

Agenda Item #3

Interoffice Memo

The Glenbrook High Schools

To: Michael Riggle
Fm: Diane Freeman
Re: Students and Staff Who Excel
Date: April 27, 2009

Students and Staff Who Excel will broadly focus on how writing for publications increases writing/design/computer skills and will recognize the Glenbrook South yearbook and the Glenbrook North student newspaper for recent awards.

The GBS yearbook, *Etruscan*, just last weekend received the Pacemaker Award from the National Scholastic Press Association, considered the highest award in scholastic journalism. The Pacemaker was presented to only 27 yearbooks nationwide and was the only finalist from Illinois. The *Etruscan* has been a Pacemaker finalist every year since 2001/02 when Brenda Field became the advisor. The *Etruscan* has received the award four times: for the 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2008 editions. The award was presented to yearbook students at the NSPA convention where eight of our students also received awards in various journalism competitions held at the convention.

The GBN newspaper *Torch*, received a First Place With Special Merit in the American Scholastic Press Associations' 2008-2009 Newspaper Contest. A national competition, ASPA states, "Those school publications with special and outstanding design and content may receive . . . First Place With Special Merit." In addition, Executive Sports Editor, Alyssa Goodman, won recognition in the individual category, Best Sports Photograph. The individual category combines every division from junior high schools through universities. Alyssa was one of only four students nationwide to receive the award and the only high school student to receive the award, the rest were college students.