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**“Excellence in Academics Awards Ceremony
to Recognize 121 Pasco County Graduating Seniors”**

Pasco County, FL – April 24, 2007— The Pasco Education Foundation and District School Board of Pasco County are pleased to announce the 2007 Excellence in Academics Awards Ceremony, presented by The Tampa Tribune, to be held Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7 p.m. This special evening honoring the outstanding student achievement of our county’s graduating high school seniors will be held at River Ridge High School’s Center for the Performing Arts.

Among the evening’s honorees will be the district’s PRIDE award winners, Outstanding Senior award winners, National Merit Scholars, Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and the 2007 graduates of the Foundation’s Take Stock In Children Scholarship program.

The Pasco Education Foundation will also present 77 scholarships totaling more than \$67,000 from its Scholarship Opportunities for Graduating Seniors program. The Foundation is proud to offer these scholarships for graduating Pasco County Schools’ seniors to continue their education at colleges, universities and technical schools. During the 2006-07 application period, more than 800 applications for our Scholarships for Graduating Seniors program were received.

Since its inception in 1991, the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc. has seen its assets grow to more than \$2,000,000. This support allows the organization to award hundreds of scholarships to students and teachers annually, including awarding and administering the “Take Stock In Children program” for over 80 students in Pasco County. Each year, teachers and administrators benefit from the Foundation’s classroom grants which provide them with needed supplies and curriculum support. The Pasco Education

Foundation also recognizes and celebrates the county's top students and public school employees through numerous events and ceremonies throughout the year.

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