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REACH NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS **KENNEBECASIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

It's been a stellar year of "Reach" play, with hundreds of schools across the country participating in this unique co-curricular activity. In the 2009-2010 "Reach" season we welcomed new subscriber schools in every region from coast to coast.

Check our Facebook page for photos, film clips, reports and comments from student and alumni fans of the game. Go to our website at www.reachforthetop.com during the coming year for updates from provincial co-ordinators on the play schedules in each province. Please send photos and information on your "Reach" activities so that we can post them to the site.

Our thanks to the teacher-coaches in every province who fielded teams, arranged games, read questions, judged answers and help make the Schoolreach tournament a great success.

Thanks also to the provincial co-coordinators (see their reports on the following pages) who organized and ran the provincial finals and produced uniformly strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals.

Thanks also to the editorial board of "Reach," Pat Beecham-Cooper, Stephen Finlay, Janet Nahabedian, Nicole Novakovics and Colleen O'Reilly; to the National Schoolreach Production Team, Daniel Hill, Costa Kamateros, and Frank Russell and to the National Finals Event producer Daniel Hill; associate producers, Richard Koo and Eric Novakovics; technicians Glen Gummerson, Jorge Manzano and Kwan Ho Tse, and production assistants Jason Cooper, Colleen O'Reilly, Vijaya Selvaraju and Ryan Vickers.

Congratulations to everyone involved in Reach For The Top, for a year of successful games, and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Paul Russell
Director, Reach For The Top Inc.

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NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2009-2010 season of Reach for the Top - SCHOOLREACH in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Bible Hill, at the Haley Institute, Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

On Saturday, April 24th, the preliminary round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in first place overall. Here are the seeding results:

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	6	0	3250	610	+2640
2	Dartmouth High School	5	1	2180	1250	+930
3	Glace Bay High School	3	3	1310	1810	-500
4	Halifax West High School	3	3	1090	1740	-650
5	Horton High School	2	4	1160	1650	-490
6	Sackville High School	2	4	830	1860	-1030
7	North Colchester High School	0	6	950	1850	-900

On Sunday, April 25th, the Provincial finals were held: using the seeding results from Day One of the competition, the following play-off schedule took place:

#4 Halifax H.S.	290
#5 Horton H.S.	310

#2 Dartmouth H.S.	520
#7 North Colchester H.S.	180

#3 Glace Bay H.S.	190
#6 Sackville H.S.	210

Cobequid Ed. Centre	630
Horton H.S.	150

Dartmouth H.S.	420
Sackville H.S.	180

Cobequid Ed. Centre	550
Dartmouth H.S.	230



Congratulations to the Champion, **Cobequid Educational Centre**; team members **Luke Maclean, Hannah Main, Aiden Manley, Gillian Manley, Peter Rau and Allison Sibley**, and Coach **Nicole Hart**.

NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

By Sean Newlands and Jonathan Logan,
New Brunswick Provincial Co-ordinators

The past year was another busy one for New Brunswick Reach for the Top students and advisors. The 2009-2010 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with invitational tournaments held at Rothesay-Netherwood School on December 5th. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 was the winner in the "A" Final. The next invitational tournament was held at Kennebecasis High on Feb. 13th with KVHS winners in "A" Final. The third tournament was held at Sussex Regional High on March 20th where KVHS again was victorious in the "A" Final. The final invitational tournament was held at Bernice McNaughton High School on April 10th with KVHS continuing their domination and again the "A" winner. Congratulations to all the invitational tournament winners in both "A" and "B" divisions as well as all of the participants as we were all winners, coming home with more knowledge than when we arrived.

The Provincial Tournament was hosted by Nackawic High School on April 24th with 8 teams competing in the Championship Section and 12 teams competing in the Non-Championship Section. Kennebecasis High was victorious over Oromocto High in the Championship final in an excellent, fast paced game to claim the Provincial Championship. Kennebecasis High was a formidable opponent again this season as they did not lose a single game during the entire season. Oromocto emerged as a very competitive team all season and were invited to the National tournament as the Provincial Runner-Up. We wish the KVHS and Oromocto every success at the National Tournament in Toronto.

Students and advisors are all looking forward to another exciting full season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick next year. Have a wonderful summer vacation. Talk to you in the fall.



