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OPENING REMARKS

Youth Presentation

Kelci Meade

Welcome

Robert H. Bruininks, Ph.D.

*President
University of Minnesota*

Presentation of the Colors

**The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
Twin Cities Squadron**

National Anthem

Thomas J. Stratton

Future Business Leaders of America

SESSION I

THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR YOUTH

Youth Presentation

Romnick Dunham

Moderator

The Honorable Terry Cline, Ph.D.

*Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Michael Resnick, Ph.D.

*Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health and
Director, Healthy Youth Development Research Center School of Medicine
University of Minnesota*

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SESSION II CARING ADULTS CONNECTING WITH YOUTH

Youth Presentation
David Moreno

Moderator
The Honorable Troy Justesen, Ed.D.
Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education

Jim Diesing
Mentor
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities

Charles Lee-Johnson
Chief Executive Officer
National Family Life and Education Center

Jason Kamras
2005 National Teacher of the Year

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SESSION III CONNECTING WITH BOYS

Youth Presentation
Evan St. Clair

Moderator
Melissa Johnson
*Executive Director, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Autry Phillips
*Director of Community Support, CeaseFire Supervisor,
CeaseFire Illinois*

Roland C. Warren
*President
National Fatherhood Initiative*

Mike Gottfried
*Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Team Focus, Inc.*

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SESSION IV THE COMMUNITY GUIDE TO HELPING AMERICA'S YOUTH

Youth Presentation
Tracina Coward

Harry Wilson
Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau
Administrator for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Helping America's Youth Video

GENERAL PLENARY SESSION

Introduction of Governor Pawlenty by Maia Walter

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty
Governor of Minnesota

Introduction of Mrs. Bush by Evan St. Clair

Remarks
Laura Bush
First Lady of the United States

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SESSION V CONNECTING WITH TRIBAL YOUTH

Youth Presentation
Ashlen Delgado

Moderator
Kathleen Annette, M.D.
*Bemidji Area Director, Indian Health Service
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Elona Street-Stewart
*Chair, Board of Education, Saint Paul Public Schools and
Chair, American Indian Family Center*

Mark LoMurray
*Project Director
North Dakota Tribal-Rural Mentoring Partnership*

Deanna Parisian
*Education Coordinator
Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes*

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CLOSING REMARKS

Robert H. Bruininks, Ph.D.

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CLOSING PERFORMANCE

Three Affiliated Tribes Youth Dance Troupe

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Kathleen R. Annette, M.D.

Bemidji Area Director, Indian Health Service,

United States Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Kathleen R. Annette is a member of the White Earth Band of Chippewa and a Minnesota native. She began her career with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in 1986 as a medical officer at the Leech Lake Service Unit at Cass Lake, Minnesota, where she became Clinical Director. Later as the Chief Medical Officer and now Director for the Bemidji Area of the IHS, Dr. Annette manages a varied health care program. She is involved with the development and implementation of an annual Health Care Providers conference that addresses health issues affecting American Indians and serves on a national strategic planning committee for the IHS. Dr. Annette is a member of the IHS Director's Executive Council, serves on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs, and is a board member of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation in the State of Minnesota. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Annette holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry and a Doctor of Medicine. Professional affiliations include the Association of American Indian Physicians. Dr. Annette's recognitions include the U.S. Public Health Service Outstanding Service Award, the American Indian Service Awards, the Association of American Indian Physicians Recognition Award for Endeavors in American Indian Education on AIDS, the Jake White Crow Award, induction into the Northwest Minnesota Women's Hall of Fame, and honorary membership in the Red Lake Nation.

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Robert H. Bruininks, Ph.D.

