



## **Jesse D. Andrews**

Presidents Award 2008

*4th Annual "Risk Takers, Dream Makers" Awards Luncheon*

Jesse D. Andrews is a 17 year old senior attending Thomas Edison High school. He was born in Los Angeles, Ca. and raised by his grandmother. Jesse has lived in Fresno for 6 years. At the age of 13 he became actively involved in community affairs, church and committed his life to the Lord. Currently he acts as the Sunday School Asst. Superintendent and teacher for the Greater Macedonia Community Church of God in Christ.

Jesse is actively involved in The Know Youth Media, a youth organization designed to give young people a voice in their community through videos, creative writing and journalism. As part of The Know he worked on their planning committee for their Youth Forum Lock Down on School Violence, Jesse was took a strong position in the River Park Curfew serving to help implement a plan to bring peace between City Hall and teens all over the city.

Jesse Andrews helped The Fresno Regional Foundation Grants Advisory Board with giving money through philanthropy to youth organizations in the county area and youth led projects to help better their communities. He has been a product of many leadership programs such as CATAPULT and has worked with Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development and the City of Fresno on the California Avenue Project. As a volunteer at Fresno West Coalition he has gained outreach experience. He has hosted community events such as Career Night, hosting special guest such as: Councilmember Cynthia Sterling, Stephanie Boorojian, Sheriff Margaret Mims, Kojo Moore, Robert Mitchell and Jean Chaffee spoke.