SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Below is a sample awards assembly script for those who want to incorporate the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search participants into an existing end-of-year assembly. This script is used in conjunction with the 2020 7th Grade Talent Search School (or District) Results mailed to you in late April from Duke TIP. If a student does not have scores listed on the results, the student may not have tested, or the scores were not received at the time the results were printed. You may request updated results any time by emailing 7talentsearch@tip.duke.edu.

As part of our awards assembly today, we would like to recognize the students who participated in the 2020 Duke University Talent Identification Program’s 7th Grade Talent Search.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented students. Duke TIP works with students, their families, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and help students reach their highest potential. Now in its fortieth year, the 7th Grade Talent Search identifies bright seventh graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. Candidates are invited to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exams as seventh graders, which allows them greater insight into their academic abilities. In addition, they gain valuable benefits and have access to unique resources for gifted students.

The following students participated this year. As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

(Read the names of all the students who participated.)
(initiate applause)

(Stop here if only recognizing participants.)

(Or, continue on by recognizing the state and grand honorees as follows.)

At this time, we would like to recognize those students who qualified for state recognition. Today’s honorees have earned an award by scoring approximately at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT. These students are invited to a special recognition ceremony held at a university. We would like to also honor them here today.

As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

(Read the names of those students who have a “Y” in column “STATE” under “RECOGNITION”)
(initiate applause)

We will now recognize those students who scored high enough to qualify for grand recognition. Students who qualify for grand recognition scored approximately at or better than 90 percent of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT. These students are invited to a special recognition ceremony at Duke University. Only about 4 percent of all the participants in the talent search qualify for grand recognition. This is quite an achievement!

As I call your name, please come forward to be recognized.

(Read the names of those students who have a “Y” in column “GRAND” under “RECOGNITION”)
(initiate applause)

Congratulations to all!