President, University of Minnesota

Dr. Robert H. Bruininks was appointed the 15th president of the University of Minnesota on November 8, 2002. He has served the University for 39 years, formerly as a professor, dean, and executive vice president, and provost. For the past three years, he has overseen a transformative strategic positioning effort that has raised the bar considerably for the University's academic profile, service to students and the community, and stewardship of resources. Dr. Bruininks' academic career has centered on human development and performance, policy research and development in education and social services, and strategic improvement and accountability in the fields of education for pre-kindergarten-to-grade 12, as well as higher education. He has received numerous awards, including election to Fellow status in the American Association on Mental Retardation, the American Psychological Association, and the American Psychological Society. Dr. Bruininks earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University, and his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from George Peabody College (now Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University).

The Honorable Terry Cline, Ph.D.

*Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA),
United States Department of Health and Human Services*

As SAMHSA Administrator, Dr. Terry Cline leads the \$3.3 billion agency responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment, and mental health service delivery systems. Prior to his appointment as SAMHSA Administrator, Dr. Cline served as Oklahoma's Secretary of Health and Oklahoma's Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. He served as a provider while the Clinical Director of the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts and as a Staff Psychologist at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts. His professional history also includes a six-year appointment as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Chairman of the governing board for a Harvard teaching hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. A native of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Dr. Cline attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1980. He then received both a master's degree and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University.

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Jim Diesing

Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities

In addition to being a mentor, Jim Diesing is President and Founder of Health Restore Enterprises. During a successful career as a sales executive for IBM, he became involved as a Big Brother through Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America. He devotes time to persuading others to become mentors and caring adults in the lives of children. As a featured speaker at a luncheon hosted by the Governor of Minnesota, Mr. Diesing spoke to corporate CEO's about the importance of their employees becoming participants in community service. A mentor for 15 years, he has received local and national attention for his work mentoring children. In 2003, he was awarded the "Angel of Mentoring" Award by the Minnesota Mentoring Partnership, and in 2004, Mr. Diesing and his mentee, David, were special guests of President and Mrs. George W. Bush at the State of the Union Address. Mr. Diesing recently attended the wedding of his first Little Brother in San Francisco.

Mike Gottfried

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Team Focus and College Football Game Analyst

In 2001, Mr. Gottfried founded Team Focus, a comprehensive community outreach program for boys. His vision and drive for the program are based on his life experiences. The goal of Team Focus is to provide fatherless young men ages 9 to 16 years with leadership skills, guidance, godly values and a continual relationship with a mentor. Through teamwork with the families, teachers and counselors, Team Focus offers support in a relaxed, cost-free atmosphere. Mr. Gottfried, who spent 12 successful seasons as a college football coach is now one of television's most respected game analysts. Since 1990, he has served as a College Football Analyst for ESPN's *Saturday Primetime* telecasts.

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Melissa Johnson

*Executive Director, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports,
United States Department of Health and Human Services*

Melissa Johnson, appointed by President George W. Bush as Executive Director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, is a nationally recognized leader in physical activity, fitness and health promotion. Ms. Johnson's more than twenty years of leadership experience include Executive Director of the California Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Vice President and Western Regional Chair of the National Association of Health and Fitness (formerly the National Association of Governor's Councils on Physical Fitness and Sports), and Director of Operations for National Fitness Leaders Association. She has also worked in corporate health promotion, designed wellness programs, and served as spokesperson for a variety of events for the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. Ms. Johnson has a Master of Science degree in health/fitness management from American University, where she taught as an adjunct professor; and a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from UCLA.

The Honorable Troy R. Justesen, Ed.D.

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education,
United States Department of Education*

Dr. Troy R. Justesen is the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education. His responsibilities include ensuring increased coordination between the Department of Education and the states through high schools and community colleges that provide Career and Technical Education opportunities. He also manages the Adult Basic Education programs that provide funds to the states to assist individuals in building their basic literacy skills. Dr. Justesen holds a deep interest in programs that promote opportunities for young people with disabilities. He is the former director of the Department's Office of Special Education Programs. He is especially interested in programs that encourage high school age students with disabilities to transition to college. He earned his Doctorate of Education in education policy from Vanderbilt University.

