

# MEMO

To: Mike Riggle  
Fr: Karen Geddeis  
Re: Students and Staff Who Excel  
Date: April 29, 2013

At the Board meeting on May 13, we will recognize three students for academic accomplishments in English, math, and art.

**National Council of English Teachers, *writing award*: Mariya Yoshovska (GBS)**

GBS junior Mariya Yoshovska was recently honored with National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Awards in Writing. She earned this recognition for outstanding writing by submitting polished and impromptu pieces this past spring. A panel of English teachers judged more than 1,600 student entries from across the country and selected 520 as award recipients.

**Congressional Art Competition, *first place*: Nicole Otake (GBN)**

Junior Nicole Otake, was the first place winner in the 2013 Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery". As the first place winner, her artwork will be hung in the Cannon Tunnel, which connects the Cannon House Office Building (where all members of Congress have their offices) to the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. It will remain there for one year. This June, Nicole and her family will travel to D.C. to attend a ceremony celebrating her achievement along with other winners from across the U.S.

**American Mathematics Contest, *qualifier*: Sam Korsky (GBN)**

Sam Korsky achieved a score on The American Mathematics Contest (AMC) that placed him in the top 2.5% of students taking the test nationally. He then took the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME) in March in an effort to be selected for the USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad, the USA Mathematical Olympiad, and/or the Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program. Sam Korsky qualified to take the USAJMO on April 30 and May 1, 2013.

Ms. Block, Ms. McInerney, and Ms. Meyer have been invited to attend the meeting to share in the recognition of their students.