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2005 McDonald's Academic Excellence Award Scholars Announced

WHAT: Four distinguished St. Louis/Metro East high school seniors affiliated with the Mathews-Dickey and the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Boys' and Girls' Clubs are the recipients of the 2005 McDonald's Academic Excellence Award. A one-time amount of \$2,500 will be awarded to each student's college/university of choice.

WHEN: **A recognition ceremony will be held for the recipients on Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Ronald McDonald House located at 4381 West Pine in the Central West End.**

WHO: The 2005 McDonald's Academic Excellence Award recipients are:

Brittany Lipsey, Clayton High School
Charmaine Washington, Clayton High School
Brittany Williams, East St. Louis High School
La Toya Young, East St. Louis High School

WHY: All applicants were reviewed by a committee and evaluated based on the following: application with essay, interview, academic performance, references, and community involvement.

McDonald's is the leading global foodservice retailer, with 153 restaurants in the St. Louis and Metro East Area. Approximately 80 percent of all McDonald's restaurants worldwide are owned and operated by local, independent businessmen and women. McDonald's 30,000 restaurants globally serve nearly 50 million people in 119 countries each day.

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