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ANALY HIGH SCHOOL ♦ EL MOLINO HIGH SCHOOL ♦ LAGUNA HIGH SCHOOL

ANALY HIGH SCHOOL AND EL MOLINO HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED BY CALIFORNIA BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND CLOSING ACHIEVEMENT GAPS

***WSCUHSD Schools Selected by
California Business for Education Excellence and
Just for the Kids-California
for Prestigious Honor Roll***

The West Sonoma County Union High School District announced today that Analy High School and El Molino High School have been selected by California Business for Education Excellence (CBEE) and Just for the Kids-California (JFTK-CA) to be named 2008 Honor Roll schools. Only three comprehensive public high schools in Sonoma County received this award in 2008.

Schools receiving this distinction from California's business community have demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. The CBEE/JFTK-CA Honor Roll is made up of two different awards, the Star Schools Award (214 schools) and Scholar Schools Award (697 schools).

"We are thrilled we've been selected as an Honor Roll school and recognized by California's business community," said Chris Heller, Principal of Analy High School. "Our teachers and administrators have worked tirelessly to ensure the focus at Analy High School is on the academic achievement of all students. We hold all our students to high standards and we believe all of our students can attain those standards."

Frank Anderson and Doria Trombetta, Co-Principals of El Molino High School, said, "El Molino High greatly appreciates being recognized by the California business community as a 2008 Honor Roll school. The entire El Molino High School community is committed to seeing all of our students reach high levels of academic achievement. Our teachers and staff members believe that all students can succeed, and they work hard to offer the academic and social support that will enable students to do so."

The CBEE/JFTK-CA Honor Roll program is the only statewide school recognition program supported by the California business community that uses hard data, including individual school and student subgroup performance data based on the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit

"The mission of the West Sonoma County Union High School District is to provide high quality instruction as student achievement is our top priority."

Exam, to evaluate school academic performance. The recognition program evaluates schools on the basis of student test scores that measure proficiency of the California standards. The sponsors of the program strongly believe that student test scores allow educators, parents and the public to thoroughly understand what is happening in our schools and ensure that schools are on track to get all kids to grade level proficiency.

Over the past three years, the Honor Roll list has grown from 304 schools in 2006 to 569 schools in 2007 to 911 schools in 2008. A full list of the Honor Roll schools, sorted alphabetically by county, can be found at www.cbee.org.

“We know from the success of these schools that it’s possible for all schools and all students in California to reach high levels of academic achievement, to close achievement gaps and to reach 100 percent grade-level proficiency on the California Standards Test,” said Jim Lanich, Ph.D., president of CBEE. “Honor Roll schools are on track to do it. By highlighting these schools, recognizing their achievement and giving them a voice we hope other schools can learn from these schools’ proven ‘best practices’ and achieve the same results.”

“Schools on the Honor Roll dispel the myth that certain students can’t reach grade-level proficiency and that schools with a challenging student population won’t be able to succeed,” said Greg Jones, CBEE Chair. “These schools are overcoming challenges every day. The business community continues to be impressed by the growing number of California public schools that make the Honor Roll each year and that are getting the job done for our students.”

CBEE Star Schools are those with significant populations of socio-economically disadvantaged students that have shown a significant increase in grade-level proficiency over four years for all subgroups.

CBEE Scholar Schools are schools that are showing significant levels of academic achievement, but do not have a significant socio-economically disadvantaged student population. Analy High School and El Molino High School were recognized as CBEE School Schools.

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