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**Three of the region's most recognized names come together
to provide an incredible opportunity for at-risk youth**

Who: Amarillo College, Globe News Center for the Performing Arts, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
What: Event to highlight a unique partnership (press conference)
When: Sunday, April 30, 2006 1:15 PM
Where: Globe News Center for the Performing Arts, Downtown Amarillo

Amarillo- Five Boys Ranch High School students are receiving the opportunity of a lifetime as the first students to serve as interns on local and national touring productions for the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts. In December, several Cal Farley residents began the application process with the hopes of being selected as the first area representatives from any high school to be chosen for the exclusive pilot program between the Boys Ranch Independent School District (BRISD) and the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts. Five lucky students were picked and on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 1:15 PM the Globe News Center will host a press conference to showcase the selected students and the work they are and have been doing. One of the interns, Taylor, a junior at Boys Ranch High School says, "The Center is amazing inside and out; it's really, really cool to be working here."

In addition to the chance to work at the prestigious and newly constructed building, the benefits the students received were heightened when Amarillo College (A.C.) became involved in the project. With the assistance of BRISD officials, A.C. developed a course curriculum and offered dual high school and college credit to the interns. Furthermore, Cal Farley's provided a vocational component to the partnership so that the students could actually be compensated for their efforts at the Center.

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Ali Tiegs, Education Director for the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts says, “This pilot project has been a team effort with Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch and Amarillo College, and we are looking forward to more opportunities like this for students in the future.”

The 4/30/06 press conference will mark the beginning of the work the interns will be doing on the Amarillo Symphony’s production, *Celebrate Youth*, scheduled for May 5-6, 2006 at the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts. During the concert, Amarillo Symphony musicians will play host to the Youth Orchestra. Jeff, a Boys Ranch senior, says “It will be neat to work on a symphony that features kids; I’m seriously looking forward to it.” Because of the internship opportunity and experiences Jeff has gained, he plans to study technical theater in college. In addition to the Symphony production, Jeff and the other interns have worked on several productions, including Lone Star Ballet’s presentation of Tulsa Ballet’s *Sleeping Beauty*, the national touring production of *Everybody’s Hero*, the Jackie Robinson Story, and the *Bernstein Bears*. Also, the students were honored to attend a Globe News Center for the Performing Arts opening night gala in January. Jackie Selman, the BRISD Theater Instructor says her students are experiencing “an incredible opportunity to get to work with so many professionals in the field of fine arts.”

The Cal Farley organization cares for approximately 310 boys and girls at its two campuses – Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. Children from pre-school through high school are accepted with no charge to their families. The Cal Farley programs provide a variety of academic, vocational, spiritual and extra-curricular activities for the children in care.

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