

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #188 (2008-2009)

February 23, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF 2009 SPIRIT OF YOUTH NOMINEES

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

PERTINENT FACTS:

Spirit of Youth is dedicated to creating, promoting, and recognizing youth involvement in communities across Alaska. Unlikely commonly recognized events and efforts such as academics or athletics, Spirit of Youth recognition shows appreciation for acts that typically are not formally recognized; acts such as community service, media, science and environmental efforts, cultural activities, and overcoming challenges. This year's nominees included the following students and groups from the Anchorage School District:

SOY Nominees

Brian Arnold - KCC

Margot Adams - Frontier

Caleb Hobbs – South

James Crimp - Steller

Misty Thomas – Highland Tech

Cayley Eller – Highland Tech

Rachel Rose-Figura - West

Jon Derman-Harris - West

Courtney Gerkin - East

Sophie Wiepking-Brown – West

Kira Nason – West

Daniel Fink – East

Solo Malua – Bartlett

Andy Ivy – Dimond

Sean Farley – Dimond

Brittany Hurn – Dimond

Zaidy Jacobo – East

Alexis Cobb – Dimond

Katie Scott - Steller

Lye-yeng Wong - South

Brooke Diaz - Chugiak

Nara McCray - Dimond

Jaqueline Yang - Chugiak

David Williams – APU Early Honors

Emma Wiggins – Family Partnership

Victoria Bledsoe - Chugiak

Jordon Elliott - West

Trenton Pride - Dimond

AYPF POWER Outreach Workers – Various Schools

Ground Zero Project – West High School

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Begich Middle School Broadcast News Team
West High School Mentorship Program
Dimond High School American Cancer Society Club
Mirror Lake Middle School Media Group
Chugiak High School FCCLA
Bartlett High School Freshman Student Government
Service High School Polynesian Club
East High School Dance Contempo
West High School IB Program
East High School Manga/Anime Guild
Eagle River High School National Honor Society
Eagle River High School Key Club
Chugiak High School German Club

This is a request that the Anchorage School Board commend the 2009 Spirit of Youth Award nominees for their creativity, compassion and dedication to community service.

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