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Jason Kamras

2005 National Teacher of the Year

Jason Kamras is a seventh and eighth grade mathematics teacher at John Philip Sousa Middle School, a District of Columbia public school. In April of 2005, President Bush named Jason Kamras the 2005 National Teacher of the Year. He began teaching in 1996 as a member of Teach for America. Mr. Kamras was recognized for helping his students make unprecedented achievement gains in one of America's most disadvantaged communities. He was also recognized for co-founding and directing the EXPOSE digital photography program at his school for which he previously received the Mayor's Art Award, the highest arts honor bestowed by the District of Columbia. Mr. Kamras graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in public policy. In 2000, he earned his master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer, National Family Life and Education Center

Charles Lee-Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of National Family Life and Education Center. Mr. Lee-Johnson is also the Chief Facilitator for the Sankofa Preparatory Academy Charter School Advisory Board, and provides consultation and training services both locally and nationally. Mr. Lee-Johnson has received numerous commendations from organizations including the Los Angeles Unified School District, Ohio Abstinence Campaign, California State Legislature, Alaska's South Central Foundation, National Fatherhood Initiative, and the National Association of Social Workers. Mr. Lee-Johnson has created a curriculum for the "Ten Step Rites of Passage" program which consists of interactive, life-changing workshops for youth and families at risk. Additionally, Mr. Lee-Johnson has co-authored a curriculum for healthy African American couples, and a curriculum for inmates, parolees and their respective families called "On Your Mark/Keeping the Faith."

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Mark LoMurray

*Director, North Dakota Tribal/Rural Mentoring Partnership and
Co-founder, North Dakota Suicide Prevention Task Force*

Mark LoMurray is the Director of the North Dakota Tribal/Rural Mentoring Partnership, one of the nation's largest tribal/rural mentoring efforts with over 400 mentors meeting individually with youth. Mr. LoMurray has thirty years experience working with adolescents and families on issues related to health risk behaviors, especially suicide, substance abuse, violence, and incidents of trauma. He co-founded the North Dakota Suicide Prevention Task Force and was the Project Director for the North Dakota Adolescent Suicide Prevention Project which won the American Public Health Association Public Health Practice Award. He is also part of the national Rural Youth Suicide Prevention Workgroup for STIPDA (State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association) and has written the *Sources of Strength in Suicide Prevention Curriculum*, which is on the Indian Health Services promising practice list. In addition, he is an associate of the Central Center for Applied Prevention Technologies and Associate Professor at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

Michael D. Resnick, Ph.D.

*Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health and Director of Research in the Division of Adolescent Health
and Medicine, University of Minnesota*

Dr. Michael Resnick is Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, and holds the Konopka Chair in Adolescent Health and Development at the University of Minnesota. His scholarly work, teaching and advocacy focus on health and risk behaviors, resiliency and protective factors in the lives of young people. Dr. Resnick directs the Healthy Youth Development Prevention Research Center, conducting research with community partners, and providing leadership training to postgraduate health professionals specializing in community-based prevention research. He has received four awards for outstanding adolescent health research and teaching to interdisciplinary audiences. Dr. Resnick is particularly interested in the translation of research into programs, policies, and practices that make a difference in the lives of young people.

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Deanna Parisian

Education Coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes

Deanna Parisian is a Mandan and Hidatsa Indian from the Three Affiliated Tribes in New Town, ND. She has been a longtime educator who has worked with Native students throughout her 25-year teaching career. She has taught school, has been a school counselor and a school principal in North Dakota and in Montana. Ms. Parisian has a bachelor's degree from Rocky Mountain College and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of South Dakota. Her primary goal has been to help Indian students achieve their education and to become a productive citizen of society and of Native societies as well.

