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JULIE MICALIZZI RECEIVES \$20,000 NATIONAL SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Colorado Springs, CO — Colorado Columbine Girls State is pleased to announce Julie Micalizzi, a Senior at William J. Palmer High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado has been awarded a National Samsung Scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for her undergraduate study expenses such as tuition, books, fees, and room and board.

2009 Girls State Director, Rochelle Whitney said, "The Samsung Scholarship program is a very competitive program and Julie shined among the best and brightest students in the country—we are so proud of her!"

In addition to her national scholarship award, Micalizzi received a \$1,000 scholarship at the state level. Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following criteria: academic record; involvement in school activities; involvement in community activities; community service; financial need and additional bonus points in the selection process will be awarded to descendants of U.S. veterans of the Korean War.

"Samsung, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund of five million dollars to be administered by The American Legion," said LuAnn Williams, American Legion Auxiliary President of Colorado. "The endowment was made to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War. In 2007, ten \$20,000 scholarships and 88, \$1,000 scholarships were awarded."

Micalizzi was selected as the Colorado Girls State scholarship based on her academic excellence and commitment to her school and community. Julie credits her mom who "held our family together".

Micalizzi was among 202 delegates who had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local governments work at Girls State. She was sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 5 of Colorado Springs. Unit 5 Girls State Chairman, Jan Hinkley commented, "We are very excited for

Julie, her academic excellence and commitment to community makes her very deserving of this scholarship.”

Micalizzi is among three Palmer High School delegates who received financial support from the Palmer High School Alumni Association fund in memory of Whitney Hendrickson, a former 2007 Girls Sate delegate and Palmer alum tragically killed in March of 2009.

Eligibility for the Samsung Scholarship includes: High school juniors who participate in and complete either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program and be a direct descendant, i.e. child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. or a legally adopted child, of a U.S. wartime veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for membership in The American Legion by the United States government: WW I -- April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; WW II -- December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean War -- June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam War -- February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Lebanon and Grenada -- August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama -- December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990 and Persian Gulf War -- August 2, 1990 to cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States government.

If you are or know someone who is a Colorado Girls State Alumni, Girls State of Colorado would like to hear from you. Visit the program Web site at www.ColoradoColumbineGirlsState.com for more information on how you can get involved in supporting Colorado Girls State.

Colorado Columbine Girls State is approved by the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA). Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young women have had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local governments work. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world, with nearly 1 million members, who are female relatives of wartime veterans. Girls State is one of a myriad of children and youth programs sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Local American Legion Auxiliary Units work extensively with our nation's veterans and a variety of programs in their local communities.

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