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**WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON
RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION FROM
THE ASSURANT HEALTH FOUNDATION**

Lead Sponsor Extends Partnership

MILWAUKEE — March 18, 2009 — The Wisconsin Academic Decathlon is the recipient of a \$150,000 donation from the Assurant Health Foundation, the charitable arm of Assurant Health, a Milwaukee-based national health insurance company. The donation, paid out over three years, will be used to support the academic competition. It is a continuation of an earlier \$150,000, 3-year commitment from the Assurant Health Foundation that ran from 2006 to 2009.

“The considerable donation from the Assurant Health Foundation will allow us to maintain our program and ensure that young people from our state continue to have an opportunity to participate,” said a very grateful Molly Ritchie, State Director of the Wisconsin Academic Decathlon.

“Assurant Health seeks to promote programs that demonstrate a commitment to scholastic challenge and excellence and better prepare Wisconsin youth for the job market.” says Rob Guilbert, Assurant Health Vice President of Corporate Communication and President of the Assurant Health Foundation. “We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Academic Decathlon for three more years and I encourage other Wisconsin businesses to contribute as well.”

About the Academic Decathlon

The Academic Decathlon is unique from all other interscholastic competitions in that each school's team(s) must consist of students with A, B and C or below grade point averages. The program provides students of all abilities to test their intellect and rise to the challenge of mastering a rigorous curriculum, reaping individual and team awards. For more information, visit the program's website at www.WIAD.org

About the Assurant Health Foundation

For more than 30 years, the Assurant Health Foundation has been dedicated to improving the quality of life in our communities. Since 1973, the Foundation has donated more than \$7 million in community grants.

Assurant Health has been in business since 1892. Assurant Health's underwriting companies provide health insurance coverage for more than one million people nationwide. The companies' primary products include individual medical, small group, short-term and student health insurance products, as well as non-insurance products and consumer-choice products such as Health Savings Accounts and Health Reimbursement Arrangements. With almost 3,000 employees, Assurant Health is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., and has operations offices in Minnesota, Idaho and Florida, as well as sales offices across the country. Assurant Health is the brand name for products underwritten and issued by one or more of Assurant Health's underwriting companies – Time Insurance Company, John Alden Life Insurance Company and Union Security Insurance Company. The Assurant Health Web site is www.assuranthealth.com