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## **Arkansas ACT Council Honors Legislators and High Schools**

IOWA CITY, IOWA—The Arkansas ACT Council is recognizing 38 Arkansas high schools that received the Southeast region's 2009 College Readiness Awards and two state legislators who have demonstrated their commitment to improving college readiness in the state of Arkansas. A reception will be held in their honor at the State Capitol's Supreme Court Room in Little Rock.

The 2009 College Readiness awards were given by the Arkansas ACT Council in November to high schools that have maintained or increased the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years. The council sponsors the awards program in an effort to raise awareness of the efforts of schools that are making significant progress toward college readiness.

"The Arkansas ACT Council wanted to recognize those high schools that have made significant strides in increasing the college readiness of their graduates as demonstrated by their ACT score increases over time," said Karen Pennell, assistant vice president and regional manager. "This can only happen as a result of the commitment of teachers, students, parents and the high school administration to increase college readiness. We applaud the efforts of all 38 high schools in Arkansas for this superior level of accomplishment."

The Honorable Fred Allen and the Honorable Johnnie Roebuck will also be honored for the leadership and commitment they have shown through legislation to improve college readiness for all students.

The schools recognized are:

Arkadelphia High School, Arkadelphia

Glen Rose High School, Malvern

Batesville High School, Batesville

Mammoth Spring High School, Mammoth Spring

Brinkley High School, Brinkley

Mansfield High School, Mansfield

Crossett High School, Crossett

McGehee High School, McGehee

Elkins High School, Elkins

Acorn High School, Mena

Farmington High School, Farmington

Ozark High School, Ozark

Fayetteville Senior High School, Fayetteville

Union Christian Academy, Fort Smith

Fouke High School, Fouke

Ozark Adventist Academy, Gentry

Gravette High School, Gravette

Gurdon High School, Gurdon

Hazen High School, Hazen

Horatio High School, Horatio

Lake Hamilton High School, Percy

Huntsville High School, Huntsville

Lamar High School, Lamar

Pulaski Academy, Little Rock

Little Rock Christian Academy, Little Rock

Pangburn High School, Pangburn

Pea Ridge Public School, Pea Ridge

Perryville High School, Perryville

Poyen High School, Poyen

Prairie Grove High School, Prairie Grove

Prescott High School, Prescott

Rison High School, Rison

Salem High School, Salem

Shiloh Christian School, Springdale

Van Buren High School, Van Buren

Vilonia High School, Vilonia

West Fork High School, West Fork

Wynne High School, Wynne

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