

2006 Alaska Student Councils of Excellence Awarded at Spring Conference!

Juneau-Douglas, East Anchorage, and Chugiak Student Councils Honored

AASG recognized outstanding student councils with its first year of the *Alaska Student Councils of Excellence* Awards. Three student councils submitted outstanding portfolios of their accomplishments. Chugiak, East Anchorage, and Juneau-Douglas High Schools were honored at the Spring Leadership Conference at South Anchorage High School. Hallie Wall, 2005-06 AASG Public Relations Officer, announced the three schools and presented each with a trophy for their school. These awardees are the first to have their names engraved on the AASG Alaska Student Councils of Excellence plaque which hangs in the AASG/ASAA office.

Kelly Rossberg, President of AASG, helped to evaluate the portfolios and was impressed with the work the student councils had done. The entries included documentation of leadership through service activities in school and in the community; application of systematic democratic governance such as elections, organized meetings, and by-laws; and involvement in local, state, and national professional development, as well as essays. Student Council presidents, advisors and principals vouched for each Council's accomplishments.

The Executive Board encourages student councils from all schools to work to demonstrate the standard of excellence achieved by these schools. The size of the school is not an issue; every student council can reach excellence! AASG will recognize all student councils that qualify as Student Councils of Excellence at the Spring Leadership Conference, on Prince of Wales Island April 14, 2007.

Now is the time to begin the application, which is due April 1, 2007. AASG looks forward to having many more outstanding student councils emblazoned on the Student Councils of Excellence plaque!

Need help? Contact Carol Waters, Exec. Director, ma2tna@acsalaska.net or 346-3148. Congratulations to the 2006 Alaska Student Councils of Excellence: Juneau-Douglas, East Anchorage, and Chugiak Student Councils!