



Nelnet awards five Academic All-Star Citizenship scholarships

Indianapolis, Ind., April 12, 2006 – Today, Nelnet presented Academic All-Star Citizenship scholarships to five deserving Indiana students for \$1,000 each. As a leading education services company and this year's presenting sponsor, Nelnet is honored to join The Indianapolis Star in recognizing outstanding students and granting scholarships. Every Indiana high school is invited to nominate one student for the Academic All-Star program; principals, counselors, and teachers worked together to nominate 249 students. Of those, 88 students were chosen as Academic All-Star nominees. A luncheon was held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom for the selected nominees, 38 of whom were presented as this year's Academic All-Stars.

The Academic All-Star Citizenship award is a special designation for nominees who show exemplary leadership and community involvement. Nelnet presented the following students with an Academic All-Star Citizenship scholarship at today's luncheon:

- Ryan Patrick Callahan, Pike High School, Indianapolis, IN
- Alyssa Burkhardt, Hamilton Heights High School, Cicero, IN
- Patrick J. Eckerle, Marion High School, Marion, IN
- Alys Maguire Moore, Greencastle High School, Greencastle, IN
- Ethan Hatch, John Adams High School, South Bend, IN

"These five students were recognized with the citizenship award because they display outstanding community involvement and leadership, a quality that is very important to Nelnet; we constantly strive to be an excellent community partner," said Cheryl Watson, Nelnet's Chief Communications Officer. "It is Nelnet's privilege to provide assistance for these special students selected from the Academic All-Star nominees."

Nelnet is one of the leading education finance companies in the United States and is focused on providing quality products and services to students and schools nationwide. Nelnet ranks among the nation's leaders in terms of total net student loan assets with \$20.3 billion as of December 31, 2005. Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, Nelnet originates, consolidates, securitizes, holds, and services student loans, principally loans originated under the Federal Family Education Loan Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

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