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### **British School of Washington's First Graduating Class**

Washington, DC – May 24, 2005 – The 8 year-old British School of Washington will graduate its first class of high school seniors in a ceremony at the British Embassy Residency on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. The four graduating pupils and their families will be guests of Sir David Manning, British Ambassador to the United States and his wife, Lady Catherine Manning. Matt Frei, the BBC's senior TV correspondent in Washington, will be the graduation speaker for a select group of school officials, parents, friends and teachers of the graduates.

The four graduating pupils will be heading off to University in the fall, some here in the states, others in the UK. One lucky pupil, American Luke McLaughlin, has already had an unconditional offer from Goldsmith's College, University of London for September, to read Spanish and European Studies. Chessie Davis, another American, has had offers from the University of Exeter, the University of Nottingham and Royal Holloway College, University of London. Ceri Williams will return to her native Wales where she has had an offer to read Physics at Cardiff University.

The British Schools of America were founded in 1998, when the first school opened in Washington D.C. The British Schools of Boston and Houston both opened in September 2000, the British School of Chicago opened in September 2001 and the British American School of Charlotte, the fifth school, opened in September 2004. It is anticipated during the next few years that the total number of British Schools of America will grow to 20, all located in major cities across the USA. Pupils at the British Schools of America follow the International Primary Curriculum, the National Curriculum of England through GCSEs and the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Teachers at the schools are recruited directly from the UK and are trained in the delivery of the National Curriculum, the IPC and the IB.

For more information on the British School of Washington, visit their website at [www.britishschool.org/washington](http://www.britishschool.org/washington) or contact Jenny Arwas, Headmistress of the British School of Washington at (202) 829-3700.

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