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2008 PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS
AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

To: Bureau and Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. In recognition of the academic excellence and co-curricular outstanding achievements of students in the secondary level, the Office of the President and the Department of Education shall confer the 2008 President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (PGMA) Outstanding Achievements and Academic Excellence Awards during graduation rites to deserving students of public and private secondary schools across the country.

2. The 2008 President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (PGMA) Academic Excellence Award consists of only one (1) category. The 2008 President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (PGMA) Outstanding Achievements Award consists of six (6) categories namely: student leadership, campus journalism, athletics, culture and arts, science and technology, and skills development and entrepreneurship. As such, there shall be a total of six (6) student-awardees for Outstanding Achievements and one (1) student-awardee for the 2008 President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (PGMA) Academic Excellence Award per school.

3. The following shall guide school officials in the selection of the student-awardees:

a. **Academic Excellence**

The 2008 PGMA Academic Excellence Award shall be automatically given to the Valedictorian of the graduating students.

b. **Student Leadership**

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Student Leadership shall be given to the student who has shown exemplary leadership qualities and active involvement in school, division, regional and national organizations as an officer, particularly the supreme student government and other clubs and organizations. The student must have exhibited notable performance in implementing programs and projects and in delivering services for the school and the nearby community.

c. **Campus Journalism**

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Campus Journalism shall be given to the student with the most outstanding achievements in the school paper, other organs or journals and who has exhibited the proper ethics, skills and talents in the various

fields of journalism, and who has brought prestige and honor to the school through various competitions and exposures.

d. Athletics

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics shall be given to the most outstanding athlete of the school in whatever sports or combination of sports, whether competitive or not, and who exemplifies the ideals of healthy and honorable sportsmanship, and who has brought pride and honor to the school.

e. Culture and Arts

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Culture and Arts shall be given to the most outstanding student who has manifested excellence in the field of arts, whether it be visual (painting, sculpture, design or graphic), performance (dance, theater or music) or literary (poetry or prose) and in other related fields, and who has brought prestige and honor to the school through competitions and other exposures outside the school.

f. Science and Technology

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Technology shall be given to the most outstanding student who has shown great interest in the science and/or technology through active participation in science-related activities and contests in school, division, regional and national levels, or has demonstrated talents and skills in scientific inventions, investigatory projects, researches and activities, and has brought honor and prestige to the school through his exposures outside the school.

g. Skills Development and Entrepreneurship

The 2008 PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Entrepreneurship shall be given to the outstanding student who excelled in the field of Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE). The student must have been an active participant in skill trainings/competitions (STEP) and/or have shown great potentials in entrepreneurial endeavors (YECS).

4. The PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievements is an open competition focusing on total achievements in each category notwithstanding the performance in academic work nor the year level of the student. It shall be in the form of a Special Certificate, placed in a specially-designed certificate holder, with the seal of the President prominent in the design and with the signature of both the President of the Philippines and the Secretary of Education. The PGMA Academic Excellence Award is an automatic award which shall be in the form of a medallion on which the seal of the President is engraved and marked appropriately.

5. The School Principal and all subject area Department Heads or Teachers-Representatives, shall form themselves into a committee to select the six (6) awardees for the PGMA Award for Outstanding Achievements, the names of which shall be submitted to the respective Division Offices for consolidation and reporting to the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA) c/o Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez, with address at the Ground Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

or e-mail – joey_pelaez@deped-csca.com. The DepED shall in turn furnish the Office of the President thru Undersecretary Mona Dumlao-Valisno, Presidential Assistant for Education, a copy of the reports.

6. The awards shall be presented and given during the graduation ceremonies. Henceforth, the Regional and Division Offices shall initiate the immediate distribution of the certificates and medallions to all secondary schools nationwide before all graduation ceremonies are held.
7. Enclosed is a copy of the guidelines in securing the certificates and medallions.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Order is directed.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

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under the following subjects:

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**2008 PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO OUTSTANDING
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DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

The following is the procedure in the distribution of the medallions and certificates from the Central Office to Regional and Division Offices, and finally to the public and private secondary schools nationwide:

1. On the basis of the submission of the Regional Offices in December 2007 of the total number of public and private secondary schools, the DepED Central Office Records Division will send the total number of medallions and certificates direct to the Regional Offices.
2. The Regional Offices, in turn, shall allocate and distribute the medallions and certificates to their respective division offices until it reaches all public and private secondary schools.
3. While the distribution of the certificates and medallions is the primary responsibility of the Regional Offices, the Division Offices and the schools shall not wait for the arrival of the medallions and certificates but shall proactively seek out the release of the medallions and certificates due them before their respective graduation schedule. In any case, close coordination must be exercised.
4. In cases of failure to award the medallions and certificates for causes connected to the system of its distribution, the Regional Offices, Division Offices and the schools are required to report the circumstances surrounding the same direct to the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA).

Expenses for the printing of the certificates and for the distribution of the medallions and certificates from the central office to the regional offices shall be charged against the central office funds.

Expenses for distribution from the regional to division offices shall be charged against regional funds except when the division offices send their respective representatives to proactively seek out the release of the medallions and certificates from the regional office, in which case transportation and other expenses shall be charged against the funds of the division offices.

In the same manner, expenses for distribution from the division offices to the schools shall be charged against the division office funds except when the schools send their respective representatives to proactively seek out the release of the medallions and certificates from the division office, in which case transportation and other expenses shall be charged against the funds of the schools.