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**BURNS & LEVINSON AWARDS POWER OF AN IDEA SCHOLARSHIP TO
STUDENT FROM JOHN D. O'BRYANT SCHOOL**

Student earns \$15,000 scholarship and patent services from Burns & Levinson LLP

BOSTON, May 9, 2006 – An enterprising girl from the John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science in Boston took first-place honors today in the inaugural "Power of an Idea" scholarship contest sponsored by Boston law firm Burns & Levinson LLP.

Dianna Marcellus, of Hyde Park, earned a \$15,000 scholarship to be used for tuition and expenses of higher education beyond high school and will receive legal patent services from Burns & Levinson as part of her prize package. Judges lauded Marcellus' invention for its creativity and ingenuity, noting that it may have additional uses including medical applications.

"Today ends the journey of six months of work," said Peter J. Borghetti, an intellectual property attorney at Burns & Levinson, who supervised the contest and served as master of ceremonies during the event held before an audience of some 200 students, families and friends at the O'Bryant School. "Dianna Marcellus is now a patent-pending inventor," added Borghetti, to resounding cheers from the audience.

"This award is not just about the power of an idea, but to also learn about the patent law system," added Borghetti. "And by creating these inventions, students can create economic independence for their future."

David P. Rosenblatt, managing partner for Burns & Levinson, explained that the firm's dual mission for creating the scholarship was "to encourage scientific exploration for Boston students" and "to make a statement to the city of Boston and to all Boston law firms and businesses that we need to give back to our community."

Dr. W. Peter Hansen, one of the judges for the contest, told the assembly that he hopes Marcellus' invention will spur future inventors. "I hope it's an incentive next year for everyone here to give this a try," said Hansen, chief scientific officer for PointCare Technologies Inc. of Marlborough, a company that builds and distributes blood testing systems to help manage AIDS therapies.

Students of Boston public high schools were invited to participate in the scholarship contest. Initially 20 students throughout Boston filed applications to participate and nine students ultimately submitted final reports describing the details and the beneficial use of their inventions. These nine Boston public high school students received certificates of commendation from Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino as well as gift certificates to Boston's Museum of Science from Burns & Levinson during the ceremony. Burns & Levinson anticipates continuing this exciting program and applauds all students for their efforts.

Certificates of commendation signed by Menino also were presented to Mr. Borghetti, Joel Stembridge, headmaster at the O'Bryant School; and to Jamy Drouillard, a science adviser at O'Bryant who worked tirelessly with the entrants. Burns & Levinson also received a certificate signed by Menino in recognition and honor of the firm's commitment to instilling scientific exploration in the youth of Boston and for their generosity in creating the Power of an Idea Scholarship Contest.

Other judges for the contest were Attorney Jacob N. Erlich, partner at Burns & Levinson LLP, Dr. Shoumen Datta, Research Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Petra Krauledat, President and CEO of PointCare Technologies, and as mentioned, Dr. W. Peter Hansen, Chief Science Officer of PointCare Technologies.

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