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Jefferson Awards-Deloitte Youth Service Initiative National Winner

WILMINGTON, DE –During the 2008-2009 school year, over 125 high schools touching over 80,000 students have provided leadership in implementing the Jefferson Awards-Deloitte Youth Service Initiative (YSI). This year we had 8 regions participating—Charleston, Chicago, Delaware, Central Florida, Memphis, San Francisco Bay Area, Savannah and Toledo. Each high school is challenged to form a leadership team that is responsible for specific deliverables aimed at increasing volunteerism at that high school. These teams are assisted through specific leadership and ethics training and by coaches provided by corporate partners and community volunteers.

As part of the YSI program, the various high schools recently met in regional trainings and made presentations as to their progress and accomplishments. Based on that information and the assessment of the Jefferson Awards and its Selection Committee, Salesianum School in Wilmington, Delaware, was named the National Recipient For Outstanding Service By a High School as a result of the most effective implementation of the Jefferson Award system and more importantly, their outstanding track record and culture of service within their high school community. Salesianum will attend the Jefferson Awards National Ceremony in June and be recognized. Other high schools that were recognized regionally for their outstanding efforts are RB Stall High School in Charleston, South Carolina, Thornridge High School in Chicago, Illinois, Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs, Florida, St. Agnes Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, Livermore High School in Livermore, California, Savannah Arts Academy in Savannah, Georgia and St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo. They will also attend the National ceremony in June.

About the Jefferson Awards

The Jefferson Awards for Public Service was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard to create a Noble Prize for public and community service. The mission of the Jefferson Awards is to encourage and honor individuals for their achievements and contributions through public and community service.

About YSI

The Jefferson Awards Youth Service Initiative was created in partnership with Deloitte with the aggressive goal of passing the tradition of volunteerism along to our youth and helping double volunteerism in America's high schools. The strategy is to create Jefferson Awards youth leadership teams in each high that celebrate great volunteers, inspire others to get involved and help raise additional resources to expand volunteer activities in areas of need.

For more information about the Jefferson Awards and the Youth Service Initiative, visit our web site at www.jeffersonawards.org.

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