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Time: 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
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**Houston Vietnamese to celebrate academic achievements of area
Vietnamese American high school Valedictorians and Salutatorians**

Houston – The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA) will sponsor the **Eleventh Annual Vietnamese-American Youth Excellence Recognition Luncheon** to celebrate Vietnamese-American educational traditions and honor outstanding Vietnamese-American students from local Greater Houston high schools. This year, we will be celebrating this program's 11th year anniversary. The event will be held Sunday, **August 5, 2007 at Kim Son Ballroom – 10603 Bellaire Blvd – Houston, Texas** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In Houston, there are approximately 150,000 Vietnamese-Americans who contribute significantly to American society with their achievements in technology, science, finance, business and politics. They represent the largest Vietnamese population in Texas. VCSA plays an integral role in the education, culture, and leadership of this population and its mission to contribute to American society as a whole.

Based in Houston, Texas, VCSA was founded in 1990. It has chapters in Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, Memphis, San Diego, Washington DC and Toronto, Canada, with members throughout the US and Canada. VCSA promotes excellence in education, leadership and skills development through culture and science. Our organization encourages multi-generational and cross-cultural collaborations. We foster civic participation in the mainstream and Vietnamese America.

To encourage the younger generations of Vietnamese-Americans to excel in education, VCSA formally recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of Vietnamese-American high school students from Houston and Vicinity who graduate as valedictorian or salutatorian of their respective class. This year, there are 18 honorees who graduated from 18 different schools, including 12 Valedictorians: Alex Nguyen (Oak Ridge HS), Anvinh Doan Nguyen (Taylor HS), BichHong Do (Klein Forest HS), Christine My-Dung Vaughn (Cesar Chavez HS), Cindy Mai Dinh (Springwoods HS), Huy Nguyen (Milby HS), Khai Tien Le Huynh (Westbury Christian HS), Linda Nguyen (Pearland HS), Ngoc Minh Luu (Dobie HS), Ngan Nguyen (Sam Rayburn), Shoumi Barua (Westchester Academy of International Studies), Yen Vu (School of Choice) and 6 salutatorians: Anson Huynh (DeBaKey HSHP), Hoang Le Vu (Sharpstown HS), Katrina Nguyen (Jersey Village HS), Michael Duong (Alief Hastings HS), Peter Uy (George Washington Carver HS) and Sarah Hua (Alief Elsik HS). In addition to the Recognition Program, there will be the Vera Tran and other scholarships presentations, and cultural performances featuring beautiful Vietnamese traditions.

Ms. Mina Nguyen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Business Affairs and Public Liaison from Washington DC, will be the keynote speaker at the Luncheon. Ms. Nguyen and VCSA both share the same vision of promoting educational excellence. Six hundred (600) guests are expected to come, including many local corporation representatives who have continually supported this program in the last ten years. Kim Son Bellaire Ballroom is located at 10603 Bellaire Blvd in Southwest area of Houston, TX. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and include a luncheon featuring authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, please **call the VCSA Center at (281) 933-8118 or visit our web site at www.vhkhvn.org**