



## HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 233

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### HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL'S JOURNALISM TEACHER GLEN LEYDEN PARTICIPATES IN PROGRAM AT THE NATION'S BEST JOURNALISM INSTITUTE

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**Flossmoor, IL, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008** – After being selected from a competitive field of over 400 applicants, H-F High School's Journalism Teacher Glen Leyden had the chance to take part in the 2008 ASNE Reynolds High School Journalism Institute for two weeks.

Glen Leyden, a third year teacher at H-F, joined 163 teachers from 39 states for 14 days to explore the basics of print journalism, studying how daily newspapers operate and gain a greater appreciation of the First Amendment. The ultimate goal of ASNE is to encourage teachers to inspire a new and diverse generation of journalists.

“These teachers impart the life skills of writing, reading and critical thinking. And they prepare the next generation of journalists and news consumers in areas from multimedia to news literacy and the First Amendment,” said Rex Smith, chairman of ASNE's Education Committee and editor of the Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

Of this year's group, 46 percent teach at schools with minority student populations of 50 percent or higher. Since 2001, 1,269 high school teachers have completed the Institute, and most continue to teach journalism and/or advise student media.

Currently, Leyden teaches both English and Journalism classes and coordinates H-F's award-winning student newspaper *The Voyager*.

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