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## **PTK's Citywide recognition ceremony to honor 740 youths for academic excellence**

**PUEBLO** – Academic excellence will be saluted for 740 fourth- and fifth-graders Wednesday evening when the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Elementary Academic Excellence (EAE) Citywide Celebration will take place beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Colorado State Fair Events Center.

The celebration honors students in Pueblo City Schools as well as charter and private schools in Pueblo for having earned a 3.75 GPA or higher during the fall 2010 or spring 2011 semesters. The program's goal is to give young students incentive to strive for scholastic excellence as they prepare to enter middle school.

The keynote speaker will be Dalton Spouse, who was recently named Executive Director of the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation.

The EAE is an initiative conducted by Pueblo Community College's Alpha Rho Theta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international student honors organization. Pat Garcia, who founded the Citywide Celebration as a PTK member, will attend Wednesday's event.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

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