

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #186 (2009-2010)

January 25, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF LYE-YENG WONG, OUTSTANDING
YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

ASD Goal: *Education in the highly diverse ASD will be accessible, culturally responsive, supportive of students, and safe.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the school board recognize South High School student Lye-Yeng Wong, this year's Association of Fundraising Professionals' Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy.

PERTINENT FACTS:

Ms. Wong's counselor and Key Club advisor at South High, Sara Miller, made the recommendation to the association saying that Lye-Yeng "is an outstanding young woman and one of the most accomplished students I have ever come across. She not only excels academically, she is extremely involved in the school and local community."

In addition to her 4.13 GPA, which includes a rigorous and varied course load, Ms. Wong's character sets her above her peers. She moved from Malaysia to Texas when she was 10 years old and when her family then moved to Alaska last fall, this mature, ambitious young woman embraced the transition as an opportunity to enhance her new school community.

"I had been trying for years to start a Key Club (international community service organization) at South High School with little success," wrote Miller. "There had been no student committed or charismatic enough for such an undertaking. This all changed the day Lye-Yeng walked into my office. She asked if we had a Key Club and on hearing that we didn't, Lye-Yeng asked what the procedure was to start a new club. She is now serving her second year as Key Club President, spearheading hundreds of hours of volunteer activity and presiding over 70 members, the largest club at South."

It is requested that the school board recognize this natural leader committed to making a difference in her community as the 2009 Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy.

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