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Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
White House Fellows Luncheon
July 28th @ 12 - 1:30 PM
712 Jackson Place

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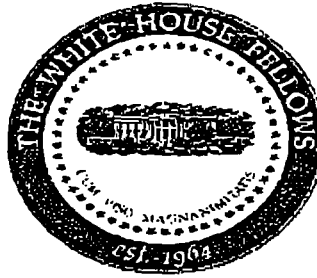
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS
THE WHITE HOUSE

July 25, 2000

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

Via Facsimile (202) 456-2439

Dear Ms. Thurman,

Thank you for your generous offer to join the White House Fellows for a luncheon meeting on Friday, July 28th. The Fellows greatly appreciate your willingness to take time out of your demanding schedule to meet with them.

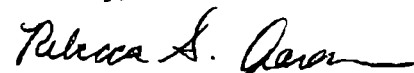
This year's class of Fellows is concerned about the AIDS epidemic and they focused a great deal of their educational program on examining policy issues associated with HIV and AIDS. They traveled to the San Francisco Bay area where they met with Dr. Paul Volberding from the Center for AIDS Research, and Dr. Tom Coates from the AIDS Research Institute / Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. They visited communities in Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, and the Mississippi Delta where they discussed AIDS policy issues with community and government leaders. They also met with people living with HIV and AIDS at clinics in several of these communities, and learned firsthand about their barriers to treatment. The Fellows look forward to meeting with you to learn about our National AIDS Policy and to discuss some of the issues that they have been exploring throughout the year.

The luncheon will take place from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at the White House Fellowship office, which is located at 712 Jackson Place on Lafayette Park. In regards to meeting format, the fellows prefer to have informal and "off the record" discussions in order to generate a vibrant, interactive flow of ideas. The luncheons typically begin with 10 minutes of introductory remarks by our guests, followed by question and answer-driven discussion.

Please feel free to have your staff contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by phone at (202) 395-7477, and by E-mail at raaron@whf.gov.

Thank you, again, for providing the Fellows with this opportunity. They look forward to an engaging discussion.

Sincerely,



Rebecca S. Aaron
Education Coordinator

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The White House Fellows Program

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Adopted in 1965 by the President's Commission on White House Fellowships

The purpose of the White House Fellows program is to provide gifted and highly motivated young Americans with some first-hand experience in the process of governing the Nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society.

It is essential to the healthy functioning of our system that we have in the non-governmental sector a generous supply of leaders who have an understanding—gained at first hand—of the problems of national government. In a day when the individual feels increasingly remote from the centers of power and decision, such leaders can help their fellow citizens comprehend

the process by which the Nation is governed.

In this country today, we produce a great number of skilled professionals. But too few of this intellectual elite provide the society with statesmanlike leadership and guidance in public affairs. If the sparsely settled American colonies of the late 18th century could produce Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Monroe, Madison, Hamilton, Franklin, and others of superlative talent, breadth and statesmanship, should we not be able to produce in this generation ten times that number? We are not doing so.

Surely the raw material is still there. And just as surely more must be done in the development of our ablest young people to

inspire and facilitate the emergence of such leaders and statesmen. Their horizons and experience must be broadened to give them a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society, a vision of greatness

for the society, and a sense of responsibility for bringing that greatness to reality.

The White House Fellows program is designed to give superbly qualified young Americans precisely those experiences.



Declaring that "a free society cannot be a spectator society," President Lyndon B. Johnson established the White House Fellowships in October, 1964. Three years later, he and Lady Bird Johnson posed with the current class of White House Fellows, which included Doris Kearns Goodwin (a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian) and Tim Wirth (who became a U.S. Senator and then an Under Secretary of State).

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Over the past three-and-a-half decades, former White House Fellows have made their marks in various fields of endeavor. The list below is just a small representation of the hundreds of alumni of the fellowship program who are leaders in their professions and communities.

Michael H. Armacost ('69-70)
President, Brookings Institute
Former Ambassador to Japan and the Philippines

Dennis C. Blair ('75-76)
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command

Samuel D. Brownback ('90-91)
U.S. Senator, Kansas

Marshall N. Carter ('75-76)
Chairman/CEO
State Street Bank & Trust Co.

