

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #294 (1999-2000)

May 8, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: SERVICE HIGH STUDENT HONORED FOR ART

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, established in 1923, have grown into the largest and longest running recognition program for young people in the United States. Last year over \$1,000,000 in scholarships and prizes were granted through the program. Scholastic Art and Writing Award winners include some of the country's leading artists and writers.

Students submit work in 16 visual art categories and ten writing categories. Submissions nationwide number over 250,000; these are narrowed to 30,000 and forwarded to New York for the national judging. Ultimately 200 pieces are selected for a national exhibition from the top art award categories.

This year the artwork of Service High School's Robbie Gonzalez will be included in this high-profile national event. Robbie's creation, a fabricated sterling silver bracelet, will be on display in the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., in June. In addition to this prestigious honor, Robbie and Service High School art teacher Jeanne Ilgen will travel to a star-studded awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the artistic achievements of some of the nation's most talented students.

This honor caps off an award-filled year for Robbie. In addition to his regional Gold Award in the Scholastic Awards, he was named the national American Vision Awards winner, and captured the inaugural Manook Award for Student Excellence in the Arts.

It is requested the School Board recognize Robbie Gonzalez for his exceptional, award-winning talent.

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