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*News from the*  
**Principal's Office**

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Dear West High community,

I'd like to thank the community and parents, specifically our PTSA and our Alumni Association for their ongoing efforts on behalf of West Anchorage High School. Our Academic and Athletic accomplishments continue to excel and the support from our community is very much appreciated. Our school spirit is at an all time high with the school fight song being sung loud and proud at many of our athletic events, assemblies, and community functions.

As spring rolls around, please remember that state testing dates are just around the corner. In early April our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders along with any junior and senior who have not yet passed or had the opportunity to take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, will be testing. Passing the HSGQE is a requirement for graduation. In addition to talking with your student about the test, please help your student by making sure they have plenty of sleep and food to prepare them to do the best they can on the test.

I continue to be excited with the level of academic and athletic achievement that I see in our classrooms and school. As many of you are aware, we have had a tremendous month of student accomplishments. Congratulations to David Block and the students of West Anchorage High School for putting on an outstanding performance called *Ruthless*. We are also pleased to announce we have ten National Merit Finalists from West High School. Please help me congratulate these students: **Madeleine Amodio, Makenzie Curtis-Johnson, Geurim Kim, Joelene Kronz, Terra Laughton, Elaine**

**Parmelee, Max Shayer, Nicholas Treinen, Sophie Wiepking-Brown, Kyle Zency.** In addition to our student accomplishments, **Craig Walker** our Staff Services Assistant Principal was named Assistant Principal of The Year for the State of Alaska.

On the ice, snow and gym floors our West High Eagles continue to shine. Our boys' hockey team finished first in Regions in a tough fought game with Dimond. Although our boys' hockey team have been in the region finals three out of the last four years, this was the first time West High has won the Region Championship since 1988. Our Boys Hockey team continued their run of excellence by winning the State Championship for the FIRST time in school history. Our girls' hockey team also had a strong season finishing second in the conference championship. Our boys' and girls' cross country skiing teams are in the top teams in the conference with regions and state coming soon. Our boys' basketball team is currently ranked first in the State of Alaska and our girls' basketball team is currently tied for first place in our conference.

Our next PTSA meeting will be held on March 3, 2010, at 5:30pm in the Main Office Conference Room. Please give me a call or e-mail me at [stone\\_rick@asdk12.org](mailto:stone_rick@asdk12.org) with any comments or concerns you have regarding West High. If you would like to recognize an outstanding staff person, I would recommend that you go to the ASD home page, scroll down to "Quyanan," and make your recommendation on line. Spring Break is just around the corner! Enjoy your children and the warmer weather!



# Activities Corner

Spring is upon us and it is time to think about the Spring Sports Season. The following sports begin soon:



Softball and Baseball

March 1<sup>st</sup>



Boys' and Girls' Soccer

March 8<sup>th</sup>



Track and Field

March 8<sup>th</sup>

If a student wishes to participate in one of the about sports he/she should get all their paperwork into the Activities Office before the first day of the season. Please review the fee schedule below:

- **There is a \$160 activity fee per ASD – sponsored sport**, or apply for a fee waiver based on hardship through the school activity office, or meet the family cap for middle and high school activity fees. *A family cap will be implemented once the students in a family have paid \$330 to participate in activities including any combination of middle and high school activities.*
- **Please note:** Baseball, softball, and bowling are not sponsored by ASD so separate fees must be paid to the individual sponsor. These fees do not count towards ASD's family cap.



West Hockey Rules! West High Boys' Hockey team is the Region IV Champions and the State Champions too. This is a great accomplishment and we are proud of each and every player, coach, and parent. West Girls' Hockey team was awarded an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Region IV.



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## Cheer News

West High Cheer squads participated in several competitions in February. In the Region Competition the Hockey Cheer Squad received 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division, The Basketball and Comp squads finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The Comp Squad also took 1<sup>st</sup> at the Top of the World Competition.



## END OF ACTIVITY SURVEY

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Player \_\_\_\_\_ (mark one) Date \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT/ACTIVITY \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL (circle) C JV V N/A

COACH'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the coach in each area on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. Circle the appropriate number or NA if not applicable or if you are not able to rate the coach in an area.

