

## **News Release**

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## Twenty-two Local High School Seniors Receive Discovery Scholarships From Flint Hills Resources

Each awarded \$2,500 for academic/volunteer efforts

Rosemount, Minn. — Twenty-two local high school seniors received Discovery Scholarships from Flint Hills Resources, LP. The students were recognized, together with their parents, at a special awards banquet at the Science Museum of Minnesota today. State Rep. Joe Atkins delivered the evening's keynote address.

"This talented group of students is making a lasting impression in our community. We're pleased to celebrate their accomplishments and wish them the very best in the future," said Jeff Wilkes, refinery manager and vice president of Minnesota operations for Flint Hills Resources.

The students are from 11 Dakota County and South Washington County high schools including Apple Valley, Eagan, Eastview, Hastings, Henry Sibley, Park, Rosemount, Simley, South St. Paul, Woodbury and the School for Environmental Studies. Flint Hills has sponsored the scholarships for 12 years, awarding more than \$300,000 to area youth.

The scholarships are given to students based on their commitment to entrepreneurship, community involvement and academic achievement. Scholarship winners volunteer in various organizations throughout the community and excel at academics as well.

Flint Hills Resources, LP is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Flint Hills' Pine Bend refinery has a 290,000 barrel-per-day capacity and employs approximately 700 people full-time. Flint Hills Resources is headquartered in Wichita, Kan. and also has a refining complex in Corpus Christi, Texas. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com.