

# MEMO

To: Mike Riggle  
Fr: Karen Geddeis  
Re: Students and Staff Who Excel  
Date: May 25, 2014

At the Board meeting on June 9, we will conclude the 2013-14 recognition program by honoring the GBN All-State Oral Interpretation for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and the GBS Oracle editorial board for being named Best Overall Newspaper in the state.

A performance of “The Book Thief” earned thirteen GBN students recognition at the 2014 Group Interpretation IHSA State Tournament. Cast members included: Isabella Andrews, Ryan Hultman, John Huszagh, Alex Kaplan\*, Camila Kaplunov, Lesley Levy, Emily Mirochnick, Emma Pfaff, William Rude\*, Ellie Schnittman\*, Travis Siegel, Cami Tokowitz, and Brooks Whitlock. (*\*Members of the All-State cast.*)

For the first time, the Illinois Journalism Education Association named *The Oracle* Best Overall Newspaper in the state (tie). The awards are based on work from March 2013 to February 2014. This year's editors-in-chiefs are seniors Julia Jacobs and Camille Park. (Last year's were Kathryn Jaslikowski and Sarah Jaleel.)

**The following students also earned individual, state level, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes:**  
Best News Story: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Julia Jacobs & Charlotte Kelly; Best Centerspread: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Camille Park, Julia Jacobs, and Wyatt Richter; Best Editorial: 1<sup>st</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – The Oracle Editorial Board; Best Editorial Cartoon: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Camille Park; Best Photo: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Wyatt Richter; Best Comic Strip: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ellen Takagi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nimisha Perumpel; Best Feature Story: 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sally You; Best Overall Design: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Editorial Board; Best Column: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Evan Sawires.

Ms. Julie Ann Robinson (GBN) and Mr. Marshall Harris (GBS) will be present at the meeting to share information about these programs.