- 1) Communication with parents 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 2) Communication with players 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 3) Organizational skills 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 4) Motivation of players/team 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 5) Discipline of team/players 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 6) Knowledge of the sport/activity 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 7) Prevention and care of injuries 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 8) Attitude/conduct during contests 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 9) Attitude/conduct during practice 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 10) Ability to teach skills 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
- 11) Overall rating of coach 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Please add any comments below or on a separate piece of paper:

**RETURN THIS FORM TO WEST HIGH ACTIVITIES OFFICE.**



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## Air Force ROTC

### **February**

Well, time sure has gone by fast this year. During February we did numerous events and activities all of which were extremely successful, and loads of fun.

This is the Color Guard season it would seem. On February 5, 10, and 25 we had color guards for the varsity boys' basketball games and on February 8 and 19 we had color guards for the girls' varsity basketball games. We went to two World Affairs Council luncheons. When those cadets came back they couldn't stop exclaiming about how great and inspiring the speakers were, plus the great meals. Then there was the Pillars of America luncheon on the 10<sup>th</sup> that had a very motivational speaker and was a great opportunity for the cadets to hear about how people in the world are making a difference.

On February 12 & 13 Major took a group of 19 cadets to winter survival camp. This was to teach them how to survive in case of an emergency out in the wilderness and to test their "keep warm" skills.

Freshman Fair was on the 18<sup>th</sup> and all of the cadets that helped with that said they had a lot of fun meeting next year's new prospective cadets.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> there was a "Hero Gathering" by Kulis AGB to honor the returning Veterans. A lot of VIPs were there and on a purely volunteer basis we supported them by providing ushers at the Anchorage Auditorium.

The water survival field trip was among our favorite activity this month. The water survival field trip to Buckner Field House on Fort Richardson was a huge amount of fun and most of the cadets didn't want to get out of the water. We learned to survive in the water even if we couldn't swim. A biggie for living in Alaska.

And last but not least we had the annual JROTC Military Ball on February 26. This was "the favorite" event for most of the cadets that went, because they not only get to see Chief dance but they got to mingle with other students from other units. All the cadets that went were very well behaved and represented West AFJROTC with pride and honor.

The month of February seemed like the busiest month of the year and yet one of the best. Everyone that participated enjoyed themselves and you had to try really hard not to have fun at one of these events.

### **March**

We don't have a lot going on this month, but that doesn't mean that there won't be anything that comes up. We have Spring Break from March 8 – 12. With Dining Out planning in full motion, and planned for April 16, this year. Another BIGGIE to plan for is Summer Leadership Camp scheduled this year for July 18 – 23. Until then, have fun with what you do and be safe.



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## Curriculum and Counseling

Counselors are busy gathering next year's course requests from all future students for next year. They have met individually or in small groups with next year's juniors and seniors and in freshmen English classes to gather course requests from next year's sophomores. It's very important in planning next year's master schedule to gather accurate course requests and alternate choices from all students. It is also very important for each student to make accurate choices to get a good schedule for next year. Counselors will also be looking at recommendations from current teachers.

We are also beginning to plan for SBA and HSGQE tests which will be administered the first week in April. All freshmen will take SBA tests the morning of April 6 to 8; sophomores will take Science SBA test on Thursday, April 1 and the HSGQE reading, writing, and math tests, April 6 – 8; and juniors and seniors who still need to pass the test or a portion(s) of the HSGQE will take the test(s) April 6 – 8. All juniors and seniors who have passed the HSGQE tests will stay home the morning of these tests and will come in the afternoon. A detailed schedule for testing will be in the next newsletter.

Please make note that HSGQE tests are on these dates, only. The tests are only given twice a year, and if a sophomore is absent on the day of any HSGQE test, the next chance to take the test will be in the fall of his or her junior year.

There is a vast amount of information that our Career Resource Advisor, Gail Rutz, has made available on the school website. If you have not had a chance to look at this, please go to the Curriculum and to the Career Resource Center and take a look at all the information on current scholarships, college visits, and NCAA information she has made available for students and parents.



Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT in the spring and again in the fall of their senior year. Some schools require SAT II subject tests as well. The College Board

recommends that students take subject tests after completing the related high school course.

Order **official transcripts** online at [www.asdk12.org](http://www.asdk12.org)  
Click on “transcripts” in the right column and follow the prompts. When you receive notification that your request has been processed, please pick them up at the Registrar’s office.

Students who plan on playing Division I or Division II sports in college should file a **NCAA Clearinghouse** Application. NCAA determines eligibility by calculating a GPA from grades earned in NCAA approved classes. To register, prospective student athletes should access the registration materials by visiting the Clearinghouse website:

**([www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net))**

From the home page, click on “Prospective Student-Athletes” which will link the student to the necessary information. Final eligibility will not be determined until your final transcript is sent to the NCAA at the end of your senior year.

### **Important Dates in March**

- 3/5 In-Service Day – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qt.
- 3/8 Spring Break starts
- 3/12 Spring Break ends
- 3/25 Parent Conferences
- 3/26 In-Service Day
- 3/31 Senior IB students’ CAS projects due

Seniors please bring in verification of college acceptances, college scholarships, recognition for academic awards, other scholarship awards etc. in to Mrs. Rutz, the Career Resource Advisor. This information will be used for the Awards Program in April.



The last Accuplacer for this school year will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ KCC. Seniors and Juniors are encouraged to take the college placement test as they begin to transition out of high school. The test will begin directly after school. Cost is \$15. Please see your counselor or Mrs. Wilson for questions.



## Upcoming Eagle Events



### Education for a Better World

Registration for next year is underway! There's still time to apply to be part of next year's IB program. Current 10<sup>th</sup> graders can apply for the diploma program by completing a simple application available in the IB office and counseling office. They will then work with Mr. Ruhlin and one of two IB counselors to put together their two-year IB plan. Current 9<sup>th</sup> graders can apply to be part of next year's Pre-IB program, which will provide them with some unique learning opportunities next year.

There will be more opportunities to learn about the IB program in March and April. Watch the school calendar on the West webpage for dates and times.

IB Seniors are putting the finishing touches on their extended essays and completing their internal assessments in their subject areas. They have performed admirably this year, balancing a challenging load with grace and good humor. We look forward to the IB graduation ceremony during the last week in April.

For more information about West High's IB program, contact John Ruhlin (742-2610, [ruhlin\\_john@asdk12.org](mailto:ruhlin_john@asdk12.org)) and visit the IB link on the West High website. For more information about IB in general, visit IB's website (<http://ibo.org>).





A number of our West HS students have shown HUGE reading GAINS in their literacy support classes, so we want to recognize them for their great effort and outstanding progress.

These hard working, motivated West High students, along with effective teaching/learning strategies and structured language-based online programs, such as Achieve 3000 (Teen Biz), Fast ForWord (FFW), MY Access, and READ 180 (R180) have been the essential ingredients to their growth and success in their classes.

Congratulations to these students, their supportive parents, and the dedicated FFW, R180, Teen Biz, and MY Access teachers!

**Three or more year's growth:**

William Coleman-Siekmeier (+3.2), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Larry Scott Oscar (+3.6), 10<sup>th</sup>, FFW

**Two or Three (2+) year's growth:**

Mary Alapeti (+2.8), 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Lamarr Brown (+2.6), 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Crystalline Fakasiieiki (+2.3), 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Loreana Alviar (+2.5), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Trevor Grisham (+2.8), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Victor Sibson (+2.2), 9<sup>th</sup> R180 & FFW  
Platonida Hapoff (+2.2), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Doug Jolma (+2.6), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Randall Lewis (+2.0), 9<sup>th</sup> R180

**1.5+ year's growth:**

Markiss Ailey (+1.5), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Kristy Espina (+1.7), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Ivan King (+1.7), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Manuoletuasivi Siaumau (+1.6), 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Leilani Keaweamahi (+1.5), 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Cory Sergie (+1.8) 9<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Darien Dahl (+1.5) 10<sup>th</sup> R180  
Cristine Liceralde (+1.5) 10<sup>th</sup> R180  
Bruce Mulifai (+1.5) 10<sup>th</sup> R180

