

## California Encourages Students to Enter Dreamers Challenge Scholarship Contest

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Sacramento, California - California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell today encouraged every twelfth grade student in California to enter The California Museum's Dreamers Challenge to explain how they would change the world. The winner will earn a \$5,000 cash scholarship.

"Last summer, the California Department of Education proudly partnered with The California Museum to develop new educational resources inspired by the Museum's flagship program &ndash; the California Hall of Fame," said O'Connell. "Teachers embraced that concept to inspire their students about these great Californians as a way to teach them history. Now students will have a chance to chronicle how they too would like to change the world for the better with this contest."

The Dreamers Challenge is inspired by the California Hall of Fame that inducts men and women from all walks to life who have made distinguishing achievements across many fields, including the arts, education, business, labor, science, sports, philanthropy, and public service. The California Museum and its Honorary Chair, First Lady of California Maria Shriver, are offering this contest to let children share how their dreams would leave a lasting mark on the state, nation, and the world.

The Dreamers Challenge is open to every public, private, or home-schooled high school senior expected to graduate with the Class of 2009. The winning entry will receive a \$5,000 scholarship generously provided by Comcast. Entries can be an essay, video, audio, or artwork, but must be submitted digitally on CD or DVD. The deadline is October 10, 2008.