





THE PRESIDENT

welcomes you to
THE WHITE HOUSE

in celebration of
the fortieth anniversary of the

WHITE HOUSE
FELLOWS PROGRAM
1965-2005



Friday, October 28, 2005

WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS 1965-66

William R. Cotter
John A. De Luca
Richard de Neufville
Edwin B. Firmage
W. Thomas Johnson
Robert R. Lee
Ronald B. Lee
Charles M. Maguire
David C. Mulford
Howard N. Nemerovski
Robert E. Patricelli
Harold A. Richman
Thomas C. Veblen
Michael H. Walsh
Kimon S. Zachos

WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS 2005-06

Rodney D. Bullard
John Daniel Caine
Eric R. Greitens
Jennifer A. Jacobs
Sean P. McLaughlin
Steven L. Parker
Keith A. Pellegrini
Robert L. Reffkin
Michael W. Studeman
Cory T. Wilson
Kenneth R. Zeff
Laurie C. Zephyrin

THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

In 1957, philanthropist John W. Gardner envisioned a program that would expose America's young men and women of "intelligence, character, special talents and general promise" to the nation's government with the goal of creating a "reservoir of men and women with more than ordinary comprehension of government and more than ordinary willingness to serve."

The first steps toward making this vision a reality were taken seven years later when President Johnson issued Executive Order 11183, creating the White House Fellowships. A month later, President Johnson announced the appointment of a Presidential Commission to oversee the Fellowships. Within days of the announcement, more than 8,000 young men and women expressed interest in the program.

Shortly thereafter, Thomas W. Carr, director of the government's executive development programs, was charged with designing the program. Working with Gardner to refine the goals, Carr commented: "We wanted to re-create the 18th century American ideal of the citizen who felt an obligation that was larger than family, hometown, or state—a national obligation."

The program design was straightforward. Fellows would be assigned to senior White House officials and Cabinet members as special assistants. Through their work they would participate in decision making at the highest levels and learn the lessons of leadership. This work was to be augmented by policy trips and off-the-record conversations "with leaders in government, military, diplomatic corps, press, business, labor, academia, science, philanthropy, and the arts."

Forty years later, through eight presidencies, Gardner's vision and Carr's blueprint remain the foundation of the White House Fellows Program and the program's alumni are actively building a legacy of leadership and service to the Nation.

PROGRAM

Remarks by
THE PRESIDENT



THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower—*Chair*
Mr. Ronald G. Bellamy
The Honorable Richard Alan Bennett
Mrs. Myrna Blyth
Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Ph.D. (WHF '72-73)
The Honorable Sara Gear Boyd
The Honorable Terry Edward Branstad
Dr. Gilberto Cardenas, Ph.D.
Mr. Carlos M. de Cespedes
Mr. Robert M. Duncan, Esq.
Mr. Archie W. Dunham
Mrs. Irma Elder
Mr. Paul Robert Fannin, Esq.
The Honorable Valdemar Garcia
Mrs. Catherine H. Gillespie
Mr. William Ellison Grayson, Esq.
Ms. Anne Heiligenstein
General Charles A. Horner, USAF (Ret.)
The Honorable Edith H. Jones
Mrs. Carole Jean Jordan
Mrs. Maria Elena Lagomasino
The Honorable Philip J. Montante, Jr.
Mr. Patrick F. Noonan
Admiral Donald Lee Pilling, USN (Ret.)
Mr. David Milton Roederer
Dr. William L. Roper, M.D., M.P.H. (WHF '82-83)
The Honorable Linda M. Springer
The Honorable Judy Baar Topinka
The Honorable Barbara F. Vucanovich
Colonel William L. Webb, USA (Ret.) (WHF '86-87)
Mr. Armstrong Williams
Mrs. Janet Slaughter Eissenstat—*Director*
Dr. Barbara Anderson, Ph.D. (*Ex-Officio*, WFFA Member) (WHF '73-74)