Congratulations to the Champion, **Kennebecasis Valley H.S.** team members **Jordan Woods, Josh Koncovy, Josh Outerbridge, David MacFarquhar, Michael Forestell, Alexander Maxan, Kyle Mason**, and Coach: **Jason Thorne**

QUEBEC REPORT

By Ivan Gombos
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

In this our 10th year of "Reach" competition in Quebec we once again formed two Leagues. One of these included Marianopolis and Dawson Colleges, Westmount High and Trafalgar School for Girls; the other consisted of Royal West Academy, Loyola High, and Lower Canada College. As in past years, the semi-final and final games at our Championship Tournament were close, exciting rounds. In the end, Dawson narrowly defeated Marianopolis, last year's champions. Prizes (Chapters' Book Store gift certificates) were distributed to the first and second place teams.

As this was my last year as Quebec "Reach" Co-Ordinator, I would like to thank the "Reach" staff, particularly Paul and Frank Russell, and Daniel Hill for their steadfast support and encouragement over the past decade. Also, the financial and moral support from Ray Boucher, Director of Student Services at Dawson and Richard Fillion, Dawson's Director General was very much appreciated. The new Co-Ordinators of "Reach" Quebec will be JANET WYMAN of the Biology Dept., Dawson College, ably assisted by EMILIE RICHER from Mathematics. I wish for them as much fun in this endeavor as I have had.

Thank you all,
Ivan Gombos



Congratulations to the Champion, **Dawson College**; team members **Forest Scully-Blaker, Terren Proctor, Ben Walker, Josiah Henderson, Doug Conover** and Coaches: **Janet Wyman and Emilie Richer**

ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham-Cooper
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

The Ontario Reach for the Top Championships were held May 15-17 at Centennial College, Progress Campus and Pope John Paul II School.

40 teams (winners of their leagues) vied for the 10 positions that would play in the finals to held on Monday. A round-robin tournament was held on Sunday May 10 to determine these teams.

This year, there were many close games, but no tie breakers for the top ten spots as there had been in the last two years.

At Centennial College on Monday, there were 5 elimination games, with the winner of each game and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the quarter-finals. The winners of these three games and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the semi-finals, with the two winning teams playing off for the championship.

Saturday evening at Centennial College, everyone enjoyed a delicious banquet, and Fraser Simpson, coach of UTS led the crowd in a rousing game of "true or false", with lots of prizes for the winners.

Thanks to Pope John Paul II for their hospitality in staging the round robin. Many thanks to volunteers Moira Ruthralingam, Sam Barron, Sanaya Shetty, Arthy Visayanathan and Marilyn Fernandes. Also, thanks to the coach from JPPII; Anthony Hageman. for organizing and hosting. Thanks to the Reach staff for providing an excellent tournament. Thanks to all the teams and coaches for their hard work and success and good sportsmanship. Thanks also to my replacement on Sunday, Ryan Vickers and co-judge, Ravi Lall who always is on top of his game.



Congratulations to the Champion, **Gloucester High School**; team members **Peter McLaren, Sahil Aggarwal, Michael McLaren, Merina Shulist, Darcy Bottomley, Charles Li** and Coach: **Andrew Jeacle**

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MANITOBA REPORT

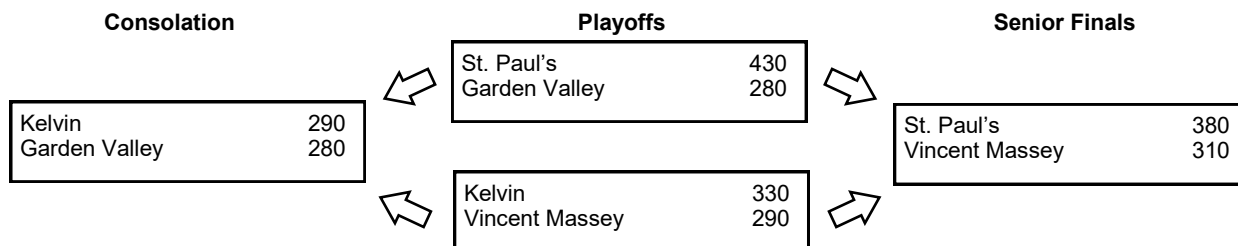
By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba ran six Senior and four Intermediate leagues. St. John's High School was welcomed into the league for the first time, and University of Winnipeg Collegiate made a return. Both Senior and Intermediate divisions saw a repeat of last year, with St. Paul's High and St. John's-Ravenscourt defending their respective titles.

