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Dear Colleague:

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is now accepting applications for their **2008 HOBY Leadership Seminars**. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2008, HOBY remains the nation's only program exclusively designed for high school sophomores. The HOBY program has my strongest personal support, as well as that of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

All sophomores are eligible and should be encouraged to apply. The leadership seminars are held in every state each spring. Please take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding 10th grader from your school during this important decision-making time in his or her life. The guaranteed acceptance date is November 30, 2007. Registrations submitted after November 30 will be accepted on a space-available basis. Last year 8,500 outstanding sophomores attended HOBY Leadership Seminars. Don't let one of your students miss out. **I encourage you to take advantage of this excellent HOBY opportunity immediately.**

The registration fee of \$150 covers only a minimal portion of the overall costs for the program, and is small compared to the great benefits your student will experience at HOBY. Local volunteers, businesses, civic organizations and others in your community are raising the remainder of the funds to pay for your student's participation. If your school cannot underwrite the registration fee, please ask your school's booster club, PTA, or other school support group to underwrite the fee and invest in the future of your deserving sophomore.

All students who attend the local seminar will be given the opportunity to attend HOBY's World Leadership Congress (WLC) in July 2008. Over 20 countries will send their outstanding 10th graders to interact with our American sophomore leaders. The WLC is truly an opportunity for young leaders of the world to come together and develop the skills to create a better future!

Thank you for your commitment to HOBY and its goal of "providing leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential." Please select your outstanding sophomore now!


Gerald N. Tirozzi
Executive Director

P.S. If you have any questions, please see www.hoby.org for more information and contacts.