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NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE HONORS BRIGHT STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL ADMISSION NIGHT

Baltimore. June 16, 2006 - The National Aquarium in Baltimore will present **Grade "A" Student night on Thursday, June 29 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** It pays to get A's in school...literally! Students who have achieved three or more grades equal to or above 90% in any one marking period and are enrolled in K-12 in Baltimore City or County will be admitted at no charge.

Each child may bring one accompanying adult free of charge; other family members are invited to join in the celebration at a special rate of only \$4.00 per person. Space is limited and although there is no official RSVP, the last person will be admitted at 8:00 p.m.

"We are proud to sponsor this unique program that promotes excellence in Baltimore area schools and rewards students for their hard work," said Joe Harber, formal education program manager for the Aquarium. He added, "Our goal is to inspire children, to help them realize their dreams and to become the next generation of caretakers of the Chesapeake Bay and the world's oceans."

More than 1,000 students from about 800 area schools are expected to take advantage of this special evening. For more information, please call 410-659-4200.

Grade "A" Student night is just one example of more the educational and outreach programs offered by the National Aquarium in Baltimore that benefit the community. Other programs include Hispanic Heritage Night, Black History month events, the Youth Henry Hall Scholarship Program, Scout programs, the Fridays After Five discount program in the Fall, internships and summer youth educational trips, classes and camps.

The Aquarium's Grade A Student Night celebration is supported in part by Outback Steakhouse.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore, a non-profit organization, is Maryland's most exciting and popular cultural attraction, as well as one of the region's leading conservation and education resources, hosting more than 1.6 million visitors per year. The Aquarium's mission is to connect people with aquatic life in order to create a better world for both. It is dedicated to education and conservation through more than a dozen programs that serve the environment and the community.

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