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Oregon PTA announces Teacher Education Scholarship Winners

Portland, OR, May 25, 2005 - Oregon PTA's Teacher Education Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Jeanine Sinnott today announced that sixteen Oregon students will receive \$500 scholarships to pursue their goal of becoming teachers. The 2005-06 high school senior winners are: Hannah Rogers, Knappa High School, Astoria; Jennifer Bibb, Illinois Valley High School, Cave Junction; Kennedy Zeal, Centennial High School, Gresham; Amanda Joy Myers, Grant Union High School, John Day; Erica Schroeder, Rex Putnam High School, Milwaukie; Lauren Harder, Oakridge High School, Oakridge; Ashley Kuehlwein, Oregon City High School, Oregon City; Katie Farlow, Reynolds High School, Portland; Kara Kronser, Roseburg High School, Roseburg; Anna Katerina Fenton, Reynolds High School, Troutdale. The 2005-06 college winners are: Mary Sleasman, Eugene, University of Oregon; Angie Young, Klamath Falls, Western Oregon University; Stacy Ann Fults, Myrtle Point, Eastern Oregon University; Craig Christensen, North Bend, Eastern Oregon University; Julie Thompson, Salem, University of Oregon.

Sinnott said, "These students represent the future of Oregon's teachers; Oregon schools will have one of the best educated and highly motivated teams of teachers in the country. Our school children deserve no less."

The Teacher Education Scholarship (TES) fund was established in 1945 to award college scholarships to Oregon students wishing to become teachers. TES awards are available to any Oregon student pursuing this goal at any Oregon public institution of higher learning. Since its establishment sixty years ago, Oregon PTA's TES fund has awarded over \$500,000 in merit based scholarships to deserving Oregon students.

ABOUT OREGON PTA - Oregon PTA, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, is the largest and oldest child advocacy organization in the state, representing 23,000 members and 237 local units across the state. For a century, PTA members have used their collective voice to act on behalf every child of Oregon. PTAs continue to advocate and educate the importance of Parent Involvement, and proudly give back 98% of their proceeds directly to their communities.

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