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Top Students Celebrate a Top Education

The Territory’s brightest students of 2011 will celebrate their achievements at the Northern Territory Board of Studies (NTBOS) gala presentation at Parliament House this evening.

Education Minister Chris Burns said the achievements of these students highlights the excellent standard of education kids can expect to receive in the Territory.

“We know that if a child goes to school every day in the Territory, they get a great education – and these students are shining examples of that.

“Students who graduated from Territory high schools are pursuing careers in medicine, law, teaching and other a range of other professions, including the performing arts.

“It is particularly pleasing to see a significant number of high achieving students have chosen to stay in the Territory to study the new medical degree at Charles Darwin University.

“Education is our number one priority and we are on track to achieving our key Territory 2030 objective of a world class education system.

Dr Burns will join NT Administrator the Honourable Sally Thomas AM to present merit certificates and awards to the Top End’s outstanding achievers and scholars. Award winners from Central Australia were recognised at a ceremony in Alice Springs last week.

Awards will be presented to the top 20 students in the 2011 Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) including prizes in the following categories: perfect scores of 20/20 for Stage 2 subjects; the International Baccalaureate awards; the Australian Student Prize; and top students in industry-sponsored awards for particular subjects.

In 2011, 1144 students received their NTCET, which included 148 Indigenous Territorians.

Dr Burns said the prestigious Administrator’s Medal will be awarded at this evening’s ceremony, recognising strength of character and responsibility, as well as academic achievement.

“I congratulate all 2011 graduates and in particular, these high achieving students who are an inspiration to their peers,” Dr Burns said.

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2011 NTCET High Achievers:

Jessica Pickworth from NT Open Education Centre will receive the Chief Minister’s Award for Most Outstanding Open Education Stage 2 NTCET student.

Alana Manhire from Casuarina Senior College, the Chief Minister’s Award for Most Outstanding Stage 2 NTCET Indigenous Student.

The Chief Minister’s Award for Most Outstanding Stage 2 NTCET student of 2011 was presented to Jarrad Dickson in Alice Springs last week.

Our top 20 NTCET students of 2011 are from Darwin High School, Casuarina Senior College, Taminmin College, St Phillip’s College, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College and St John’s College.