D. Rico Munn to Lead Aurora Public Schools

In a unanimous vote, the APS Board of Education appointed D. Rico Munn as the next Superintendent of Schools.

“The APS Board of Education is confident that Munn is committed to the APS community, to doing what is best for the district and to increasing student achievement,” BOE President JulieMarie A. Shepherd said. Munn will begin his role on July 1.

Munn expressed his enthusiasm for leading Aurora Public Schools.

“I am honored to serve as the Aurora Public Schools superintendent. As an APS parent who is active in the Aurora community, I look forward to having a positive impact on teaching and learning for all of our students,” Munn said. “APS has dedicated teachers, leaders and support staff that have created many innovative initiatives. My goal is to build on our strengths and overcome any challenges that interfere with student success.”

For more information on Munn, visit boe.aurorak12.org/superintendent-search.

APS Students Earn Prestigious Scholarships

Twelve Aurora Public Schools students are on cloud nine after finding out that they earned a Boettcher, Daniels Fund or Gates Millennium scholarship.

The Daniels Fund selects high school seniors who have demonstrated strong character and a determination to succeed in life. The scholarship covers all required tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies and a variety of other miscellaneous expenses to any college or university in the United States.

The Gates Millennium Scholarship recognizes students with outstanding academic performance. It covers unmet financial need to attend any college or university in the nation. Aurora Central’s Diego Aguilar Lupian and Rangeview’s Feyone La earned this award.

Aurora Central senior Kushmakar Baral is a Daniels Fund and Gates scholar, a feat not often accomplished. Baral plans to study biomedical engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Hinkley student Scarlett Jimenez earned the Boettcher Scholarship, a “full-ride” merit-based financial award to attend any college or university in Colorado. More than 1,300 students apply each year. She is one of 40 statewide to earn the scholarship.

Congratulations to the following 2012-13 Daniels Fund Scholars:

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