
MEMO

To: Mike Riggle

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Students and Staff Who Excel

Date: May 2, 2016

At the meeting on May 9, we are planning to try a new format for our Excel recognitions, given that this is the busiest time of year for student accomplishments. We will plan to honor four separate student accomplishments from Glenbrook South. The groups were asked to send a representative slate of students for recognition, when applicable:

Model UN: National Award of Distinction

The cumulative efforts of the twenty members of GBS Model UN earned the group an Award of Distinction at the National High School Model UN conference. This highest honor was only given to one other school in the division. A representative group of students will attend the recognition.

Etruscan: National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Pacemaker

The 2014-15 volume of the Etruscan yearbook, "The Place To Be," was named a national Pacemaker award winner, the highest honor a high school publication can receive. Etruscan was one of only nine NSPA Pacemaker winners in its size category of 337 pages or more. It was also the only yearbook finalist from Illinois. The student leaders of this publication will attend the recognition.

Illinois High School Art Exhibition, Third Place

Senior Jini John was honored with a bronze medal award for her original painting at the Illinois High School Art Exhibition, a competitive showcase of the top work by high school artists. This is a first-time achievement for a GBS student and the first year GBS students were invited to participate.

Midwest Media Educators Assoc. Festival: First Place Documentary

Seniors Cameron Beach and Dani Tuchman received first place at the Midwest Media Educators Association Festival for their documentary "Custodians: The Crew Behind the Clean." The video - which was shown at GBS faculty meetings - aims to bring attention to the important work done by GBS maintenance staff. In addition, Tuchman was named runner up Illinois High School Journalist of the Year by the Journalism Education Association. Beach was named a top 20 high school innovator in Illinois by the University of Illinois and the Governor's Office and was recognized by The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The students, their sponsors and parents were invited to the meeting for formal recognition.