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Forty-One Pioneer High School Students to Receive the President's Volunteer Service Award

Oct. 28, 2007, San Jose, Calif. Pioneer High School is proud to announce 41 of their students will be awarded the "President's Volunteer Service Award" for performing over 100 hours of community service within a 12-month period of time, a total **6,400 hours of service**. Students have worked to overcome issues of literacy, homelessness, and environmental issues.

Who: Forty-one Pioneer High School students will be presented awards for community service. Five of these students have performed over 250 hours within a 12-month period of time. Pioneer's teacher and service learning coordinator, Mr. Mike Burrell, has guided these 41 students through their service learning experience. The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce recently awarded the honor of "Teacher of the Year" to Mr. Burrell.

What: These students will receive a personalized certificate, a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States, a lapel pin that designates their level of service and a letter from the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation.

The Keynote Speaker will be Roger Hassle from the Almaden Rotary. Mr. Hassle has been active in Interact – Pioneer's partnering service club with Rotary.

Where: Pioneer High School, Library Media Center, 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, 95118

When: Monday, October 29, 2007, 1:30 p.m.