, will remain in Montgomery to lead AP students, via the state’s online “ACCESS” program in a physics test-prep session. Johnson is a National Board Certified teacher, and will lead the Saturday study session beginning at 8:30am at Johnny Carr Middle School.

Dr. Alison Grizzle, Ph.D., the other secondary-level Teacher-of-the-Year finalist, will head south to Dothan High School to lead a Saturday study session on statistics. Dr. Grizzle is also a National Board Certified teacher, and has taught math in the Birmingham City Schools since 1999.

“These study sessions are critically important for students to be well prepared to earn passing scores on the AP exam, qualifying them for college credit,” said Mary Boehm, A+ College Ready President. “We recognize that teachers are the key to student success. Almost everything we do at A+ College Ready is around providing training and support for teacher improvement and then elevating the best of these teachers into leadership roles. Both Jeff and Alison are prime examples of these teacher leaders.”

The Saturday study sessions, taught by 78 exemplary teachers from across the state provide a full day of instruction for students preparing for AP<sup>®</sup> exams which will be administered in thousands of schools around the world beginning on May 6 and ending May 17.

Tomorrow is the last of three prep sessions held in 10 different locations statewide by A+ College Ready, which it has offered to 14,000 AP students from 76 high schools in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program during the 2012-2013 school year.

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