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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STARS NOMINATED TO 2006 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL TEAM

St. Louis, MO January 16, 2006 –For the past 29 years, the McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games have set the precedent of successful athletes, while changing lives and promoting the importance of charity along the way. This year, fourteen local high school basketball stars have been nominated to the 2006 team. The following is a list of local nominees:

High School Boys Nominees

Dustin Maguire, Edwardsville H.S.
Spencer Stewart, Edwardsville H.S.
Sean Kowel, DeSmet Jesuit H.S.
Stephen Jones, Civic Memorial H.S.
Justin Taylor, Webster Groves H.S.
Adrian Clayborn, Webster Groves H.S.
Jason Lewis, Marquette High School
Morris Smith, Hazelwood Central H.S.
Ty Adams, Steelville High School
Jeremy Sharpe, CBC High School

High School Girls Nominees

Emily Marshall, Nerinx Hall H.S.
Felicia Chester, Incarnate Word Academy
Kelsey Luna, St. Joseph's Academy
Mackenzie Strimlinger, St. Joseph's Academy

From the 2,500 boys and girls nominated, the 24 best players in the nation will be selected, in mid-to-late February, to play in each of the McDonald's All American Basketball Games. Both games will be played on **Wednesday, March 29, 2006** at San Diego State University, and as always a portion of the proceeds from the 2006 Game and Jam Fest will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

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