

## 2005-06 STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Academic and Arts Recognition

- Seven seniors were named **Finalists** in the **National Merit Scholarship Program**.
- One alumna (Class of 2001) was named a **Rhodes Scholar**.
- **Latin**: National Latin Exam: three gold medals (summa cum laude), five silver medals (maxima cum laude), five magna cum laude awards and six cum laude awards. Four students earned a silver certificate and three students earned a bronze certificate for the 2005 National Mythology Exam. Ten students won awards—including a 1<sup>st</sup> place for Ancient Geography, Level 1 and a 1<sup>st</sup> place for Vocabulary, Level 1—at the COJCL State Convention in April.
- **Foreign Language**: On the National Spanish Exam, KDS students took first, fourth, seventh and ninth place in Colorado. On the National French exam, KDS students placed fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth.
- **Visual Arts**: Students received 19 awards in the 2006 Scholastic Art Awards-Colorado Regional Program. One student received a silver key award (second place) in the National Scholastic Competition.
- **Music**: The Kent Denver R&B Ensemble was named "Best High School Blues/Pop/Rock Group" in the country by *Downbeat Magazine*. One student was named a member of the Colorado All State Jazz Band.
- **Math**: Kent Denver teams placed 3rd and 4th in the state at the CSU math team competition, finished 2nd in the algebra and trigonometry contest at Metro State Math Day, and placed 6th in the state in the Colorado Math League. One student won third place in the Colorado Math League with a score of 34 out of 36 points. The Middle School Mathcounts team placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 50 schools in the Denver metropolitan chapter competition. One sixth grader went on to the state Mathcounts competition and placed 70<sup>th</sup> out of some 200 competitors.
- **Writing**: Several of Kent Denver's sixth graders read from their work at a "coffee house" event at the Tattered Cover. The reading was part of the new writing curriculum in Kent Denver's sixth grade; the works were originally published in the inaugural *Sixth Grade Literary Magazine*.
- **Sun Devil's Advocate**: Won five top prizes at the annual Colorado High School Press Association Award's ceremony. First place awards in graphic illustrations, editorial cartooning, commentary, editorial, and feature writing. Two Kent Denver students earned top prizes for editorial cartooning and graphic arts in the Colorado Press Women's 2005 High School Communications Contest. Five other students won 2nd and 3rd place honors in editorial, review, feature and column writing, and for feature photos.
- **Credit Union**: The Kent Denver Credit Union continues to flourish with assets just under \$2 million and membership at about 60% of the school. In November 2005, the Credit Union it was written up in the *Denver Business Journal*, and in March 2006 founder Donna Duvall-Serrano was honored by the Aurora Chamber as an "unsung hero" for women in business.
- **Mock Trial**: Team finished second in state.
- **Speech and Debate**: For the fifth consecutive year, Kent Denver won a state championship in Speech and Debate (Original Oratory), and the team qualified

eight competitors to the Lincoln Financial Group National Tournament. Additionally, at the 2005 National Tournament, a Kent Denver DUO Interpretation team earned 14th in the country.

## **Athletic Recognition**

### **Fall Sports**

- **Girls Cross Country** 5<sup>th</sup> in regionals; and the entire team qualified for the state meet.
- **Field Hockey** State champions; 1 All American, 2 regional All Americans, 3 All State players, 2 second team, 1 Honorable Mention. Coach of the year and player of the year.
- **Boys Soccer** 1st place Metro League; state semi-finalist. 1 Regional All American, 1 All State player, All Conference: 2 players, First Team; 2 players, Honorable Mention, All State Honors: 1 player, First Team; 1 player, Honorable Mention. Metro League Coach of the Year. Player of the Year
- **Football** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Metro League; State Semi-finalists; 1 Division 1 signee. All Conference Honors: 6 players, First Team; 2 players, Second Team; 5 players, Honorable Mention; Metro League Senior of the Year; Metro League runner-up Coach of the Year.
- **Boys Golf** Metro League Champions; Regional Champions; 2<sup>nd</sup><sup>th</sup> Place State team finish. Coach of the Year @ 4A State Golf Championship; All Conference Honors: 3 golfers
- **Boys Tennis** Regional Champions; 4A State Runner-up; 11 individual Regional Champions; 1 Second Place State Finishers; 4 Third Place State Finisher; 2 Fourth Place State Finishers
- **Volleyball** 3A All State Academic Team; District Qualifiers Metro League All Conference Honors: 2 players, All Conference

### **Winter Sports**

- **Boys Basketball** Metro League Champions; District Champions; Regional Champions; Great 8 @ State Tournament; Record: 22-4; All Conference Honors: 3 players, First Team; 1 player, Metro League Senior of the Year, 2 All State Players, 3A Player of the Year, Metro League Coach of the Year
- **Girls Basketball** 3A State Tournament, District Semi-finalist, All Conference Honors: 1 player, First Team; 1 player, Second Team Honorable Mention: 2 players
- **Ice Hockey** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Foothills Conference; State Quarterfinalist; 2 players, All Star Team; Honorable Mention: 3 players;
- **Girls Swimming** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Metro League;; All Conference Honors: 2 swimmers, Second Team; Honorable Mention: 2 swimmers;
- **Boys Swimming** 1 swimmer qualified for State Meet

### **Spring Sports**

- **Baseball** All Conference Honors: 2 players, Second Team, Metro League Player of the Year.

- **Girls Golf** State Champions, Individual State and Regional Champion, 2All State Selections, 4A player of the year.
- **Girls Lacrosse** League Champions; State Runner-ups; 3 All Americans: 2 First Team; 2 Honorable Mentions; All 8 KDS players nominated for recognition were placed on the All League Teams; 8 First Team and 2 Second Team, Player of the Year, Coach of the Year.
- **Boys Lacrosse** League Champions; State Semi-finalists; 6 All Conference players, 2 All State Players; 3 First Team, Honorable Mention; 2 All American Players;
- **Girls Tennis** Regional Champions; State 4<sup>th</sup> place  
9 Individual Regional Champions; 4 individual State runner-ups  
3 Individual fourth Place Finishers
- **Girls Soccer** State Champions, League Runner-ups; All Conference Honors: players, First Team; 3 players, Second Team; 2 players

One student selected to receive Steinmark Award (top scholar/athlete in State), and two others selected as finalists, a new state record.

One student named “All-around Colorado Athlete” and another “Sportswoman of the Year” by Sportswomen of Colorado.

Coaches Tom Graesser and Scott Yates achieved Level 4 status (highest recognition category)—Graesser for amassing 300 wins in lacrosse and Yates for amassing 200 wins in football.