

The College Board **2007**
Inspiration
Awards



JOHN TYLER HIGH SCHOOL, TX

Celebrating
America's Most
Improved **High**
Schools



WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, VA



HOBBS HIGH SCHOOL, NM

About the Inspiration Awards

Every year the College Board honors three outstanding public secondary schools for exemplary work in improving their academic environment and helping their students achieve equitable access to higher education. We seek secondary schools that are truly a springboard to college, despite the social, cultural, and economic barriers that stand in the way of their students. The College Board seeks applications from schools with a strong school spirit that initiate unique programs and create partnerships among teachers, parents, community organizations, and local businesses to help prepare more students for college acceptance and success. Three winning schools each receive \$25,000, and five honorable mention schools each receive \$1,000.

Does Your School Qualify?

The Inspiration Awards are open to all public and independent secondary schools in which 40 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced-price lunches. Schools should be able to demonstrate significant and consistent growth across the entire student population in:

- Participation in a college-preparatory core curriculum;
- Participation in rigorous course work, such as the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®), International Baccalaureate, or other honors courses; and
- The percentage of students accepted to two- or four-year institutions of higher education.



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2006 Inspiration Award Winners:

Hobbs High School, Hobbs, New Mexico
John Tyler High School, Tyler, Texas
Wakefield High School, Arlington, Virginia

2005 Inspiration Award Winners:

Curtis High School, Staten Island, New York
Gadsden High School, Anthony, New Mexico
Harlingen High School, Harlingen, Texas

2004 Inspiration Award Winners:

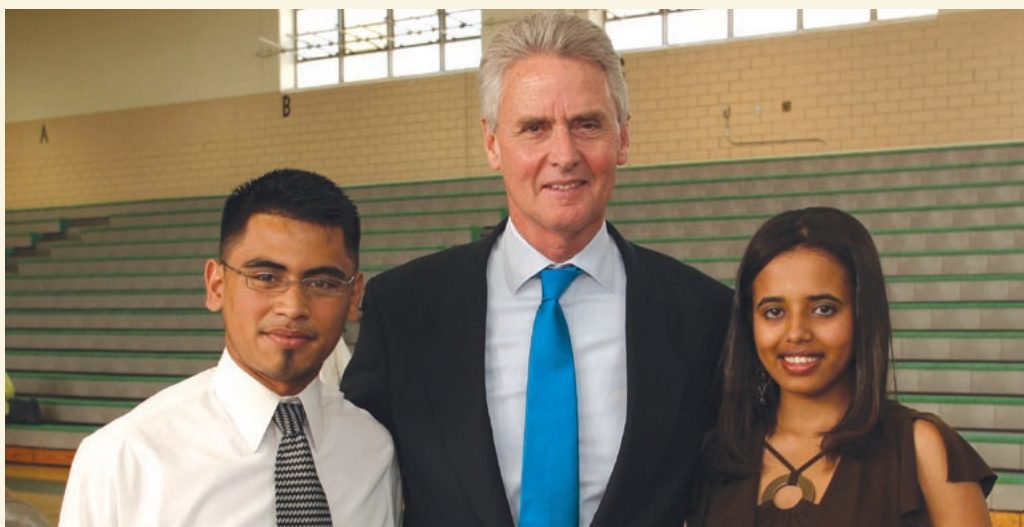
Santa Maria High School, Santa Maria, California
Miami Senior High School, Miami, Florida
Edinburg North High School, Edinburg, Texas



How to Apply

Applications for the 2007 Inspiration Awards will be available online in September 2006 at www.collegeboard.com/inspirationawards. The deadline for all applications is Friday, November 17, 2006. A select group of semifinalists will be asked to submit additional materials, and a College Board staff member will conduct site visits at the schools designated as finalists. 2007 Inspiration Awards will be presented in April 2007.

For more information or to access an online application, visit www.collegeboard.com/inspirationawards.



To have an application faxed or mailed to you, please contact the College Board Office of Public Affairs at 212 713-8052 or inspirationawards@collegeboard.org

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"The Inspiration Awards serve an important community need. By honoring schools that have the highest expectations for all students, the College Board reminds America that real change can take place in our schools."

— Richard D. Parsons
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Time Warner

"One Washington area public school that has combined traditional and progressive teaching methods is Wakefield High School in Arlington County. It recently won the College Board 2006 Inspiration Award, a \$25,000 prize for improving its academic environment and helping students from all backgrounds achieve academic success."

— *The Washington Post*, May 9, 2006

"An East Texas high school is getting some national recognition for student success. John Tyler High School was awarded the 2006 Inspiration Award this morning."

— KLTW-TV, Tyler, TX, May 1, 2006

"When you visit these Inspiration Award-winning schools, which I have been lucky enough to do, you know they are exceptional as soon as you walk in the door."

— Gaston Caperton
President, The College Board

"It's not every day that a high school gets a check for \$25,000, but Gadsden High School students know what it feels like..."

— *Las Cruces Sun-News*, May 7, 2005

"The award goes to schools that find innovative ways to excel despite cultural or economic handicaps."

— *The Miami Herald*, May 6, 2004

"Wild applause and cheers erupted from JT students, parents, and dignitaries on hand for the award presentation in the school gymnasium."

— *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, May 1, 2006

"At these schools, principals, teachers, and parents have gone the extra mile to see that no child is left behind..."

— Mort Crim's syndicated radio show, *News You Care About*, May 20, 2003

"The auditorium at Marshall Fundamental High School more closely resembled a pep rally than an awards ceremony as College Board President Gaston Caperton presented the school with a \$25,000 check..."

— *Pasadena Star-News*, April 29, 2003

"The College Board is best known for grading students on tests such as the SAT®, but now it's grading high schools. Three have received 2002 Inspiration Awards, entitling each to \$25,000 for programs that encourage students to attend college."

— *Parade* magazine, November 17, 2002

