**McKinney Academic Vocabulary**

**List 3.2.2**

1. **accolade (AK uh layd) <noun>** praise, an award *He received many* ***accolades*** *for being an outstanding teacher.*
2. **bequeath (buh KWEETH) <verb>** to hand down, to give or to leave in a will *According to Antony, Julius Caesar had planned to* ***bequeath*** *money and land to the masses.*
3. **conflagration (kon fluh GRAY shun) <noun>** a large fire *The wheat fields were destroyed by the* ***conflagration****.*
4. **diffidence (DIF eh duns) <noun>** shyness, reserve, unassertiveness *Because of his* ***diffidence****, he decided not to run for president of the club.*
5. **ethereal (eh THER ee ul) <adjective>** heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible *It seems like music in airports often has an* ***ethereal*** *quality.*
6. **morose (muh ROSE) <adjective>** being sullen or gloomy *He was very* ***morose*** *after his wife left him.*
7. **poignant (POIN yunt) <adjective>** piercing, incisive, and keen *The man’s* ***poignant*** *words struck at the very heart of the matter.*
8. **provincial (pruh VEN shul) <adjective>** lacking sophistication, narrow-minded *The* ***provincial*** *country boy didn’t fit in too well when he went off to the university.*
9. **spontaneous (spon TAY nee us) <adjective>** having no external cause, acting on impulse *I made the* ***spontaneous*** *decision yesterday to go clothes shopping.*
10. **voluble (VOL yuh bul) <adjective>** ability to use words easily, fluent and glib *A talk show host needs to be a* ***voluble*** *speaker.*