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Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Seeks Nominees for 2012 Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor

Nominations are being sought for individuals to be considered for induction into the 2012 Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor, according to Rick Durante, director of the 64th season of the nation's oldest continuous academic quiz competition for high school students. Durante is Vice President of Education for Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, the primary corporate sponsor of Delco Hi-Q, which began in Delaware County in 1948.

FMFCU and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit initiated the Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor in 2005 to provide role models for Hi-Q team members by honoring former participants who've distinguished themselves through their careers or community service. The distinctive award also recognizes those educators and supporters of Delco Hi-Q who have made extraordinary contributions to the program.

Last year's recipients were Elizabeth Clyma, Penncrest Class of '86, and Dr. Giridhar Mallya, Garnet Valley Class of '95. Clyma is Deputy Director of Strategic Planning for AIDS, HIV and Tuberculosis within the Global Health Unit of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, Washington. Mallya has been Director of Policy and Planning for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health since October 2008.

The 2012 Delco Hi-Q Hall of Honor recipients will join 11 previous honorees, whose plaques with photographs can be seen in the lobby of the Intermediate Unit's conference center in Morton.

To be eligible for the prestigious honor, former Delco Hi-Q team members must have taken part in at least one season of academic competitions and have graduated from high school a minimum of seven years ago. Faculty advisors are eligible after at least one year of separation from Hi-Q. Educators and supporters who have made significant contributions to Delco Hi-Q, either during or after their affiliation with the program, are eligible for consideration without any time constraints.

A nomination form is available online via Delco Hi-Q's web site at www.delcohiq.org, sponsored by FMFCU. Submission deadline is Jan. 31, 2012.

The 2012 honoree(s) will be chosen solely on the basis of his or her accomplishments and contributions. Induction will take place at the seventh annual Delco Hi-Q "Partners in Learning Celebration," set for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center in Drexel Hill. Delaware County's premier education event, the celebration dinner honoring all 2011-2012 Delco Hi-Q participants again will be presented by FMFCU and the IU.

Delco-Hi-Q is a partnership between Delaware County Intermediate Unit and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. It is the oldest continuous academic quiz competition in the United States. Seventy five high schools across the country compete in Hi-Q, including twenty one teams in Delaware County.

In addition to the participating schools' support, primary corporate sponsor is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Long-time Valedictorian sponsor is Kimberly-Clark Corporation. The Delaware County Daily Times and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation are supporters.

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