

President's Commission on White House Fellowships Announces the 2012 National Finalists

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today the President's Commission on White House Fellowships announced thirty National Finalists for the White House Fellows Class of 2012-2013. The National Finalists will take part in Selection Weekend June 7-10 in Washington, D.C. with the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. The Commission is made up of distinguished national leaders who will recommend between 11-19 individuals to President Obama for a one year appointment as Fellows. The Finalists come from varied professions including medicine, law, business, journalism, local government, and the armed services. Those chosen to be Fellows will be part of the 48th class to serve in the nation's most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

For more information on the White House Fellows Program, please see below.

2012 White House Fellows Program National Finalists

Each Finalist is listed with his or her current job title and hometown.

Elliot Ackerman

Chief Operating Officer, Americans Elect; *Washington, DC*

Archie Bates

Major, United States Army; *Bessemer, AL*

Ariel Batungbacal

Major, United States Air Force; *Marietta, GA*

Paris Butler

Categorical General Surgery Resident, UVA Department of Surgery; *Charlottesville, VA*

Dave Chokshi

Resident Physician and Clinical Fellow, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School; *Baton Rouge, LA*

Christopher Domencic

Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy; *Export, PA*

Virginia Emmons

Chief Expansion Officer, Learning One to One Foundation; *Greendale, WI*

Jason Galui

Major, United States Army; *Beverly, MA*

Mark Griep

National Research Council Associate Fellow, Bio-Nano Hybrid Materials Group at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory; *Cadillac, MI*

Mark Hanis

Co-Founder, Organ Collaborative; *Plantation, FL*

Bethany Henderson

Founder & Executive Director, City Hall Fellows; *Arlington, VA*

Andrew Hyslop

Mid-Career Fellow in Public Policy, Princeton University; *Howell, MI*

Candice Jones

Executive Director, Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission; *Chicago, IL*

Kermit Jones

Physician and Healthcare Policy Professional; *Haven, MI*

Cara LaPointe

Commander, United States Navy; *Bethesda, MD*

Amen Ra Mashariki

Senior Bioinformatics Researcher, John Hopkins University; *Chicago, IL*

Lawrence Nance

Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy; *Tomball, TX*

Anne O'Connell

Lieutenant Commander, United States Coast Guard; *West Haven, CT*

Monica Ramirez

Senior Staff Attorney and Project Director, Southern Poverty Law Center; *Fremont, OH*

Kiersten Regelin

Global Citizenship and Social Innovation Program Manager, Hewlett-Packard; *Marengo, IL*

Missy Ryan

Military Affairs and Afghanistan Pakistan Correspondent, Reuters News; *Washington, DC*

Darshak Sanghavi

Chief of Pediatric Cardiology, University of Massachusetts; *Brookline, MA*

Shireen Santosham

Senior Associate, McKinsey and Company; *Baltimore, MD*

Judy Schaechter

Associate Professor and Associate Chair of Pediatrics, University of Miami; *Miami, FL*

Carolyn Snyder

Director, Delaware's Division of Energy and Climate; *Bethesda, MD*

Adam Thiel

Fire Chief, City of Alexandria; *Fairfax, VA*

Andres Torres

Assistant District Attorney, Manhattan District Attorney's Office; *New York, NY*

Ginger Turner

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, University of Oxford; *Galveston, TX*

Anand Veeravagu

Chief Neurosurgery Resident, Stanford University Hospital and Clinics; *Palo Alto, CA*

Jason Washington

Senior Policy Advisor, City of Baltimore; *Texarkana, TX*

About the White House Fellows Program

Founded in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the White House Fellowship is an opportunity for exceptional women and men to spend one-year working in the offices of Cabinet Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, and other high level Executive Branch officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors, travel domestically and abroad to study U.S. policy in action, and commit to community service activities throughout the year. Fellows are expected to repay the privilege of this experience by contributing to the country as leaders and public servants in their communities and professions. The White House Fellowship is non-partisan and has been supported by Presidents of both parties since its founding.

This year's National Finalists have already advanced through a highly competitive selection process. Selection as a Fellow is based on a record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career, evidence of leadership potential, a proven commitment to public service, and demonstrated ability to contribute meaningfully at the highest levels of Federal Government. After Selection Weekend, the President's Commission will recommend 11-19 individuals to the President for appointment as White House Fellows.

The President's Commission on White House Fellowships is chaired by John R. Phillips, a partner in the Washington, DC law firm of Phillips & Cohen, LLP. Dr. Cheryl Dorsey serves as the Vice Chair, and is the president of Echoing Green, a pioneer in the social entrepreneurship movement. Other members of the Commission are: Office of Personnel Management Director John Berry, Tom Brokaw, General Wesley Clark (ret.), former Senator Thomas Daschle, former Judge Nelson Diaz, Dr. Helene Gayle, Dr. Vartan Gregorian, Steve Gunderson, Keith Harper, Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale, Deborah Harmon, Christy Haubegger, Dr. Peter Blair Henry, John

Hockenberry, George Muñoz, General Lloyd W. Newton (ret.), Pierre Omidyar, Dr. Roger Porter, former Senator Paul Sarbanes, Dr. Ruth J. Simmons, Dr. George Thibault, Dr. Bryan Traubert, Laurence Tribe, Eleanor Kaye Wilson, and Judy Wise.

Those selected to be a Fellow will join an accomplished group of more than 600 alumni including former Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, General Colin Powell, Governor Samuel Brownback, U.S. Representative Joe Barton, CNN Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, writer Doris Kearns Goodwin, and Univision President Cesar Conde

Additional information about the Program is located at www.whitehouse.gov/fellows.

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