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Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates to deliver commencement address to Blue Valley Northwest class of 2010

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates will deliver the Commencement Address to the Blue Valley Northwest High School Class of 2010.

Blue Valley Northwest (BVNW) has received this honor for their extraordinary achievement and outstanding effort in the first annual Race to the Top Commencement Challenge sponsored by the White House and the U.S. Department of Education.

The Commencement Challenge offered public high schools around the country a chance to show how they are challenging their students to excel in academics, take personal responsibility for their education, and graduate high school ready for college and career. More than one thousand schools submitted applications. BVNW was named as one of six finalists in the contest.

The BVNW Class of 2010 Commencement will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 23 at Kemper Arena located at 1800 Genessee Kansas City, MO 64102.

Note: Interested media must arrive at Kemper Arena near the arena's main stage no later than 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. All members of the media will be checked by security at this time as well as a short briefing about video/photo opportunities.

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