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty

Governor, State of Minnesota

Lifelong Minnesotan Tim Pawlenty was sworn in as the state's 38th Governor in January 2003. Minnesota was facing a \$4.5 billion deficit, the largest in state history. Months after Governor Pawlenty took office; the legislature adopted his plan to eliminate the deficit without raising taxes. By the end of 2006, the state's budget had improved from an historic deficit to a \$2.2 billion surplus. Besides returning Minnesota to financial security, Governor Pawlenty fought for and oversaw passage of a dramatic overhaul and improvement of the state's education standards; significant increases in K-12 education spending along with a nation-leading teacher performance pay program; health care reforms that led to a zero percent premium increase in the state insurance program; major welfare reform; tort liability reform; a range of new government efficiency initiatives; the creation of a nation-leading prescription drug website; and a doubling of the state's ethanol standard to increase use of renewable fuels and reduce dependence on foreign oil. Governor Pawlenty serves as Chair of the National Governors Association and on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council, the Achieve Inc. Board of Directors, and the James B. Hunt Jr. Institute Board of Directors. He is a former chair of the Midwestern Governors Association and the Governors Ethanol Coalition. Governor Pawlenty and his wife Mary have two daughters.

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Autry Phillips

Director of Community Support, CeaseFire Supervisor, CeaseFire Illinois

Employed by TARGET Area DevCorp, Mr. Autry Phillips has been working in the field of public safety and street intervention for four years. In this capacity, he organizes, facilitates and conducts violence prevention activities and street level interventions with those involved in gangs, drugs, and other unlawful practices. He also works to assist ex-offenders as they strive to re-integrate successfully into the community. In addition, he trains other organizational directors, employees, and leaders on best practices for violence prevention and street level intervention. Prior to working in public safety, Mr. Phillips worked for 20 years at Amoco Corporation as Assistant to the Vice President of Information Technology. He completed his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Langston University and is currently studying non-profit management at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business.

Elona Street-Stewart

Chair, Board of Education, Saint Paul Public Schools and

Chair, American Indian Family Center

In 2001 Elona Street-Stewart (Delaware, Nanticoke), Chair of the Saint Paul School Board of Education, became the first American Indian to serve on an urban school district board in Minnesota. Ms. Street-Stewart also serves as chair of the Minnesota Education Partnership and the American Indian Family Center, and is president-elect of the national American Indian Alaska Native School Board Caucus. She is active in the Saint Paul Children's Collaborative; Twin Cities Healthy Start; The Saint Paul Foundation's Anti-Racism Advisory Committee; American Indians in Unity for Housing; and the Friends of the Library. Ms. Street-Stewart is also a founding member of the Saint Paul Early Language and Literacy Collaborative and serves as an elder of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church. In 1999, she was named Minnesota Indian Education Association Parent of the Year.

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Three Affiliated Tribes Youth Dance Troupe

The Three Affiliated Tribes Youth Dance Troupe represents the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation and the Fort Berthold Boys and Girls Club of mid-western North Dakota. The dancers, ranging in age from ten to eighteen years old, showcase six styles of Plains Powwow Dancing which include Men's Fancy Bustle, Men's Grass, Men's Traditional, Women's Fancy Shawl, Women's Jingle, and Women's Traditional. Each style of dance represents a specific history and tells a story of American Indian culture, values, and traditions.

Roland C. Warren

President, National Fatherhood Initiative

As President of the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), Roland C. Warren is dedicated to NFI's mission of improving the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible and committed fathers. Before joining NFI, Mr. Warren worked as a financial consultant for Goldman, Sachs, & Co. in Philadelphia. He has also worked as an Associate Director of Development for his undergraduate alma mater, Princeton University, and in management positions for both IBM and PepsiCo.

Harry Wilson

Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services

Harry Wilson is an Associate Commissioner for the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. He is charged with leading the Family and Youth Services Bureau, which provides national leadership on youth issues, and assistance to help faith- and community-based organizations provide effective services for youth and families in at-risk situations. Annually the Bureau serves over 630,000 homeless youth and their families in over 700 programs. The Bureau is the lead agency for a government-wide, crosscutting initiative on Positive Youth Development. It also administers the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program, the Family Violence Prevention Services grant program, and abstinence education programs, which provide funding to states and communities to encourage youth to make healthy choices and plan for their futures. As one of the Administration's leaders on Positive Youth Development, Mr. Wilson has utilized his lifelong experience to promote youth engagement strategies.