Elaine Chao ('83-84)
Former Director, Peace Corps
Former President/CEO, United Way

Clayton Christensen ('82-83)
Corporals Consultant; Professor, Harvard Business School

Chris Chyba ('93-94)
Carl Sagan Chair for the Study of Life in the Universe, SETI Institute

Wesley K. Clark ('75-76)
General, U.S. Army
Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

Suzan Johnson Cook ('93-94)
Pastor, Mariner's Temple Baptist Church
Member, President Clinton's Advisory Board on Race

Jami Floyd ('93-94)
Correspondent, ABC News

Tom Johnson ('65-66)
Chairman/CEO, CNN

Mark Mathabane ('96-97)
Author, Kaffir Boy, and other books

John McCarter ('66-67)
President & CEO
The Field Museum, Chicago

Margaret McKeown ('80-81)
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

Dana G. Mead ('70-71)
Chairman/CEO
Tenneco, Inc.

Doris M. Meissner ('73-74)
Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service

Colin L. Powell ('72-73)
Chairman, America's F is General (ret.), U.S. Army
Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

William L. Roper ('82-83)
Dean, UNC School of Public Health
Former Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Julia V. Taft ('70-71)
Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration

Work Assignment

Engagement in the work of the federal government lies at the center of the White House Fellowships. Work assignments can bring broad access and ever changing issues and challenges, but also long hours and unglamorous chores requiring as much perseverance as ability.

The intensive work experience is the fellowship's core. White House Fellows spend a year as full-time, paid assistants to senior White House staff, the Vice President, Cabinet officers and other top-ranking government officials. Their assignments demand a capacity for learning quickly and a willingness to work hard. Typically, Fellows write speeches, help draft and review proposed legislation, answer Congressional inquiries, chair meetings, and conduct briefings.

Job assignments are made by the Commission staff in consultation with agency officials and on the basis of interviews that are conducted during "Placement Week." Fellows receive a salary and benefits from the agency where they work. Salary is paid uniformly at the federal pay grade GS-14, step 3



(approximately \$73,000).

White House Fellows cannot receive compensation from any other source during their year of government service.

At the end of the Fellowship year, most Fellows return to their homes and their former occupations more experienced in public policy decision-making and better prepared to contribute to their professions, their communities, and the country.

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Education Program

The fellowship's education program augments and amplifies the work experience.

Fellows meet informally with experts in fields both in and outside the realm of their job assignments. These off-the-record sessions generally take place over breakfast or lunch during the work week. Discussions are frank and lively.

Each class of Fellows will meet with dozens of individuals including Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Secretaries, senior White House officials, Members of Congress, military leaders, journalists, historians, business executives, and foreign heads of state.

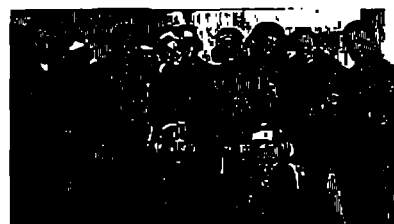
As part of the education program, Fellows also travel to cities and regions outside of Washington and to other countries to see U.S. policy in action, to learn about other cultures and to see the U.S. and the federal government from differing points of view. Fellows visit military bases and participate in various activities to broaden civilian understanding of military service.

Fellows have flown onto an aircraft carrier, learned about life at sea, and then catapulted off. They've gotten first-hand experience with urban problems and solutions in cities such as Seattle, Miami, Atlanta and Chicago. On a recent trip to northern California, Fellows spent one day in Silicon Valley meeting with young entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and philanthropists, and the next day in nearby fruit fields talking with migrant farmworkers, labor organizers and corporate growers. White House Fellows have flown over the Panama Canal in helicopters, witnessed the end of apartheid in South Africa and the crumbling of the wall in Berlin. They've toured Angkor Wat and seen the "killing fields" in Cambodia. Fellows have helped a POW/MIA team search a battleground in Vietnam and experienced rural life in the hills outside of Hanoi.



"What I learned about government as a White House Fellow was the key to the opportunities that came my way."

COLIN POWELL
WHF '72-73



PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS
THE WHITE HOUSE

February 14, 2000

Ms. Sandra Thurman
Director of National AIDS Policy
Office of Policy Development
736 Jackson Place
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Thurman:

On behalf of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, and its director, Jacqueline Blumenthal, I would like to invite you to meet with the 1999-2000 class of White House Fellows. The fellows specifically requested an opportunity to meet with you this year.