**One year's growth (1.0-1.4)**

Eileen Abam (+1.4) 9<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Tyrone Adams (+1.2) 9<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Qualin Golden (+1.2) 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Jacob Lawrence (+1.4) 10<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Brittany Rodgers (+1.1) 9<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Pauline Traffin (+1.0) 9<sup>th</sup> FFW  
Angelica Cortez (+1.1) 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Deanna Romero (+1.2) 9<sup>th</sup> IRT  
Robert DeFrancesco (+1.0) 10<sup>th</sup> R180  
Omar Mercado (+1.0) 10<sup>th</sup> R180

**Literacy support programs and their teachers include:**

**9<sup>th</sup> Integrated Reading Team (A3000 & FFW)**

English – Vicki Ross  
Integrated Science – Jim Trumbull  
World History – Tim Davis

**English 9-12/FFW**  
Temperance Tinker

**English 10/READ 180**

Rachel Kittoe

**English 9/READ 180**  
Michele Whaley

**English 11/READ 180**  
Vicki Ross



## West High Russians are Here!

Russian classes at West are learning Russian as fast as they can. Both in and outside the classroom, students are busier than ever. In the midst of all the excitement, 25 West High Russian students attended the Russian opera, *Eugene Onegin*. On February 11, Anton Belov, the star of the show, attended the period 4 Russian class and spent an hour telling stories, laughing with students, sharing some of his favorite music (King Crimson and the Russian band, Aquarium), and saying they spoke Russian very well. Upon learning that one of the students was a singer, he asked a favor – would she be willing to record a voice lesson with him?

In the same time period, West High students attended the Alaska Forum for the Environment, where eight students from West High's Russian Ground Zero Environmental Exchange presented their collaboration with students in Chukotka, Russia. 2010 is the final year of three, and a group of West High Russian and Green Team students will travel to Anadyr, Russia in early June 2010 to work with the Russian teens. The National Park Service and the West High Alumni are the major supporters of this project. In 2008, students presented their first year findings at a National Parks conference, and last October, Sydney Treuer and Kelly French traveled back to Anadyr to share the stage with two Russian students as they explained the project to over 100 arctic researchers and cultural anthropologists.

Sydney Treuer is not in Anchorage with Russian classes just now; she is in Kirov, Russia, as one of only 500 students nationwide to participate in the US Department of State NSLI-Y program for critical languages. She is in Russia for a fully – funded six month period, during which time she is having 15 hours a week of intensive Russian lessons, living with a family, and attending a Russian magnet school for economics.

Sydney is one of a number of thirty West High students who earned in the National Russian Essay contest last November, including four gold medals at the advanced level. Those essays (not the students!) are in the progress to the international Russian Essay Contest, held in Moscow this month. Those students are Priscilla Apone, Jon Derman Harris, Johna Rutz, and Tom Troxel. Irina Shutova won a gold medal in the heritage speaker division, and exchange student Anna Olzyatieva won a gold medal in the native speaker division. We are very proud, because earning an honorable mention in this contest is already an impressive achievement.

Parents from Turnagain have thanked Russian students for participating in their Father Frost play. Students included Anna Olzyatieva, Kelly French, Kristine Cox, Rachel Conley, Vicky Kola'tkova', Grace Johnson, Priscilla Apone, and Olga Karpova. They did a fabulous job of entertaining the Russian – speaking crowd.

Coming up on March 19 is the Russian Olympiada, a contest of spoken Russian. We very much need Russian-speaking judges and presenters, on topics of Russian culture, history, stories, holidays, and travel. If you know someone who would like to share with middle and high school students, or judge the Russian-speaking contest, please get in touch with Russian teacher Michele Whaley.

Also coming soon is a Flash Russian course, offered evenings from April 21-23 and Saturday morning April 24 in the West High library. Katya Paukova was here last year, and students learned to speak Russian in just four days. There will be all new stories, so former and future students please contact Michele Whaley. The class, a fund raiser for the Alaskan language teachers' conference, is best for high school ages up through adults.

