



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: **Jocelyn McCabe**
Director of Communications, Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP)
360.357.7951 or 360.951.5269 (mobile)
jocelyn@awsp.org

Bob Burdick
Director of Public Relations, Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB)
360-704-4169
bobb@hecb.wa.gov

MEDIA ADVISORY

OLYMPIA – April 16, 2008 – Representatives from the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) and the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) will celebrate 147 of the state’s top graduating high school seniors and their selection as Washington Scholars on **Wednesday, April 30** in Olympia. The Washington Scholars Award recognizes three high school seniors from each of the state’s 49 legislative districts by providing full scholarships to any Washington public or private college or university.

A recognition ceremony is planned from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. in House Chambers in the Legislative Building with remarks from state **Sens. Paul Shin (D-Edmonds)** and **Jerome Delvin (R-Richland)** and **Reps. Deb Wallace (D-Vancouver)** and **Glenn Anderson (R-Fall City)**. A celebration luncheon will follow immediately at the Pavilion at Saint Martin’s University in Lacey from 12:15 – 2 p.m. Gov. Gregoire, State Superintendent Terry Bergeson, HECB Executive Director Ann Daley and AWSP Executive Director Gary Kipp will also offer remarks at the luncheon that afternoon.

Attached is a copy of the day’s itinerary and a list of all 147 Scholars, which may be of use in localizing stories.

WHO: **AWSP and HECB**
WHAT: **2008 Washington Scholars Awards (list attached)**
WHERE: **Washington State Legislative Building (9:45 – 11:30 a.m.)**
 House Chambers, Capitol Campus
 Olympia

 The Pavilion at Saint Martin’s University (12:15 – 2 p.m.)
 5300 Pacific Ave. S.E., Lacey
WHEN: **Wednesday, April 30**