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To: Mike Riggle

Fr: Karen Geddeis

Re: Students and Staff Who Excel

Date: September 20, 2010

At the meeting on September 27, 2010, we will recognize three staff members for diverse accomplishments during our Students and Staff Who Excel segment.

Glenbrook North Math Teacher **Scott Knapp** was selected as one of three state finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This prestigious honor is one of the highest recognitions a teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in Illinois. A local selection committee that was comprised of prominent mathematicians, scientists, educators and past award recipients chose Knapp out of hundreds of statewide entries. Knapp has more than 10 years of teaching experience and has been employed with District 225 since 2003.

The Illinois Association of School Nurses (IASN) has named Glenbrook South nurse **Barb Marzillo**, RN, MEd, IL/CSN “Illinois School Nurse of the Year” for 2010-11. This is the highest honor that an Illinois school nurse can obtain. This award demonstrates Marzillo’s achievement, leadership and service to the community, as well as her commitment to providing outstanding service to students. Marzillo will be recognized for this honor at the IASN annual conference on October 23. In addition, she is also now the Illinois candidate for the National School Nurse of Excellence recognition.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Speech Advisory Committee has selected Glenbrook South debate coach **Tara Tate** as the Illinois nominee for the National Federation High School Educator Award for Speech/Debate/Theatre. Each state can nominate only one educator each year for this special recognition. This honor demonstrates Tate’s commitment to the activity of debate and the significant impact she has had on the program at Glenbrook South. Nominees are required to exemplify the highest standards of ethical conduct and contribute to the profession through their service and dedication. A selection committee will review each state’s nomination to determine if they will continue on in the process towards the nation’s top honor.