



Top Students More Likely to be Bipolar

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More seriously, a new study [reported](#) by Futurity finds that students who got top grades--particularly in language and music--were four times as likely to later be diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

"A-grades in [language] and music had particularly strong associations, supporting the literature which consistently finds associations between linguistic and musical creativity and bipolar disorder," said lead researcher James MacCabe.

This study goes a bit of the way toward confirming something that's been thrown around about people with bipolar disorder: that they are especially creative folks. If true, it would be nice to know that there's at least some compensation for all the awful stuff that comes along with having bipolar disorder.

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