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THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES REGIONAL FINALISTS FOR THE 2009-2010 CLASS OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

WASHINGTON, DC – The White House announced today that 108 outstanding men and women from across the country have been selected as Regional Finalists for the White House Fellows Program. Founded in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson, the White House Fellows Program is the nation's most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

This year's Regional Finalists represent a broad cross-section of professions, including technology, education, health care, state government, engineering, business, consulting, law, the non-profit sector, and the military. A complete list of the Regional Finalists is included below.

During March and April 2009, Regional Finalists will participate in a rigorous interview process. Based on the results of these interviews, approximately thirty candidates will be named National Finalists. The President's Commission on White House Fellowships will interview the National Finalists in June 2009 and then recommend candidates to President Barack Obama for a one-year appointment as White House Fellows.

White House Fellows spend a year working as full-time, paid special assistants to senior White House Staff, Cabinet Secretaries and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors and trips to study U.S. policy in action both domestically and internationally.

Selection as a White House Fellow is highly competitive and based on a record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career, evidence of leadership potential, a proven commitment to public service, and the knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the highest levels of the Federal government. Fellowships are awarded on a strictly non-partisan basis. The program has fostered a legacy of leadership, with nearly 600 alumni who are respected leaders. Alumni include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Travelocity CEO Michelle Peluso, and Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert.

2009-2010 White House Fellows Regional Finalists:

Chisaraokwu N. Asomugha
Laura M. Bacon
Andrew J. Baldwin
Komal Bazaz Smith
Scott A. Berkowitz

Hamden, CT
Cambridge, MA
Washington, DC
Arlington, VA
Columbia, MD

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| Trevor P. Blair | San Diego, CA |
| Eric H. Blinderman | New York, NY |
| Jeremy N. Block | Durham, NC |
| Christina Boiler | New York, NY |
| Jacquelyn R. Bonner | Washington, DC |
| Sudip K. Bose | Chicago, IL |
| Nicole E. Campbell | Brooklyn, NY |
| Dimitri C. Cassimatis | Landstuhl, Germany |
| Robert C. Castelli | Southern Pines, NC |
| Sreekanth K. Chaguturu | Boston, MA |
| Carolyn N. Choi | Los Altos, CA |
| Aysha A. Chowdhry | Chevy Chase, MD |
| Bowen Chung | Santa Monica, CA |
| David W. Cooper | Waldorf, MD |
| Chad A. Crank | Little Rock, AR |
| Gery B. Cummings | Manhattan, KS |
| Luqman K. Dad | Buffalo, NY |
| Amar A. Desai | Westlake Village, CA |
| Kyle W. Dietrich | Southlake, TX |
| John E. Ethridge | Alexandria, VA |
| Jose M. Fernandez | San Francisco, CA |
| Jonathan J. Finer | New Haven, CT |
| Theodore S. Fish | Santa Fe, NM |
| Eric T. Fleckten | Kirkville, NY |
| David C. Foley | Clarksville, TN |
| Daniel P. Gallagher | Havertown, PA |
| Rebekah E. Gee | Philadelphia, PA |
| Elisha P. Gilliam | Baltimore, MD |
| Victor J. Glover | Ridgecrest, CA |
| Shawn-Pavan M. Golhar | Santa Monica, CA |
| John T. Green | San Diego, CA |
| Peter F. Halvorsen | Norfolk, VA |
| Kenneth E. Harbaugh | Hamden, CT |
| Sarah A. Harris | Indianapolis, IN |
| Garry A. Harsanyi | Princeton, NJ |
| Alexander J. Hartemink | Durham, NC |
| Kellie M. Hawkins | Los Angeles, CA |
| Michael J. Hillyard | Jacksonville, FL |
| Zheng Y. Huang | San Jose, CA |
| Ellen C. Hunter | Atlanta, GA |
| Erica L. Jacquez Santos | Lakewood, CA |
| Kellee T. James | Chicago, IL |
| Sarah S. Johnson | Cambridge, MA |
| Timothy Johnson | Crofton, MD |
| Joanna T. Katzman | Abuja, Nigeria |
| Moushumi M. Khan | Ann Arbor, MI |
| Maureen E. Kinder | Washington, DC |
| Michael E. Kopko | Fort Lauderdale, FL |
| Robert E. Kopp | Princeton, NJ |
| Benjamin L. Kornell | Palo Alto, CA |
| Emma L. Kurnat-Thoma | Bethesda, MD |
| H Clay Lyle | Woodbridge, VA |
| Robert K. Lyman | Niceville, FL |
| James H. Mackey | Brussels, Belgium |

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| Anish P. Mahajan | Los Angeles, CA |
| Mehret Mandefro | Philadelphia, PA |
| Brett H. Mandel | Philadelphia, PA |
| Ann T. Maxwell | Santa Barbara, CA |
| Loren Z. McArthur | Lexington, MA |
| Matthew Meyer | Brooklyn, NY |
| Emil G. Michael | Miami Beach, FL |
| Suzanne M. Miller | Washington, DC |
| Lisa K. Miller | South Orange, NJ |
| Kristin E. Misner | New York, NY |
| James H. Moran | Washington, DC |
| Katherine Mossman | Palmdale, CA |
| Ali Nouri | Washington, DC |
| James E. O'Harrach | Fernandina Beach, FL |
| Patrick H. O'Mahoney | Corpus Christi, TX |
| Collin P. O'Mara | Berkeley, CA |
| Abimbola T. Omoniyi | New York, NY |
| Obinna A. Onyeagoro | New York, NY |
| Brandon D. Parker | Montgomery, AL |
| Allen J. Pepper | Springfield, VA |
| Omar M. Rashid | Richmond, VA |
| Kyle A. Rasmussen | Mason, OH |
| Kristin A. Resnansky | New York, NY |
| Kendric H. Robbins | Iraq |
| Cindy L. Rodriguez | Lutz, FL |
| Allison I. Rogers | Providence, RI |
| Matthew A. Rojansky | Washington, DC |
| Adam R. Rosenthal | San Diego, CA |
| Mark A. Rothert | Canton, IL |
| Anthony L. Russell | Stafford, VA |
| Manish K. Sethi | Brookline, MA |
| Minesh P. Shah | Bronx, NY |
| Raj M. Shah | Philadelphia, PA |
| Rachel G. Skerritt | Roxbury, MA |
| Brooke K. Stearns Lawson | Venice, CA |
| Marc S. Sternberg | New York, NY |
| Maura C. Sullivan | Palo Alto, CA |
| Scott A. Suozzi | Washington, DC |
| Brian K. Surratt | Seattle, WA |
| Natasha Tarpley | Chicago, IL |
| Adam R. Taylor | Washington, DC |
| Presiliano R. Torrez | Albuquerque, NM |
| Christopher J. Voorhees | Altadena, CA |
| Chris E. Wallace | Irving, TX |
| Michael E. Webber | Austin, TX |
| Laura I. Weinbaum | Philadelphia, PA |
| Sonia A. Zeledon | Washington, DC |
| Wei Lily Zhou | Sparta, TN |
| David E. Zipper | Brooklyn, NY |