

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



JIM HORNE
Commissioner of Education



September 15, 2003

CONTACT

NAME Marsha Winegarner
PHONE (850) 245-0423
SUNCOM 205-0423
EMAIL: MarshaWinegarner@FLDOE.ORG

DPS: 04-030

MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Jim Warford

SUBJECT: The Sunshine State Scholars Recognition Program in Mathematics and Science

Again this year, a group of higher education and public school educators will conduct the Sunshine State Scholars Recognition Program. This program was initiated in 1997 to recognize excellence in mathematics and science among high school seniors in Florida. Enclosed is a list of the program's steering committee members for 2003-2004.

During the fall of 2003, each school district is invited to select the single District Scholar in mathematics/science who will represent them in this recognition program. This scholar must be a graduating senior who is distinguished in both mathematics and science. The procedure for selecting the scholar is left to the discretion of the district. Districts will notify program coordinators of the District Scholar by November 15, 2003. Each District Scholar must be available to participate in the regional competition on Thursday, January 8, 2004, and if selected as a Regional Scholar, to compete in the statewide competition on March 7-9, 2004.

JIM WARFORD
K - 12 Chancellor

On Thursday, January 8, 2004, the District Scholars in each region of the state will participate in a common mathematics/science assessment to identify the six Regional Sunshine State Scholars. The regions are the six regions mirrored by those of the Area Centers for Educational Enhancement. A team of mathematics and science professors will develop the assessment. The activities will become available through the Sunshine State Scholars website located at <http://www.unf.edu/dept/sunshine> and will be shared with educators throughout the state.

On March 7-9, 2004, the six Regional Scholars will meet in Tallahassee to participate in a challenging, multi-faceted assessment focusing on mathematics and science for the purpose of identifying the statewide Sunshine State Scholar in Mathematics and Science. All Regional Scholars and the Statewide Scholar will receive prizes and recognition at this event. Further information on the Scholars Recognition Program and on previous years' assessments is available on the website.

Attached is the Sunshine State Scholars Program District Reporting Form to be used to identify the scholar from your district. The completed form should be sent by November 15, 2003 to:

Ms. Renee Henry
2981 Blairstone Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Tel: 850-878-2563
Fax: 850-878-4707

Ms. Henry may be contacted for further information.

NOTE: Please make sure that persons who are cc'ed this memo are signed-up to receive correspondence from the Department paperless communication site since hard copies are not being sent out. The site address is <http://www.firn.edu/doe/menu/communications.htm>. If they are not currently signed-up, please provide them with a copy of this memorandum.

JW/rhs

Enclosures

JW/mwt

cc: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
District Mathematics Contacts
District Science Contacts