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### **MARINER HIGH WINS 2007 HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGE!**

**Lee County, FL:** Mariner High School won the 2007 High School Voter Registration Challenge! In an effort to register all high school seniors and prepare them to vote, the Lee County Elections Office began the High School Voter Registration Challenge in 2001. Each high school in the county is offered the opportunity to participate in the Challenge and have representatives from the Elections Office on location to 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 and has the honor and privilege of displaying the trophy until the next Challenge. The trophy is circulated among each year's Challenge winners. North Fort Myers High School won the first year and each year since until 2007 when they forfeited the trophy to Mariner High School!

On Tuesday, Oct 9, 2007, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Sharon L. Harrington will present the Challenge trophy to Erik Cioffi, Principal of Mariner High School. The presentation will take place at 6:00pm during the School Board Meeting at the Lee County Public Education Center located at 2855 Colonial Blvd in Fort Myers. Cape Coral's Mayor Eric Feichthaler and City Council Representative Tim Day have been invited to be a part of the presentation.

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In the 2006-2007 school year, 9 out of the 11 schools that have grades 11 and 12 participated in the High School Voter Registration Challenge. The Lee County Elections Office Youth Outreach Program's goal for the 2007-2008 school year is to have all eligible schools participate! The primary goal of the Youth Outreach Program is to promote awareness to the importance of voter participation in the electoral process

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