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The Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education (MIMAUE)
College of Education, Benjamin Building
College Park, MD 20742

Dear Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education (MIMAUE):

Congratulations! The statewide Achievement Initiative for Maryland’s Minority Students (AIMMS) Council and Steering Committee and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) are pleased to announce that you are a recipient of the 2007 Community Excellence for Minority Achievement Award representing Prince George's County Public Schools. The AIMMS Council and Steering Committee were established by MSDE to assist in the advancement of success among minority students throughout Maryland. The Community Excellence Award is intended to honor individuals, groups and businesses from the community that have made outstanding contributions to promote a better understanding of diverse groups, and advance achievement among minority, economically disadvantaged, and disabled students. Each of the 24 local schools selects one individual, group, or business from the community as the recipient of the Community Excellence Award.

As an honoree, you will be recognized for your outstanding contributions at a gala ceremony and dinner to be held at Martin's West in Baltimore on Friday, April 20, 2007 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The gala will also have a surprise announcement where one individual, group, or business member from the Community Excellence Award winners will be honored with the Maryland State Community Vanguard Award for extraordinary vision and leadership to advance the success of minority students.

Please mark your calendar as you will receive a complimentary ticket to the gala ceremony and dinner. We ask that you contact Ms. JoAnne L. Carter, Deputy State Superintendent for Instruction and Academic Acceleration, at 410-767-0229, to indicate whether you will attend and reserve your complimentary seat. Additional seats or tables can be reserved for family members, friends and other guests by completing the enclosed form and returning it to MSDE on or before March 20, 2007.

On behalf of the AIMMS Council and Steering Committee and the Maryland State Department of Education, thank you for your continued efforts toward equity in education for all students. We look forward to seeing you and your guests at the ceremony.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosure