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H.M. Jackson High School receives national student council award

For its exemplary record of leadership, service, and activities that serve to improve the school and community, Henry M. Jackson High School has been awarded a 2008 National Gold Council of Excellence Award by the National Association of Student Councils. Close to 120 high schools were named national Councils of Excellence, but Henry M. Jackson is one of only 98 high schools nationwide to receive the highly-esteemed honor of being named a National Gold Council of Excellence.

To meet the requirements for the National Council of Excellence Award, a student council must demonstrate that it meets a variety of criteria. Those Councils named to the Gold level have met a greater number of the criterion than other nominated schools. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings, a democratic election process, and membership in NASC, schools that qualify for the award demonstrate such things as leadership training for council members, teacher/staff appreciation activities, student recognition programs, school and community service projects, spirit activities, goal setting, financial planning, and active participation in their state and national student council associations.

Receiving an NASC National Gold Council of Excellence Award indicates a dedication on the part of the local school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program, says Rocco Marano, director of NASC. NASC applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their exemplary efforts to serve their schools as the elected representatives of their student body.

Judi Montgomery, activities director at Jackson writes, the great work our Jackson students accomplish in student government as well as in clubs, performing arts, activities, leadership classes, and in the athletic arena to serve others and improve our school and community, truly humbles me. This award is a tremendous accomplishment and an honor for the Jackson High School associated student body.

The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) promotes and provides leadership development opportunities to prepare and empower students to serve their schools and communities. NASC is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). The NASSP — the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school leaders — also sponsors the National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), which recognizes outstanding middle level and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. For more information on NASC, visit www.nasc.us.