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### CAPE CORAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGE!

**Lee County, FL:** Cape Coral High School won the 2007-2008 Lee County Elections Office High School Voter Registration Challenge! On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, Vicki Collins, Lee County Elections Office Public Relations Director, and Louis Roos, presented the Challenge trophy to Eric Mcfee, Principal of Cape Coral High School at the School Board Meeting.

In an effort to register all high school seniors and prepare them to vote, the Elections Office began the Challenge in 2001. Each high school in the county is offered the opportunity to participate and have representatives from the Elections Office educate students on how to vote, the importance of voter participation in the electoral process, and register students to vote. The school with the highest number of new registered voters is declared the Challenge winner. The Challenge winner receives a trophy from the Supervisor of Elections Office. They have the honor and privilege to display the trophy until the next school year's Challenge. The trophy is circulated among each year's Challenge winners.

This school year was the first time that all Lee County High Schools participated in the Challenge! In the fall semester elections staff attended each school with a power point presentation designed to educate students how to vote, to promote the importance of voter participation in the electoral process and also provided voter registration. They returned to each school in the spring semester for voter registration only. The total number of students registered and pre-registered during the 2007-2008 school year was 2,200!

Sharon L Harrington, Lee County Supervisor of Elections said "Our primary goal for the 2007-2008 was to attempt to pre-register and register every student in Lee County who would be eligible to vote in the 2008 Primary & General elections."

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