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FINALISTS FOR JOHN P. MCNULTY PRIZE ANNOUNCED ANNUAL \$100,000 AWARD RECOGNIZES VISIONARY PROGRAMS AROUND THE GLOBE

Washington, DC, July 5: The Aspen Institute and Anne Welsh McNulty, Institute Trustee, today announced the finalists for the third annual John P. McNulty Prize. The \$100,000 award, named in memory of the business leader and Aspen Institute Trustee, celebrates extraordinary young leaders making creative, effective and lasting contributions to their communities.

"These young leaders are taking on the world's most intractable issues with boundless energy and enthusiasm" said Anne Welsh McNulty. "My husband John was all about ideas. He loved discussing and arguing about them at length, but he always gave the greatest weight to their outcomes --to actually making a difference in ways that we can see, ways we can measure, ways we can replicate in new settings."

The prize seeks to galvanize efforts to address the foremost social, economic and political challenges of our time by recognizing the best of the exceptional leadership projects undertaken by the fellows of the Aspen Global Leadership Initiatives around the world. The finalists were announced at the annual Aspen Ideas Festival.

The winner of the John P. McNulty Prize will be selected by an international panel of judges including former Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**; **Judith Rodin**, President of the Rockefeller Foundation; and **Olara Otunnu**, International Statesman from Uganda. The prize will be awarded on November 4, 2010 at the 27th annual awards ceremony in New York City.

For more information about John McNulty's legacy of leadership, a video featuring the 2010 finalists and the latest news, please visit <http://www.mcnultyprize.org>

The finalists...

HIGH RESOLVES INITIATIVE – Sydney, Australia
Mehrddad Baghai
Henry Crown Fellowship

Mehrddad is the founder of boutique venture and advisory firm Alchemy Growth partners and author of the book *The Alchemy of Growth*. In 2008 Mehrddad began the High Resolves Initiative, a multi-year curriculum in leadership training, which encourages high school students to develop their concepts of global citizenship, justice, and problem solving. The program has grown from 4,700 to 15,000 participating students since 2008 and established partnerships with seven universities across Australia.

ASPIRE HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT – Gurgaon Haryana, India
Amit Bhatia
India Leadership Initiative

After serving as CEO of WNS Knowledge Services and founding McKinsey Knowledge Center in New Delhi, Amit followed his passion to found Aspire in 2007. Aspire works to enhance employability in India by providing skills training to college-aged students and the unemployed in the untapped markets of smaller Indian cities with its “Employability Education Management System.” This system allows Aspire to partner with corporations to ensure that students learn skills needed now in the workplace. Aspire currently has over 12,000 students training at 15 locations across 8 Indian states, and has developed a portable training module, making the program replicable and portable to many other cities and schools.

ROCKETSHIP EDUCATION – San Jose, CA
John Danner
Henry Crown Fellowship

With Rocketship Education, John Danner is pioneering a “hybrid” education model, working with K-5 elementary schoolers in at-risk communities to innovatively combine online learning with classroom instruction. This educational approach allows for a more creative and effective use of resources, individual instruction, and better address each student’s unique learning needs. It also enables a significant reduction in staffing and facilities costs, allowing it to reach a wider range of students. John used his experience teaching in Nashville public schools and as the CEO of NetGravity to create a fast growing network of innovative schools. Rocketship plans to expand to 30 schools in San Jose serving over 15,000 students by 2020.

GLASSWING INTERNATIONAL – San Salvador, El Salvador
Diego de Sola
Central America Leadership Initiative

The CEO of Salvadorian real estate investment development firm Inversiones Bolivar SA de CV, Diego de Sola believes that individuals should be involved, take action, and give back to their communities. In 2007, Diego began Glasswing as a large-scale volunteering initiative, which leverages individuals’, communities’, and companies’ financial and material resources

to create cross-sector partnerships with innovative community projects. Since its inception, Glasswing has enabled over 10,000 volunteers to work on community projects, mobilized more than \$2,000,000 for health, education and other causes, and founded a satellite office in Guatemala.

ACUMEN FUND FELLOWS – New York, NY

Jacqueline Novogratz

Henry Crown Fellowship

Jacqueline is the founder of Acumen Fund, a leading non-profit capital fund that invests patient capital in businesses providing critical goods and services to the poor, Jacqueline recognized an opportunity for Acumen Fund to seed the next generation of leadership for the social sector by training young people to lead with a combination of business and nonprofit skills, so she created the Acumen Fellows program in 2005. Four years after its start, the Acumen Fund Fellows Program has received over 2000 applications from 70 countries and has trained 24 individuals of 16 different nationalities. The program will launch its first country-focused training program in 2012 with the aim of developing thousands of global and local leaders who will transform the social sector.

The Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN) is a growing, worldwide community of entrepreneurial leaders from business, government and the nonprofit sector -- currently, over 1000 "Fellows" from 43 countries -- who share a commitment to enlightened leadership and to using their extraordinary creativity, energy and resources to tackle the foremost societal challenges of our times. All share the common experience of participating in the Henry Crown Fellowship or one of the dozen Aspen Institute leadership initiatives it has inspired in the United States, Africa, Central America, India and the Middle East.

The Aspen Institute mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. The Aspen Institute does this primarily in four ways: seminars, young-leader fellowships around the globe, policy programs and public conferences and events. The Institute is based in Washington, DC, Aspen, Colorado, and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore and has an international network of partners.

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