## World Languages Department

*The following students should be congratulated for winning World Language Regional Competition. They represented our school very well and proceeded to state competition.*



### French

<p><b>Poster:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Danner 3<sup>rd</sup> Gurim Kim 5<sup>th</sup> Anna Boslough</p> <p><b>Impromptu:</b> Level 3 1<sup>st</sup> Erblina Koci</p> <p><b>Dialogues:</b> Level 2 1<sup>st</sup> Bennett Amodio And Christian Atta-Darkwah</p>	<p><b>Culture:</b> Level 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeran Pelagio-Williams AP 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Muller</p> <p><b>Poetry:</b> Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Adriana Lacle Level 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Kimm 3<sup>rd</sup> Bennett Amodio 4<sup>th</sup> Christian Atta-Darkwah</p> <p>Level 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Erblina Koci Level 4 4<sup>th</sup> Eiden Pospial AP 1<sup>st</sup> Maddie Amodio 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Mullen</p>
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### Germany

<p><b>Culture:</b> Level 3 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Wichorek</p>	<p><b>Poetry:</b> Level 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Erblina Koci Level 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Clink</p>
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### Spanish

<p><b>Poster:</b> 5<sup>th</sup> Micaela Hyams</p> <p><b>Poetry:</b> Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Besim Koci 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Volkova 3<sup>rd</sup> Analiese Decker 4<sup>th</sup> Heather Caldwell Level 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Watts Level 4 5<sup>th</sup> Samantha Neeno AP 1<sup>st</sup> Micaela Hyams 4<sup>th</sup> Adriana Lacle 5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Schuh 9-10 1<sup>st</sup> John Gutsch 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Manzer</p> <p><b>Dialogues:</b> Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Danielle Levine 1<sup>st</sup> Maxwell Osgood 2<sup>nd</sup> Jolaine Polale 2<sup>nd</sup> Annalise Decker Level 3 1<sup>st</sup> Marissa Torgerson 1<sup>st</sup> Reagan Fitzgerald 2<sup>nd</sup> Angela Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Heffern 4/5/AP 1<sup>st</sup> Mariana Villasenor 1<sup>st</sup> Emmanuel Pena 3<sup>rd</sup> Rafael Baez 3<sup>rd</sup> Katherine Tomera Imm. 1<sup>st</sup> Vanessa Pride 1<sup>st</sup> Liliana Luna-Sanchez 2<sup>nd</sup> Katy Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Myers</p>	<p><b>Culture:</b> Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Vioria 1<sup>st</sup> Dani Levine 2<sup>nd</sup> Arianne Co 2<sup>nd</sup> Jolaine Polaki 3<sup>rd</sup> Chee Thao Level 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Adnerson AP 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Berry 3<sup>rd</sup> Micaela Hyams Imm. 1<sup>st</sup> Adam Manzer 2<sup>nd</sup> Elliott Langford</p> <p><b>Impromptu:</b> Level 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Leif Monnet 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hutton Level 3 1<sup>st</sup> Arthur Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Donovan 3<sup>rd</sup> Angela Lee Level 4/5/AP 1<sup>st</sup> Rafael Baez 3<sup>rd</sup> Francisco Rodriguez 5<sup>th</sup> Emmanuel Pena Imm. 1<sup>st</sup> Jessie Benedict 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Weinstein</p>
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**The following World Language Students placed at state following the Region Competition.**



Culture:  
Level 2 4<sup>th</sup> Jeran Pelagio-Williams

Impromptu:  
Level 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Erblina Koci

Dialogues:  
Level 2 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Atta-Darkwah and Bennett Amodio

Poetry:  
Level 2 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Atta-Darkwah  
2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Kimm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bennett Amodio  
AP 1<sup>st</sup> Maddie Amodio  
2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Muller



Culture:  
Level 3 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Wichorek

Level 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Clink



Culture:  
Spanish I 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Vioria  
3<sup>rd</sup> Adrienne Co  
Spanish IV 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Anderson  
AP 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Berry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Micaela Hyams  
Imm. 11-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Manzer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elliott Langford

