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DoDEA 2005 Graduation Rate at 95% With Most Students College Bound

ARLINGTON, VA – A recent report released by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) shows that a large percentages of DoDEA graduates continue their education at a college, university, or vocational school and earn millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid.

DoDEA is pleased to announce that the 2005 Report on Postsecondary Plans and Scholarships has been released and the numbers are good. The report reflects data collected at the end of every school year when each DoDEA high school is asked to complete a record indicating senior students' plans after graduation.

In 2005, there were 3,395 seniors in DoDEA. Of these, 3,238 received diplomas resulting in a graduation rate of 95%.

Most DoDEA graduates (76%) of the 2005 DoDEA graduates indicated that they would continue their education after graduation at a 4-year (58%), 2-year (16%), or vocational college or university (2%).

The DoDEA report also provides a look at high schools seniors' plans, the monies awarded to students for scholarships, grants, and financial aid, and also the colleges and universities they plan to attend.

The report reflects that DoDEA graduating seniors of 2005 earned over 33 million dollars in scholarships, financial aid, and grants. Fifty-two percent (52%) of the money earned in 2005 was through state or institution scholarships and military academies. In addition, 22% percent was earned through ROTC scholarships. An ROTC scholarship is valued at approximately \$70,000 while a military academy scholarship is approximately \$250,000.

The largest source of money for DoDEA graduates in the United States was state or institution scholarships (40%), while the largest source for graduates in Europe was Military Academies (33%), and the largest source for those in the Pacific was ROTC Scholarships.

“We are so very proud of our graduation rate and of our students” says Janet Rope, Administrator for System Accountability and Research at DoDEA headquarters, “These numbers demonstrate, through thorough quantitative

analyses of student data, that we are making good on our promise to provide exemplary educational programs that prepare students for success in a global environment”.

The DoDEA report concludes that 2005 graduates plan to attend over 775 different colleges and universities in the United States and around the world and that together they earn millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid.

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