

May 27, 2009

RE: THE 2008-2009 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 the 35 Illinois universities; and 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, Golden Apple Scholars attend 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 into practice, experience teaching situations in different subject and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars, and

WHEREAS, these Golden Apple scholars wrote seven essays, achieved a score no less than 18 on the ACT maintained at least a 2.5 G.P.A., and have evidenced a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

WHEREAS, James Richards-Truesdale of Amundsen HS; Dawnesha Freeman of Brooks College Prep; Juan Rodriguez of Brooks College Prep; Stacy Coglianese of Chicago HS for Agricultural Sci; Lleni Margil of Clemente Academy HS; Angelica Alcaraz of Curie HS; Sandra Rodriguez of Curie HS; Carlos Romero of Curie HS; Rachel Jackson of DeVry University HS; Jennifer Sichory of Hubbard HS; Anel Martinez of Infinity HS; Colbi Fair of King College Prep; Henry Gomez of Lane Technical HS; Victoria Holtz of Lane Technical HS; Anna Treesara of Lane Technical HS; Lilliana Saenz of Lincoln Park HS; Rocio Del Real of Lindblom M & S HS; Adam Jimenez of Lindblom M & S HS; Louvina Davis of North Lawndale Charter HS; Brenda Conner of Phoenix Military Academy; Andrea Lewis of School of Technology - South Shore; Fanny Garcia of Social Justice – Lawndal and Lindsey McIntosh of Whitney Young Magnet HS are the 2008-2009 Golden Apple Foundation recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 27th day of May 2009, congratulate James Richards-Truesdale of Amundsen HS; Dawnesha Freeman of Brooks College Prep; Juan Rodriguez of Brooks College Prep; Stacy Coglianese of Chicago HS for Agricultural Sci; Lleni Margil of Clemente Academy HS; Angelica Alcaraz of Curie HS; Sandra Rodriguez of Curie HS; Carlos Romero of Curie HS; Rachel Jackson of DeVry University HS; Jennifer Sichory of Hubbard HS; Anel Martinez of Infinity HS; Colbi Fair of King College Prep; Henry Gomez of Lane Technical HS; Victoria Holtz of Lane Technical HS; Anna Treesara of Lane Technical HS; Lilliana Saenz of Lincoln Park HS; Rocio Del Real of Lindblom M & S HS; Adam Jimenez of Lindblom M & S HS; Louvina Davis of North Lawndale Charter HS; Brenda Conner of Phoenix Military Academy; Andrea Lewis of School of Technology - South Shore; Fanny Garcia of Social Justice – Lawndale and Lindsey McIntosh of Whitney Young Magnet HS as the 2008-2009 Golden Apple Scholars. Congratulations are also extended to the parents and teachers of these students for their role in the students' accomplishments.