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**2006 Schenley High School
International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipients Honored Today**

PITTSBURGH, December 22, 2006 – Thirty students of the class of 2006 International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme were honored today during a recognition ceremony held at Schenley High School. Eighteen students were recognized for receiving the prestigious IB Diploma. Twelve additional candidates were also recognized today for earning their IB Certificate in a variety of subjects in lieu of the Diploma. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is accepted by universities all over the world.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a two-year comprehensive and rigorous pre-university curriculum leading to an IB Diploma for highly motivated secondary school students ages 16 to 19. Successful IB candidate are typically granted advanced placement credits at many colleges and universities. Some IB Diploma recipients may begin their college programs as sophomores.

Each student’s performance is measured against well-defined levels of achievement. These are consistent from one examination session to the next and are all equally applied to all schools who participate in the Diploma Programme. Students who receive the IB Diploma must receive passing grades in six IB subjects, write an independent research paper, fulfill 150 hours of community service and demonstrate an understanding of the Theory of Knowledge. Students who have received an IB Certificate have received passing grades in 1 to 5 IB subjects.

“The achievements of these students are not only a source of pride for Schenley High School and the Pittsburgh Public Schools, but also a testament to the merits of an urban, public education,” stated Schenley Principal, Sophia Facaros.

As outlined in Excellence for All, the roadmap for improving the academic performance of all students, the District plans to double by 2009 the number of students who take the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams. The District also aims to double the number of recipients of the IB diploma from 19 to 38 in 2009.

This year 36 students will participate in Schenley’s twentieth IB examination session. From this group of students, 20 diploma candidates will attempt to add their names to the list of 172 Schenley graduates on whom this prestigious honor has been bestowed.

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2006 Schenley High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipients

Eva Maria Beal

Macalester College—St. Paul, MN

Rachel Sulamith Beck

University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, MI

William Eugene Crean

University of Rochester—Rochester, NY

Elizabeth Grace Danko

University of Virginia—Charlottesville, VA

Samuel John Dougherty

University of Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, PA

Katrina Ann Flora

University of Washington—Seattle, WA

Claire Lynn Galpern

Swarthmore College—Swarthmore, PA

Anne Blair Lieber

Oberlin College—Oberlin, OH

Woody March-Steinman

University of Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, PA

Emily Elizabeth Morgan

Tufts University—Medford, MA

Njaimh Marion Njie

Washington University in St. Louis—St. Louis, MO

Louis Charles Peterson

American University—Washington, DC

Elena Marie Rippel

Oberlin College—Oberlin, OH

Katherine Marie Roberts

Tufts University—Medford, MA

Alice Fox Thompson

Bates College—Lewiston, ME

Callie Marion Thuma

Macalester College—St. Paul, MN

Susan Cooke Weeber

Georgetown University—Washington, DC

Ziheng Zhu

University of Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, PA

2006 Schenley High School International Baccalaureate Certificate Recipients

Ariel Rose Carver

Wilson College - Chambersburg, PA

Zachary Steven Cica

Pennsylvania State University - University Park, PA

Danielle Rebecca Fine

University of Colorado—Boulder, CO

Kaitlyn Reyne Kacsuta

Carlow University—Pittsburgh, PA

Brianna Lynn Kellum

Chatham College—Pittsburgh, PA

Isis Pretz Lawson

Allegheny College—Meadville, PA

Molly H. Morrill

Haverford College - Haverford, PA

Julie Anna Nelkin

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Alexander Sprague Overby

Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh, PA

Ruth Joy Portnoff

Eastern University—St. Davids, PA

Elliot Foster Smith

Carnegie Mellon University—Pittsburgh, PA

Jonathan Jason Steinitz

University of Wisconsin—Madison, WI

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