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Staff

The Board recognizes Director of Finance **Crystal Shirley**, and Accounting Manager **Nikki Hamblin**, whose efforts in preparing the district's comprehensive annual financial report have resulted in RISD being awarded the prestigious *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition attainable in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

Students

The Board recognizes the following outstanding RISD students for being named 2005-06 *National Merit Semifinalists*. This national recognition indicates that these students are among the top academic performers in the United States and allows them to be eligible for consideration to receive a National Merit Scholarship.

National Merit Semifinalists include:

Osman Ahmed, Pearce; Leila Alderman, Lake Highlands; Andrew Brookshire, Pearce; Alexander Frolov, Richardson; Judy Huang, Berkner; Hannah Jones, Richardson; Mark Kao, Pearce; Andrew Kreighbaum, Lake Highlands; Nicholas Luchsinger, Richardson; Alexander Lue, Berkner; Reese Mathieu, Pearce; Katherine Noble, Pearce; Jefferson Timmins, Lake Highlands; William Vijverberg, Berkner; Kathryn Wingate, Richardson; and Samuel Wu, Berkner.

The Board recognizes RISD's 2005-06 *National Achievement Semifinalists*, **Pearce High School** senior **Livia Kessler** and **Lake Highlands High School** senior **Habben Berhane**. They are among the top African-American academic achievers in the nation, and now have the opportunity to win National Achievement Scholarships.

The Board recognizes **Westwood Junior High** seventh-grader **Jason Caire** for being selected to participate in *Education in Action's 2005 Lone Star Leadership Academy* this summer. Selection for the Lone Star Leadership Academy is based on a student's demonstrated academic success and leadership potential, educator recommendations, and involvement in school and community activities.