

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #296 (1999-2000)

May 8, 2000

TO: SCHOOL BOARD  
FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SUBJECT: GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

PERTINENT FACTS:

The National Geographic Geography Bee was created in 1989 to spark student interest in geography. The competition is open to fourth- through eighth-grade students nationwide who want to test their geography skills and vie for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Competitions begin at the school level in nearly 18,000 schools across the country. The schoolwide winners then take a written geography test provided by National Geographic. Students who score high enough on the exam advance to the state bees for the second level of competition.

The state competition was held in Anchorage on April 7. The top three finishers in the final round competition are eighth-graders in the Anchorage School District. They include first place winner Berney Richert, from Romig Middle School; second place winner Harmon Pollock, from Central Middle School of Science; and third-place winner Kento Azegami, from Mears Middle School.

As state winner, Berney received \$100, assorted gifts, and an expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C., to participate in the finals on May 23 - 24.

It is requested the School Board recognize these three outstanding geography students who are clearly headed in the right direction.

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