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Media Advisory: GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon Challenges and Rewards Varying Levels of Academic Achievement

What: The **GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon** is a statewide all-academic competition that promotes and rewards academic achievement for high-school students by emphasizing the value of academic excellence and personal self worth for every participant while fostering fair and challenging local and state competition.

The highest scoring team represents Alaska at the United States Academic Decathlon. In addition, \$9,000 in cash scholarships is awarded each year to the top three students overall in each division of the competition. To date, more than \$200,000 has been made available to academic decathletes in Alaska.

Who: GCI SchoolAccess is the presenting sponsor of the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon, which brings together ninth through 12th-grade public and private-school students of varying academic levels in Alaska. Teams are generally made up of nine students from a school or district and include three A-level students, three B-level students and three C-level students. The 2010 GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon champions were students from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks.

When: February 16-19

Where: The Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Ave., Anchorage, AK, 99501

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About GCI SchoolAccess

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About the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon

The GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon is a statewide all-academic competition for high school students. It has been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Visit <http://aad.gci.net/> for more information.