This year's Senior provincials were hosted by Portage Collegiate and Peter Saunders. The teams were very competitive and made for some exciting matches. The results were as follows:

Pool A				
Team	W	L	Points	
St. Paul's	3	0	1470	
Vincent Massey	2	1	1010	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	1	2	1060	
Grant Park	0	3	880	

Pool B				
Team	W	L	Points	
Kelvin	3	0	1000	
Garden Valley	2	1	1010	
Gray	1	2	800	
Portage	0	3	810	



Congratulations to Champion, **St. Paul's High**; team members: **Ethan Chess, Douglas Feltham, Alex Megyeri, Alex Pawlowsky, Peyton Veitch** and their coach **Johnston Smith** for winning the Senior division.



The Intermediate playoffs were hosted by Vincent Massey High School and their coach Dave Bebbington :

Intermediate Tournament				
Team	W	L	Points	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	4	1	1810	
Gray	3	2	1340	
Vincent Massey	3	2	1330	
Grant Park	3	2	1260	
Deloraine	2	3	1270	
Calvin	0	5	1020	

Intermediate Finals	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	580
Gray	180

Congratulations to Intermediate Champion, **St. John's-Ravenscourt** team members **Kenji Pliszka, Daman S. Ahluwalia, Eric MacLise, Charlie Killeen, Rami Elzagat, Jean-Marc Haché** and their coach **Neil Martin**.

Thanks to everyone who made this year a success. Special thanks to those schools who hosted tournaments this year.

ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Hello from Alberta! It's time once again to look back over the year of Reach For the Top and for some leagues, it was a growing experience. The Calgary League has grown in size thanks to the work of league coordinators inviting new schools into competition. The Junior Leagues have grown in number this year while the seniors have shown a slight decline. Hopefully it is an isolated year!

We were very fortunate to have Karen Harris and the staff from Webber Academy in Calgary step up to the plate and host this year's provincial competition. This was Webbers first year of play so an exciting way to end the introductory year. All participants were treated to a beautiful campus and facility which the staff of Webber Academy graciously opened for the competitors.

Attending this years provincial competition were six teams in the junior division, eight teams in the intermediates, and eight teams in seniors. Teams representing the various leagues in the province, and their final placements, included:

JUNIORS

- 1 - Calmar School – Calmar
- 2 - Crestomere School – Crestomere
- 3 - Clear Vista – Wetaskiwin
- 4 - Trochu School – Trochu
- 5 - Queen Elizabeth – Wetaskiwin
- 6 - Elnora School – Elnora

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- 1 - Calmar School – Calmar
- 2 - West Island College
- 3 - Hunting Hills
- 4 - Trochu School – Trochu
- 5 - Lacombe Junior High
- 6 - Lacombe Composite
- 7 - Clear Vista – Wetaskiwin
- 8 - Queen Elizabeth – Wetaskiwin

SENIOR DIVISION

- 1- Old Scona – Edmonton
- 2 - Harry Ainlay – Edmonton
- 3 - Hunting Hills – Red Deer
- 4 - West Island College – Calgary
- 5 - Bellerose
- 6 - Webber Academy – Calgary
- 7 - Strathmore – Strathmore
- 8 - Calmar – Calmar

The competition was held on one day with a round robin in each of the divisions followed by cross over games leading up to the finals. It was an action packed day for readers as they went straight through, with the exception of the wonderful lunch prepared by the chef at Webber. The score room was a busy place as we tried to keep up with three divisions running at the same time on different schedules! Fun and action-packed!

The final results and standings at the end of the day were as follows:

Junior Provincial champs – Calmar School coached by Jeannette Wilson

Second place – Crestomere coached by Frank Tschabold and Kathy Bogath
Third – Clear Vista coached by Chris Zarski

Intermediate Provincial Champs – Calmar School coached by Jeanette Wilson

Second Place – West Island College coached by Claire Allen
Third Place – Hunting Hills

Senior Provincial Champs – Old Scona Academic coached by Dee Elder

Second Place – Harry Ainlay coached by Val Holtz
Third Place – Hunting Hills
Fourth Place – West Island College.

This years Spirit Team trophies went to Clear Vista Juniors and Lacombe Composite for Intermediates. Congratulations!

Thanks to all our volunteer coaches, readers at the league and provincial levels and students who are actively involved, making Reach For the Top an exciting addition to any school.



Congratulations to the Champion, **Old Scona Academic S.H.S.** team members **Rishi Nair, Eliza Pan, Andrew Qi, Kevin Wang, Stephen Smith** and Coaches: **Dee Elder and Sheldon Chow**

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

British Columbia had an exciting start to 2010 with Vancouver-Whistler hosting the Winter Olympics and Paralympics. High emotions and fun were experienced by all. This exuberance was carried over to our provincial Reach for the Top competitions.

*By Donna Choo,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator*

This season, over 30 schools participated at the Senior and/or Junior/Intermediate levels of Reach for the Top. The highlight of each year are the annual provincial tournaments.

On March 26th, the Junior/Intermediate Provincial Tournament was held at Sutherland Secondary (North Vancouver), where seventeen schools competed for the championship. Thank you to Ray Boucher, Jennifer Bermudez, and their student volunteers for hosting and organizing the event. After a series of seeding games, the 16 highest scoring schools proceeded to the championship rounds.

The B.C. Intermediate Reach for the Top champion is St. George's School (Vancouver), who were awarded the school trophy and gold medal. Second place went to Kitsilano Secondary (Vancouver) and third place to Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby). Congratulations to all the teams!

The 2010 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship (Senior level) was held on April 16th at Windermere Secondary School (Vancouver). Many thanks to Maggie Przyborowska and her crew of students and parents, for running the competition and for organizing the thirty-two schools that attended the tournament. An initial round of 5 games are played for ranking the schools, with the 16 highest scoring teams continuing to the championship rounds. The excitement and enthusiasm of the students were felt throughout the quarter-final and semi-final games. It was a pleasure to watch them play.

The tournament ended on a real "nail-biter". The scores were very close between the two competing schools throughout the final game. By a margin of 10 points, **the 2010 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Champion is Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver), who received the school trophy and gold medal for a "three-peat" win. Silver went to St. George's School (Vancouver) and bronze to Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby).** Congratulations to all of the players of the winning teams!

It has been a very exciting and enjoyable year of pursuing knowledge. Thank you to all the students, their parents, and the team coaches for making this a most successful year for Reach for the Top in B.C.



Congratulations to Champion, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School team members Marc Hewitt, Richard Wang, Justin Choi, Andrew Wang, Jason Lin, Iris Luo, Iugene Ma, and Coach Donna Choo.

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NATIONAL REPORT

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONALS MVPS



Olivia Auriat (Vincent Massey H.S., Brandon, MB); **Paul Edmonstone** (Assumption

This year, Provincial Champions traveled by plane, train and car from across Canada and converged in Downtown Toronto at the Chestnut Residence of the University of Toronto on Friday May 28, 2010.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast at the residence, teams made their way up town by subway or on foot to Royal St. George's College in the city's Annex district. After a formal welcome and introductions in Ketchum Hall, a full round-robin tournament was conducted in the classrooms of the college. We were fortunate to have articulate and patient readers and judges for the tournament who imparted a strong sense of fair play and kept up the pace of the tournament (See photo and caption on Page 8).

On Sunday, the National Finals series began with eight games played through the day in the College's historic and inspiring Chapel. The duties of quizmaster were undertaken by Nova Scotia Co-ordinator Hans Budgey, Editorial Producer Richard Koo and former Teacher/coach Ryan Vickers. Our thanks to these three rapid-fire experts and to our ever-alert judges for these games, Patricia Beecham-Cooper and Ravi Lall. Thanks also to Royal St. Georges College, our host school, and Rachel DeBlois, the coach of the RSGC team, for making us welcome.



Host Richard Koo welcomes KVHS & Cobequid to the Finals



Our accommodating hosts at Royal St. George's College, teacher Rachel DeBlois (right) & Daniel Gold Bersani.

Semi-Finals and the Championship game were played on Monday morning in the RSGC Chapel with a dramatic and tense Maritime confrontation leading to victory for the Kennebecasis Valley team.

Following the final game, a Gala Luncheon was held at the Hard Rock Café overlooking Yonge-Dundas Square in the heart of the city. Medals and prizes were announced by our lively MC, Richard Koo, and beaming winning faces from across the country were captured by flashing cameras.

The announcement of the four MVP's, as selected by a panel of Reach production staff, was the highlight of the afternoon (See Photos), and every participating school received a plaque commemorating the games, for public display at the school upon their return.

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NATIONALS continued

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Ryan Vickers runs in with the Olympic Torch during the Semi-Final game between Cobequid Educational Centre and St. Paul's H.S.




Thanks to our readers and judges at the National Tournament at RSGC:
(Back row): Noel Cooper, Mitch Boyle, Andy Saunders, Jason Himsl, Chris Hannay;
(Front row): Ming-Ho Yee, Yohan Yee, Alden Fong, Carol Pierce, Britney Castleman
Not pictured: Courtney Gibson, Matt Dreger, Alex Blom, Ryan Vickers



Ryan Vickers & Richard Koo draw numbers from the coveted prize box.

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At the Hard Rock Café for the 2010 National Gala Banquet