Dialogues:  
4/5/AP 1<sup>st</sup> Mariano Villasenor  
1<sup>st</sup> Emmanuel Pena

Poetry:  
Level 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Volkova  
Level 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Katherine Grosch  
AP 2<sup>nd</sup> Michaela Hyams  
9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> John Gutsch

Impromptu:  
Level 1 1<sup>st</sup> Leif Monnet  
Level 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Arthur Johnson  
Level 4/5/AP  
1<sup>st</sup> Rafael Baez  
9-10 1<sup>st</sup> Jessie Benedict  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Weinstein



## West High We The People Wins State! NINTH YEAR IN A ROW

On December 1, Pamela Orme's team from West Anchorage High won the state "We the People" competition. Her team includes: Madeleine Amodio, Esebei Arurang, Genevieve Beck, Annalisa Boslough, David Cotton, Parker Dahl, Prince Darkwah, Alexandra Derrera, Brea Harris, Rachel Hull, Micaela Hyams, Geurim Kim, Sofiya Kostareva, Elizabeth Kubitz, Jeffrey Linxweiler, Lillian Maassen, Miguel Martinez, Michel Notti, Daniel Olsen, Mali Redick, Olivia Route, Sarah Schuh, David Spyke, and Jecoliah Williams. Students spent hundreds of hours preparing for this competition.

Students now have 18 new complex constitutional questions to prepare for national judges. They are working hard and are excited to represent the state of Alaska at the national competition.

**Pamela Orme, and these twenty-four students will travel to Washington DC and represent the State of Alaska for the We the People National Competition, April 22-28.**

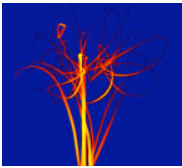
The primary goal of the program is to promote civic responsibility and competence in students. This is accomplished by emphasizing student involvement and encouraging students to relate important concepts and principles to historical and contemporary situations as well as their own experiences. The program also helps students develop critical thinking and public speaking skills. The competition is a simulated congressional hearing. Each competing class is divided into six groups, one group for each of the six units in the high school textbook. During the competitive hearing, each group appears before a panel of judges and acts as constitutional experts on constitutional application, reasoning, use of supporting evidence, responsiveness, and participation. Students present a four-minute prepared response to a complex constitutional question then they experience an intense six-minute follow-up with a question and answer period. Students will be able to visit with the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, the Honorable Mark Begich and the Honorable Don Young, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon (George Washington's house), Capitol Building, Library of Congress, White House, Natural History Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, National Air and Space Museum, Iwo Jima Memorial,

Jefferson Memorial, Georgetown, Embassy Row, National Zoological Park, FDR Memorial, and the Supreme Court, just to name a few.

We have just a few weeks to find \$32,700's worth of funding for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. This program is not funded or financially supported by the Anchorage School District. We are able to offer this program because of the support of this great community. We receive support from the West High Alumni Association, West High PTSA, and of course, the Alaska Bar Association LRE Committee.

We also appreciate any and all support from individuals and families. If you'd like to contribute to our team please contact Pamela J. Orme at West Anchorage High. Remember all donations are tax deductible. Not only have we won state for nine years in a row, but we have also brought back five National titles. Programs such as these clearly indicate the high level of academic foundation provided here at West High.

"I'm a dual citizen and after participating in We the People I would give up my Swiss Citizenship in favor of everything I have learned about my American Citizenship. Not only is everything I have learned useful, but I have also used everything I have learned up to this point to be successful in this class." Annalisa Boslough, Unit VI



Please visit the Anchorage Museum for the upcoming exhibition because many West High photography work is in it.

ASD Art Exhibition: Landscape and Reflections on view March 6 through April 11  
The 37<sup>th</sup> annual Anchorage School District student art exhibit showcases art by Anchorage's most creative student artists. Juried by art teachers, this exhibit offers a unique opportunity to see the breadth of art education programs from Kindergarten through high school. This year, the exhibit's focus is landscapes: Much of the work was inspired by landscape paintings in the museum collection.

Mandy Morell

