

May 27, 2009

RE: THE 2008-2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

WHEREAS, national scholars receive scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 national scholarship semifinalists were chosen from an initial PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screening of the more than 1.3 million program entrants from more than 22,000 high schools nationwide; and

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 students were selected as national scholar finalists; and

WHEREAS, finalists had to present an outstanding academic record; be endorsed and recommended by the principal; have PSAT/NMSQT test scores confirmed on a second test; and provide an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; and

WHEREAS, Alan S. Cowen of Lincoln Park HS; Alexander Langendorf of Lincoln Park HS; Gerald Wang of Northside Colleg Prep; Ina Jazic of Payton College Prep; Alexander McHugh of Payton College Prep and Rebecca A. Wernis of Whitney Young Magnet HS will take to colleges and universities all over the United States and world the knowledge and skills that they have learned while attending the Chicago Public Schools.

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 Alan S. Cowen of Lincoln Park HS; Alexander Langendorf of Lincoln Park HS; Gerald Wang of Northside Colleg Prep; Ina Jazic of Payton College Prep; Alexander McHugh of Payton College Prep and Rebecca A. Wernis of Whitney Young Magnet HS for their accomplishments and once again bringing distinction to the Chicago Public Schools and the City of Chicago. Congratulations are also extended to the parents and teachers of these students for their role in the students' accomplishments.