

**RESOLUTION RE: THE 2002-2003 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Apple Foundation was begun in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically disadvantaged students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Apple Foundation through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of 35 Illinois universities, provides them with financial assistance for college, and augments their teacher preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need; and

**WHEREAS**, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, they attend four Summer Institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-needs setting, put coursework theories into practice, experience teaching situations in different subject and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars; and

**WHEREAS**, candidates to receive Golden Apple scholarships wrote seven essays, achieved a score of no less than 18 on the ACT, maintained at least a 2.5 GPA, and have evidenced a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Luisana Argueta of Amundsen; Brian Johnson of Austin; Lynda Harper of Brooks College Prep; Denise Vazquez of Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences; Marisa Albarran, Yvonne Hernandez, and Maribel Ortiz of Curie; Edith Carvajal and Dioseline Ramirez of Foreman; Sarai Contreras, Jennifer Quinones, Maricela Salazar, and Madgalena Wos of Hubbard; Lauren James of Hyde Park; Catalina Sanchez of Jones College Prep; Sara Anaya of Juarez; Veronica Alvarez of Kelly; Chiffon Miller of Kenwood; Myrna Marquez and Gloria Soto of Lane Tech; Zi Luan Wang of Lincoln Park; Chontell Lane and Katrina Richard of Morgan Park; and Monica Crawford of Orr have successfully fulfilled all prerequisites and have been recognized as year 2003 Golden Apple scholarships.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003, congratulate the 2003 Chicago Public Schools Golden Apple scholarship recipients, their schools, teachers, and administration. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive roles in the team's accomplishments.