

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #40 (2007-2008)

September 10, 2007

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NAACP ACADEMIC,
CULTURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OLYMPICS
WINNERS

ASD Goal: Increase student academic achievement; and establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by offering reinforcing extracurricular activities.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Talented young people from an array of disciplines participated in the NAACP's Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, known as ACT-SO, in July in Detroit. Included among them were three Alaska students who had earned their spots by competing locally.

Tiffany Cash, a 2007 Dimond High School graduate, earned a gold medal for contemporary vocals at the Anchorage meet; **Michael Walker** of Service High School won a gold medal for sculpture at the local competition; and **Terrell Bingham** of Dimond High School also won a gold medal in Anchorage for poetry. Bingham went on to win a bronze medal in poetry in Detroit, making him the first Alaskan to earn a national medal at ACT-SO, for his poem, "The Diploma." Terrell also received a \$1,000 award and a wireless laptop computer.

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. Gold medalists at the local level qualify for the national finals held at the NAACP convention each summer.

This is a request to officially recognize these students for their dedication to excellence and superior achievements.

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