

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #332 (2007-2008)

June 9, 2008

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

For more than 1.4 million high school juniors, this year's National Merit Scholarship competition began back in October 2006. Students with the highest PSAT scores were named merit semifinalists. The field was narrowed to 15,000 finalists who were evaluated on their academic records, test scores, leadership in school and community activities, essays, and letters of recommendation.

Only about half of the finalists continued on to be named scholars, one of the nation's highest academic honors. The Anchorage School District is proud to recognize seven students who earned 2008 National Merit Scholarships.

- **Chloe Cotton** and **Kelsey MacMillan** of West High School
- **Maia Dickinson** of East High School
- **Ariel Hippe** of Dimond High School
- **Chi-Hyun Kim** and **Kaitlin Mansfield** of Service High School
- **Brian Kirchner** of South Anchorage High School

Chloe, Maia, Ariel and Kelsey will receive \$2,500 merit scholarships. Brian's scholarship is sponsored by BP Foundation, Chi-Hyun's by the University of Chicago, and Kaitlin's by Western Washington University.

This is a request that the Anchorage School Board congratulates these graduates for their accomplishments and acknowledges their success.

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