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Marine Corps Marathon Introduces Online Publication Written by High School Journalists

“The Post Race” Launched in Partnership with The Washington Post Young Journalists Development Program

QUANTICO, VA (November 25, 2009) - The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) today introduced an online publication written entirely by high school students from the Greater D.C. area. *The Post Race* is the end product of an innovative partnership between the MCM and The Washington Post Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP). The publication, hosted on the MCM website (www.marinemarathon.com), presents five feature articles written by the students plus their photography.

“This program offered students the experience of having full media access to a world class event,” said Marc Goldman, MCM sponsorship and marketing manager. “In return, everyone can enjoy reading the work of these young journalists that offers a very different perspective of the marathon.”

Ten area student journalists were provided media credentials granting access to all MCM Weekend events including the Health and Fitness Expo, the Healthy Kids Fun Run and the MCM. Prior to the event, the students attended a workshop organized by Washington Post YJDP Coordinator Mario Iván Oña, where they received reporting tips from Washington Post Sports writers Les Carpenter and Steve Yanda. Students were able to utilize on-site media facilities and were provided the same support materials as the more than 200 professional journalists who covered the MCM.

“At The Washington Post, we believe that the best journalism comes from different people of different ages writing with their own, unique voice,” Oña said. “As they say, ‘Every age has its wisdom.’ This is an extension of that. And I think people will find these young journalists’ work quite good.”

Students represented schools from Maryland including Ellicott City’s Mount Hebron High School, Paint Branch High School from Burtonsville, and Bishop McNamara High School from Forestville; from Virginia including Annandale High School in Annandale and Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax; and from Washington, DC’s Eastern High School.

Vote “Best Marathon for Families,” the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Currently ranked as the fifth largest marathon in the United States and ninth in the world, “The People’s Marathon” boasts a course featuring the iconic landmarks of Washington, DC and Arlington, Virginia. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement applied.

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