## Office of Student Life

## Memorandum

**To:** All Faculty and Staff

From: Pam McVay, Director of Student Life

**Date:** 9/19/13

Re: 2014 All-USA & Coca Cola Academic Teams

USA Today, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Follet Higher Education Group, AACC and Phi Theta Kappa seek to award nearly \$350,000 in stipends to outstanding community college students. Twenty students will be selected to the National All-USA Academic Team and receive a \$2,500 stipend. The Coca Cola All-State Academic Team will select Gold, Silver and Bronze Scholars. Fifty Gold Scholars will receive a \$1,500 stipend, fifty Silver Scholars will receive a \$1,250 stipend, and fifty Bronze Scholars will receive a \$1,000 stipend. The top scoring student in each of the fifty states will be named a New Century Scholar and receive a \$2,000 stipend. All selected students of the All-USA and Coca Cola All-State Academic Team and their colleges will receive extensive national recognition through coverage in USA TODAY in April 2014.

The criteria are designed to find students who excel academically; demonstrate intellectual rigor in their course of study; show academic growth and potential; and use their two-year college education to better themselves, their schools and their communities. Students need not be members of Phi Theta Kappa to be eligible.

Each campus has the opportunity to nominate two students for this scholarship. The nomination ballot is on the back of this memo. The deadline to return the nomination ballot to the Office of Student Life is October 4, 2013. Late ballots will not be accepted. No exceptions.

Eligible nominees will be asked to submit a resume (including community service, leadership accomplishments, and scholarly achievements) and a 500 word or less essay "describing their most significant endeavor while attending community college in which they applied their academic, intellectual or leadership skills to benefit their school, community or society" to Pam McVay by October 25, 2013. A selection committee comprised of faculty and staff will select two nominees (per campus) to represent the LMC team.





## 2014 All-USA & Coca Cola Academic Teams

## NOMINATION BALLOT

Eligibility for Student Nomination:

- 1. Student must be currently enrolled at LMC and plan to be enrolled through December 2013.
- 2. Students must have a cumulative college-level GPA of 3.5 or better for all coursework completed in the last five years, regardless of institution attended.
- 3. Students need to have a minimum of 36 semester college-level credits completed by December 31, 2013 and must also intend to have at least 48 semester college level credits by August 30, 2014.
- 4. The student should be one who "excels in the classroom, who has the intellectual curiosity to pursue academic, career and cultural enrichment outside the traditional classroom, who shows evidence of substantial development of talents in academic and technical education, and who has demonstrated an ability to share this development with others."

Name of Nominee	Student I.D.#	<del></del>
Brief explanation of reasons for nominati	on:	
Name of Nominator (or Department, if co	ollective nomination)	

Please Submit Nomination By October 4, 2013
To:Pam McVay
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