

**North Carolina Council for the Social Studies**  
1125 New Grady Brown School Road  
Hillsborough, NC 27278

April 14, 2010

Dear Social Studies Department Chair:

The North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, in recognition of excellence in social studies education, is pleased to announce the **Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award**. The Council urges you and your Social Studies Department to participate in recognizing students who meet the criteria outlined by the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies.

Educating citizens is the fundamental purpose for public schools, and social studies is the content area where that goal is the central focus. We respect the vital work you do in preparing responsible, reflective citizens who can participate in the political process and make rational, carefully considered decisions. To honor you, the Council annually recognizes a Social Studies Teacher of the Year from each level: elementary, middle, and secondary. To celebrate exemplary performance from your students, we honor them with the Outstanding Senior Award.

With this letter are the criteria for selection of a student from your school. When you choose your recipient, fill out the **Student Recognition Form** and return it to the address on the attached form by June 21, 2010. **Only one student per school is permitted.** We use this information to publish your student's name in the fall edition of the Council newsletter, *Tar Heel News*. The Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award certificate is available online at <http://ncsocialstudies.org>. If you are unable to locate the certificate online, please contact me at [steven.weber@orange.k12.nc.us](mailto:steven.weber@orange.k12.nc.us). Please use a color printer to print the certificate. We encourage teachers and administrators to present the certificate at a Senior Awards Assembly or other public presentation.

The President and members of the Board of Directors thank you for your cooperation in the pursuit of excellence in social studies education.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Weber  
Board of Directors  
North Carolina Council for the Social Studies

***North Carolina Council for the Social Studies***  
**Outstanding Senior Social Studies Award**

**Criteria for Selection**

The student will:

1. Be a senior enrolled in the current high school for a minimum of two years.
2. Be nominated by a member of the school's Social Studies Department faculty.
3. Display excellence in social studies (90 average or above).
4. Exhibit leadership skills in class discussion, committee work, debates, etc.
5. Show enthusiasm for and knowledge of the social studies through readings, use of newspapers, research materials, current periodicals and projects, etc.
6. Show evidence of service to school and community.
7. Exhibit the qualities of good citizenship.

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***Student Recognition Form***  
***Please Print***

Full name of student \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Department Chair Email \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

*Please return completed form to the address below by **June 21, 2010**. This information will be used to recognize your student in the Fall edition of the NCCSS newsletter, **Tar Heel News**.*

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