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CAPITAL DISTRICT'S ALL-STAR SCHOLARS AND TEACHERS TO BE HONORED, MAY 17

The Capital District's second annual area-wide awards banquet honoring student scholars with the same fanfare given to student athletes will be held at the the Turf Inn in Colonie on Tuesday, May 17.

The School of Education, University at Albany, and the Golub Corporation are sponsoring the Price Chopper Scholars Recognition Dinner in order to honor 101 seniors from public, private, and parochial secondary schools in the region. The event will include a reception (6 p.m.) and banquet (7 p.m.) for the students and their parents and a teacher, recognition of their achievement, and an address by Dr. Alice Ilchman, President of Sarah Lawrence College. The student all-stars are from Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Columbia, Fulton, Warren, and Montgomery counties.

In addition, the dinner will honor those teacher "scholars" selected by the students for having had the most significant and beneficial influence on them and their education.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation to the students of the 1988 Capital District Scholars' Yearbook. Each student's picture and biography is included as is a photograph of their favorite teacher with a student quote expressing just why their selection is special.

This innovative business-education partnership was established by the School of Education to recognize superior achievement of Capital District high school seniors and outstanding teachers as selected by these students.

"This partnership is unique and focuses its attention on the most

fundamental relationships in the education process, the teacher and the student," Albany Education Dean Robert Koff said.

The Scholars Recognition Dinner is an initiative of the business-education partnership between the Golub Corporation and the School of Education at the University at Albany, State University of New York. The partnership program, supported by the Golub Corporation, also sponsors the Golub Seminars on Excellence in Education and funds publication of the proceedings from these meetings.

"We at the University believe that an important part of our mission is to develop effective partnerships with industries and businesses in our community and to expand our working relationship with the Capital Region's school districts," President Vincent O'Leary of the University at Albany said.

"The quality of our schools, and the development of the students who attend them, is crucial to the future of our nation," Lewis Golub, Chairman of the Golub Corporation, said.

Patrick R. DiCaprio, Scotia-Glenville Superintendent and Chairman of the Dinner, said. "This dinner and the yearly seminars are a tribute to the spirit of cooperation that has existed among a diverse group of organizations: The Golub Corporation, the School of Education, the Capital Area School Development Association and the public, private and parochial school districts of the Capital Region."

Selection of the honorees was accomplished by educators at their respective schools based upon scholarship, leadership, and service to their school and community. The seniors were asked to nominate a teacher, who had a profound effect on their learning experience, for recognition. These faculty members and others will be among those invited to a series of Golub Seminars on Excellence in Education. "The program celebrates and recognizes outstanding teachers and provides them a unique opportunity to think more

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deeply about how tomorrow's schools should be organized and managed in the interest of providing students with the best quality education," Dean Koff said.

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