



## NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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### **GOALS PANEL MEMBERS HONORED FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

*Four Members of the National Education Goals Panel Recognized by the College Board for Outstanding Contributions to Education Improvement*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** –Four members of the National Education Goals Panel will receive recognition for their commitment to quality education from the College Board when the National Conference of State Legislatures convenes in San Antonio, Texas for their annual meeting.

The College Board, a nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing and connecting students to college and other opportunities, will honor National Education Goals Panel members **State Rep. Spencer Coggs (D-WI)**, **State Rep. Mary Lou Cowlshaw (R-IL)**, **State Rep. Douglas R. Jones (R-ID)** and **State Sen. Stephen M. Stoll (D-MO)** “for their steadfast and exemplary support for educational excellence, access and equity on behalf of students all across the nation.” As members of the National Education Goals Panel, the state legislators represent the important interests of state legislators and as part of the Panel work to ensure that more children each year are educated to high standards and therefore have a greater chance of achieving their full potential. The Goals Panel members are among 43 state lawmakers from 27 states who will be honored by the College Board at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

“I am delighted that these four state legislators are receiving this well deserved recognition,” said Gov. Frank O’Bannon (D-IN), the panel’s chair. “Goals Panel members play a lead role in the education reform movement and state legislators are a critical voice in the dialogue on education. Through the bipartisanship and multi levels of government that make up the Panel, state legislators and other members, continue to play a pivotal role in ensuring that our nation’s schools are improving.”

Founded in 1990, the College Board serves students and parents through programs such as the Advanced Placement Program (AP). Improving performance on the AP examination is one of the indicators for Student Achievement, which is Goal Three of the eight National Education Goals.

“This honor is a great acknowledgement for those of us who are committed to improving our nation’s schools.” said Gov. Jim Geringer (R-WY), the vice-chair of the NEGP. “The outstanding contributions of these panel members, should serve as a collective reminder of the true beneficiaries of education reform efforts – our students.”

#### **About the National Education Goals Panel**

Created in July 1990, the National Education Goals Panel is a bipartisan body consisting of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats from the federal and state levels of government. The Panel is made up of eight governors, four members of Congress, four state legislators and two members appointed by the President. The eight National Education Goals call for greater levels of: student achievement; high school completion; teacher education and professional development; parental participation in the schools; adult literacy and lifelong learning; and safe, disciplined, and alcohol-and-drug-free schools. The Goals also call for all children to be ready to learn by the time they start school and for US students to be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.

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