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EDUCATION

School Name and Address

GOVERNMENT CLASSES — Summer 2005

- United States Presidents
- The Making of Laws
- Running for Congressional Office
- The Declaration of Independence
- The Presidential Election Process

WASHINGTON SCHOLAR

As a result of my community involvement, was chosen to attend the Washington Scholars Public Policy, Science and Technology (PPST) Program held in Washington, DC. Interacted with members of Congress, lobbyists, presidential appointees, journalists, and other officials. Visited congressional offices as well as other national sites. September 2005

ENCOURAGE READING AT AN EARLY AGE

Serve as a Young Reader for local library. For 45 minutes two days a week I read to four-year olds. The Young Reader Program began in 2003 and has more than doubled its participants. My class alone has 8 to 10 children at each reading session. September 2003 to Present

REVIEWER

Along with other Young Readers, review books one month in advance for upcoming reading sessions. Make and post flyers on library community bulletin board outlining reading session dates, times, locations, and cancellations. September 2003 to Present

SPANISH BOOK CLUB FOUNDER

Have been taking Spanish in school since 2001 and in 2003 formed a Spanish book club and put together a suggested reading list of Spanish authors. Our Spanish book club now reads a minimum of three books a year from this list.

AWARDS

Presented with the 2004 Community Service Award for Youth — given by the state of Alaska. Recipients of the award have significantly contributed to humanities, education, science, the arts, family, public policy, or other areas, in a way that benefits the development of gifts and talents in young people.

NEWSPAPER FEATURE

Featured in local newspaper for being among 25 students chosen to go to Washington, DC for the PPST Program and for the Community Service Award.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SKILLS

SpectroWord (encyclopedia), Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Lotus Notes, and the Internet

CHALLENGES OVERCOME

Partial hearing loss in left ear from a boating accident; enjoying taking classes in lip reading.