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Mid-Pacific Institute to Represent Hawaii in National Academic WorldQuest Competition

Honolulu, HI— For the third year in a row, Mid-Pacific Institute will represent Hawaii in the National WorldQuest Competition in Washington DC from March 23-25, 2007. Mid-Pacific Institute teammates, Jane Moore, Carolyn Pearce, Eliot St. John, and Melissa Yoshimoto, placed first among 45 high school teams at the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council's (PAAC) Hawaii State Chevron Academic WorldQuest Competition on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at the Imin Conference Center on Oahu and Seabury Hall on Maui. Punahou School took second place, and Education Laboratory School and another Mid-Pacific Institute team tied for third place. The first place winning team and a chaperone will receive an all-expense paid trip, courtesy of Chevron Hawaii, to Washington DC. Members of the second and third place winning teams each received gift certificates valued at \$100 and \$50 respectively that were provided by Chevron Hawaii and Oceanic Time Warner Cable. For more information contact Natasha Chappel at 944-7759.

Academic WorldQuest is an exciting team quiz game designed to enhance international education. Teams of four compete in six rounds, testing their knowledge of current events, people in the news, geography of Africa, international humanitarian relief organizations, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Southeast Asia. This annual competition is open to all Hawaii high school students in grades 9-12.

Photo Caption: Mid Pacific Institute takes first place at the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council's 2007 Hawaii State Chevron Academic WorldQuest. Left-Right: Judge Ray Tadaki, Chevron Hawaii Community Relations Specialist Carina Tagupa, Mid-Pacific Institute teacher Mary Tanaka, Jane Moore, Carolyn Pearce, Melissa Yoshimoto, Eliot St. John, PAAC Board President Nate Smith (President of Oceanic Time Warner Cable), and Judge Richard Baker.

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