

**RE: THE 2007-2008 CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHICAGO DEBATE LEAGUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Debate League was first introduced to Chicago Public Schools in 1997 by the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues; and

**WHEREAS**, Two Chicago Public Schools teams of four students participated in the first JP Morgan Chase National Urban Debate Championship held in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Nick Locke and Andrew Hobaugh of Lane Tech are the JP Morgan Chase Urban Debate National Champions; and

**WHEREAS**, each year six debate tournaments and a city competition is held at various CPS sites with approximately 41 school teams and approximately 1000 students from Chicago Public Schools participate; and

**WHEREAS**, award recipients competed in multiple policy debates; and

**WHEREAS** Jacqui Batts of Brooks CP; Angela Booker of Hope CP; Raymond Chen of Kelly; Tiffany Cox of Hubbard; Cydney Edwards of Morgan Park; Natalia Emanuel of Northside CP; Elizabeth Espinoza of Kelyvn Park; Nia Franco of King; Edson Garcia of Juarez; Jeffrey Gray of King; Glynn Hall of Harlan; Ebony Hamlin of Prosser; Gregory Harkins of Whitney Young; Amy Juang of Payton CP; Isabel Juarez of Schurz; Silvi Kastrati of Lincoln Park; Imrose Kauser of Schurz; Juan Kimble of Jones CP; Adero Knott of King; Isaac Krantz-Perlman of Von Steuben; John Leverston of Morgan Park; Jared Lewis of King; Jorge Murillo of Kelly; Antavia O'Banner of Young Women's Leadership; Abel Ocampo of Juarez; Jordan Pamon of King; Mark Pinkowski of Hubbard; Sami Rasheed of Hirsch; Lee Reed of Payton CP; Atilano Rodriguez of Lane; Samuel Sanchez of Juarez; Brian Searles of Whitney Young; Darius Taylor of King; John Trevino of Payton CP; Elvis Veizi of Lane; Shontae Walker of Young Women's Leadership; Jamila Washington of Morgan Park; Oliver Yoder of Von Steuben; were the top scorers in the 2007-2008 Chicago Debate League competition from their schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 28th day of May 2008, congratulate these students for their accomplishment of being the highest scoring debaters of the Chicago Public Schools Chicago Debate League. Congratulations are also extended to their parents and coaches for their role in the students' accomplishment.