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SEATTLE AND BELLEVUE SCHOOLS AMONG FINALISTS FOR INTEL AND SCHOLASTIC SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

DUPONT, WA, May 5, 2005 – John Stanford International School in Seattle and Newport High School in Bellevue were named finalists for the Intel and Scholastic Schools of Distinction Awards. The schools will compete for \$230,000 in grants from the Intel Foundation and additional prizes from sponsoring companies to be presented at an awards ceremony this October.

John Stanford International School was one of six finalists in the Collaboration category. Newport High School was among the finalists in the category for Academic Achievement.

The Schools of Distinction Award program honors schools for implementing innovative and replicable programs that support positive educational outcomes. Now in its second year, the award program is sponsored by Intel -- the world's largest chip maker and long-time champion of educational improvement -- and Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company.

"The program celebrates the successes of some of the nation's best schools," said Brenda Musilli, Intel director of education. "It allows us to highlight the effective use of technology, the benefits of strong math and science programs, and the development of excellent classroom teachers."

Francie Alexander, chief academic officer at Scholastic, added, "These awards give us the opportunity to honor what is right with American schools, demonstrate the high level of success achievable, and help other schools replicate that success."

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The 60 finalists were chosen from 3,300 public and private schools that participated in the application process. The judging process was overseen by the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Inc. One elementary school and one secondary school winner will be chosen in each of ten categories, based on three rounds of judging and site visits. From this pool, one school from each group will be named the winner in the "Best of the Best" category. The finalists in each category are:

Academic Achievement – Shows significant academic gains in test scores, graduation rates and students consistently achieve high academic standards.

- El Magnet At Reagan Elementary Odessa, Texas
- KIPP Gaston College Preparatory Gaston, N.C.
- Lincoln Elementary School Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Newport High School Bellevue, Wash.
- Norwich Free Academy Norwich, Conn.
- Shipley's Choice Elementary Millersville, Md.

Collaboration (External) – Demonstrates commitment to and recognition of the important role that external stakeholders (families, businesses and community) play in supporting learning.

- Academy of Allied Health and Science Neptune, N.J.
- J. Stanford International School Seattle, Wash.
- Marine Academy of Science & Technology Sandy Hook, N.J.
- Mt. Logan Middle School Logan, Utah
- PS 161 Don Pedro Albizu Campos School New York, N.Y.
- Thomas Gardner Elementary School Allston, Mass.

Leadership Excellence – Dynamic leaders engage the school and implement comprehensive plans to meet current and future challenges, resulting in higher student achievement levels.

- Bethune Academy Haines City, Fla.
- Cordova Middle School Phoenix, Ariz.
- Lancaster High School Lancaster, Va.
- Northwest High School Justin, Texas
- Westminster Community Charter School Buffalo, N.Y.
- Xavier College Preparatory Phoenix, Ariz.

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Literary Achievement – Reading and writing curriculum is rationally designed to ensure high achievement levels and significant gains.

- Auburn Early Education Center Auburn, Ala.
- East Hancock Elementary Kiln, Miss.
- Essex Middle School Junction, Vt.
- Forestbrook Elementary School Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- J. P. McConnell Middle School Loganville, Ga.
- Upson-Lee Middle School Thomaston, Ga.

Mathematics Achievement – Math curriculum is rationally designed to ensure high levels of achievement and significant gains.

- Ab Harrison Intermediate School Wylie, Texas
- Archbishop Hoban High School Akron, Ohio
- Cohoes Middle School Cohoes, N. Y.
- Fullerton IV Elementary School Roseburg, Ore.
- Rocky River High School Rocky River, Ohio
- Roye-Williams Elementary School Havre de Grace, Md.

Professional Development – Culture encourages teachers, administrators and staff to work together as a community to improve student learning; continuously, thoughtfully plans professional growth and development.

- Carmel High School Carmel, Ind.
- Centennial Arts Academy Gainesville, Ga.
- Cresthill Middle School Highlands Ranch, Colo.
- River Bluff Middle School Stoughton, Wis.
- St. Raphael the Archangel Elementary School Louisville, Ky.
- William Howard Taft Elementary Boise, Idaho

Science Achievement – Science curriculum is rationally designed to ensure high levels of achievement and significant gains.

- Centerville Elementary School Anderson, S.C.
- Galileo Magnet High Danville, Va.
- Hacienda Science/Environmental Magnet San Jose, Calif.
- Hamilton High School Chandler, Ariz.
- Phelps Elementary School Phelps, Ky.
- West Hawaii Explorations Academy Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Teamwork (Internal) – Engages internal stakeholders in a teamwork approach; principal works collaboratively in planning and decision making with the administration, faculty, parents and volunteers.

- Cherry Hill High School West Cherry Hill, N.J.
- Lanai Road Elementary School Los Angeles, Calif.
- Middletown High School Middletown, Md.
- Poland Regional H S and Whittier Middle School Poland, Maine
- Tusculum View Elementary School Greeneville, Tenn.
- Washington Elementary School Kingsport, Tenn.

Technology Excellence – Excels in effectively using technology and demonstrates its strategic use throughout the school in several areas including school programs, curriculum and management.

- Advanced Technologies Academy Las Vegas, Nev.
- Essrig Elementary School Tampa, Fla.
- Lee Elementary School of Technology Tampa, Fla.
- Lois Lenski Elementary School Centennial, Colo.
- Marie Murphy School Wilmette, Ill.
- The Mott Hall School, PS/IS 223 New York, N.Y.

Technology Innovation – Shows unique, effective and innovative use of technology in a specific area of the school's program or curriculum.

- chARTer~TECH High School for the Performing Arts Somers Point, N.J.
- High Technology High School Lincroft, N.J.
- Lincoln Academy Lakeland, Fla.
- Mabry Middle School Marietta, Ga.
- Pershing Elementary School Muskogee, Okla.
- The Open Magnet Charter School Los Angeles, Calif.

Best of the Best – Demonstrates overall excellence; has comprehensive programs and consistently achieves high academic standards. An elementary and a secondary school will be chosen from those honored in the above categories.

Two winners will be named in each category at an awards ceremony to be held Oct. 6, in Washington, D.C., and will each receive \$10,000.

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The two schools honored with a “Best of the Best” award will receive an additional \$15,000 for a total award of \$25,000 each. Schools winning this award must have a comprehensive program addressing technology, involvement of parents and the community, professional development, teamwork, and consistently achieve high academic standards.

The 20 winning schools will also each receive curriculum materials, professional development resources, software and hardware valued at more than \$3 million. Corporate donors are Agilix, Blackboard Inc, Dell Computer Corp., eInstruction Corp., Futurekids, Gateway, Microsoft Corp., Pitsco Inc., Riverdeep Interactive Learning Limited, Scantron Corp., SchoolNet and SMART Technologies, Inc.

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