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QUIKRETE® SHOOTOUT WINNER RECEIVES NEW BASKETBALL COURT FOR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY

*Dedication Ceremony Broadcast on Tonight's Episode of Fox Sports Net's
"Best Damn Sports Show Period"*

ATLANTA (Aug. 29, 2006) – The QUIKRETE® Companies announced that fourteen-year-old Kate Thibodeau of Woolwich, Maine, was the winner of the QUIKRETE® Shootout, a nationwide contest in partnership with Fox Sports Net's "Best Damn Sports Show Period." The QUIKRETE® Shootout contest awarded the most deserving person and community, selected from submitted essays, a \$15,000 basketball court concrete-makeover.

Kate's winning essay focused on the fact that the basketball court at Woolwich Central School – from where she just graduated in May – was badly in need of repair and unable to be used by the community.

After identifying Kate as the winner and receiving permission from Woolwich Central officials, The QUIKRETE® Companies oversaw the repaving of the court, installation of a signature QUIKRETE® concrete border as well as commemorative plaque signifying Kate's achievement.

On Thursday, Aug. 24, the court was dedicated at a public ceremony outside Woolwich Central School. Dedication activities included games, giveaways and basketball exhibitions by the Harlem Rockets. The dedication was broadcast on Fox Sports Net's "Best Damn Sports Show Period" on August 29.

"The QUIKRETE® Shootout contest was a complete success, especially since we found such a deserving winner in Kate Thibodeau and her Woolwich Central School," said Dennis Winchester, QUIKRETE® executive vice president. "The QUIKRETE® Companies value tradition and community – it is our hope that the traditions started on this court will continue for years to come."

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Kate also was presented with a commemorative basketball signed by John Salley, Tom Arnold and Chris Rose – the hosts of the “Best Damn Sports Show Period.”

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