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Recess grant winners announced; Four students honored for artistic achievement!

PHOENIX (June 27, 2006) – This weekend was action-packed for parents, teachers, and students who gathered for PTA's biggest meeting of the year—the 110th Annual National PTA Convention and Exhibition. Convention delegates voted on three national resolutions, celebrated more than \$300,000 in grants to support recess and physical activity programs for children, and honored four students for artistic achievement in the national Reflections program.

PARENTS TAKE ACTION FOR CHILD HEALTH

On Saturday, PTA members held debate and voting on the adoption of three national resolutions: *Recognition and Care of School-Age Children with Diabetes*; *School Health Councils*; and *School Trust Lands and Funds*. The resolutions were proposed by PTA members and call for national action on the issues. PTA has adopted hundreds of national resolutions on a wide variety of education, health, and safety issues since its first convention in 1897.

The *Recognition and Care of School-Age Children with Diabetes* resolution advises PTAs to urge all school personnel to receive general training on diabetes and for at least two staff members per school to obtain specific training on diabetes care, emergency procedures, and identification and treatment of symptoms of hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. The resolution was adopted by PTA voting members.

PTA members consider school health councils a good setting in which school personnel, parents, and community members can examine how well students learn and make healthy decisions. PTA voting members adopted *School Health Councils* to strengthen the connection between good health and learning and commit PTAs to supporting health education efforts throughout the entire school, including in cafeteria offerings and physical education programs.

States have lost a portion—or all—of the granted lands and resulting revenue stream due to lack of awareness by parents and community members and lack of diligence on the part of education leaders and policy makers. The *School Trust Lands and Funds* resolution, adopted by PTA members, calls for sound financial management of the school trusts. PTAs will provide information to parents, policy makers and the public about school and institutional trust lands and permanent school funds as well as urge state and federal lawmakers to support public schools by making sure the trusts fulfill the purpose for which they were created.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS & AWARDS

- PTA members led a nationwide letter writing campaign to help increase children's opportunities to be physically active. More than 100,000 hand written letters were received from children. Yesterday, Cartoon Network awarded \$310,000 to top participating PTAs. Individual grants of \$5,000 were awarded to top-participating PTAs in 49 participating states, as well as the Virgin Islands and the overseas Department of Defense Schools in Europe. Additionally, a single \$50,000 grant was awarded to Florida PTA, the state with the highest participation in the country.
- Four students received the Reflections Program Outstanding Interpretation Award for 2005-2006, a program that encourages student achievement in the arts. The award recipients are

Outstanding Interpretation for Literature

Izeyah Yenter, Spalding PTA, Boise, ID

Name of Piece: "I wonder why ..."

Outstanding Interpretation for Musical Composition

Max Mueller, Lakewood High School PTA, Lakewood, OH

Name of Piece: "I Wonder Why the Ghosts Haunt"

Outstanding Interpretation for Photography

Angele Alberti, Marietta High School PTSA, Marietta, GA

Name of Piece: "Plastic"

Outstanding Interpretation for Visual Arts

Arshia Ali, Noel Grisham Middle School PTA, Austin, TX

Name of Piece: "I Wonder Why the Rain Feels so Beautiful"

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