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GCI SchoolAccess Congratulates West Valley High School on Alaska Academic Decathlon Win

Nine Students Receive \$9,000 in Scholarships, West Valley High School Represents Alaska in National Competition

FEBRUARY 21, 2011 - ANCHORAGE — **GCI SchoolAccess** today congratulated West Valley High School for winning the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon and the following students for earning the highest individual scores in their divisions.

Varsity Division

- John Spiers – West Valley High School
- Marx Smith – West Valley High School
- Abigail Abrahamson – Lathrop High School

Scholastic Division

- Matthew Fateusi – Lathrop High School
- Oliver Madsen – Lathrop High School
- Thomas McClelland – West Valley High School

Honors Division

- Stephen Chen – West Valley High School
- Jeffrey Danielson – Lathrop High School
- Miriam Mezetti – IDEA Team I

These students each received a \$1,000 scholarship for their achievement. In addition, West Valley High School will represent Alaska at the national Academic Decathlon in Charlotte, NC, April 27-30.

"GCI SchoolAccess is committed to enhancing educational opportunities for all students and is proud to continue their partnership with the GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon in providing Alaska high-school students of all levels with spirited academic competition," said Pam Lloyd, director, GCI SchoolAccess. "We congratulate not only the schools and individual students who received recognition for exceptional performance, but all of the participants for their courage and determination in welcoming an academic challenge."

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. 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.

About GCI SchoolAccess

GCI SchoolAccess combines rich education experience with advanced technology to provide individualized, on-demand learning solutions that enable anytime, anywhere learning. Through our commitment to education, we help students succeed in work and life in the 21st century. Visit www.schoolaccess.net for more information.

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.