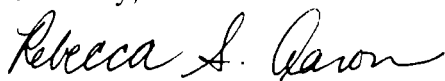
As you may know, the White House Fellowship is a non-partisan program created by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964 to attract individuals of exceptionally high promise to Washington for one year of personal involvement in the process of government.

In addition to their government service, the White House Fellows take part in a year-long education program in which they meet with national and international leaders to address critical issues facing the nation and the world. This year's class of fellows plans to examine AIDS policy in communities with high rates of AIDS. They will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area and Africa, where they will meet with research and healthcare leaders to discuss domestic and international AIDS policy.

The fellows would like to meet with you prior to their policy trips to discuss the Clinton Administration's AIDS policy priorities and initiatives. Please join the fellows for an informal luncheon meeting in late February or early March at the White House Fellows office, which is located at 712 Jackson Place.

I will be in touch with your office soon to see if you will be able to meet with the fellows, who are very excited about the prospect of speaking with you. In the meantime, please feel free to have your staff call me directly. I can be reached at 202-395-7477.

Sincerely,



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- AIDS is a plague of biblical proportion
 - worst disease catastrophe since the plague
- In the ~~past~~ decade, more than ~~14~~ million people have died of AIDS – nearly 14 million in sub-Saharan Africa
- Each day Africa alone buries 5,500 men, women and children as a result of AIDS – and by 2005 the daily death rate toll in Africa will rise to 13,000

And yet the pandemic rages on

- More than 34 million people are infected with HIV
- Every day 16,000 more people become infected, 11,000 in Africa
- By 2005, more than 100 million

AIDS is now the leading cause of death in Africa

In the next decade, more than 40 million children will be orphaned - that is about the same number of children living east of the Mississippi in the United States

AIDS is wiping out decades of steady progress in development – turning back the development clock to the 60's

- In the coming decade, in many areas of sub-Saharan Africa infant mortality will double, child mortality will triple and life expectancy will be reduced by 20 years

~~David~~

Bernadette Story

AIDS is not just a health issue – economic, development, security and stability

Economic Impact

- dramatic reductions in GNP *David*
- 30% of teachers in Malawi and Zambia are infected. Teachers are dying faster than they can be replaced
- two employees for every job
- one in four mineworkers are infected

Security

- UN Security Council
- High rates of infection in armies in Africa
- New report by National Intelligence Council– worse than anticipated
 - Asia as epicenter by 2015, NIS

Dubois - Up for growth,

Just the beginning

Urgency

We know what works

- Uganda and Senegal are key success stories
- Key is leadership and sustained investment
- Gore at the UN, raising status of crisis
- in partnership with host governments but through NGO's

Four strategic areas: prevention, care, orphans, infrastructure

Administration Response in partnership with R's and D's on the Hill

- \$100 million FY2000 (65AID + 35CDC)
- \$100 million proposed for FY 2001 (55AID, 25 CDC, 10DoD, 10DOL)

Working together

Senate + House Bills

150 Trust \$570

300 AID

50 GAVI

60 TB

10 IAVI

Appointments for 1999-2000 Class of White House Fellows

Khalid Azim, 34, an investment banker, is a Vice President at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Hong Kong. Azim grew up in Harlem but was educated in Massachusetts with help from the A Better Chance (ABC) program. He graduated from Pitzer College and has an M.B.A. from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. Azim raises billions of dollars of debt capital for Asian issuers by providing financial services to Asian banks, corporations and government entities. During the Asian financial crisis, he developed and designed a financial structure for the largest Thai bank to raise regulatory capital when the capital markets were effectively shut down. Azim served five years in the U.S. Navy where he became the only minority officer in his submarine squadron and participated in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Through the Student Sponsorship Program, he mentors a 16-year-old boy and pays the youth's tuition to a private school. Azim is also active in A Better Chance and Big Brothers. While in the military, Azim was involved in the Navy's Adopt-a-School program.

Esther T. Benjamin, 30, is a manager in the Financial Management Consulting Group of Grant Thornton LLP in Vienna, VA. A native of Sri Lanka, Benjamin moved with her family to the United States when she was 13. She received an M.A. in Applied Economics and an M.A. in International Affairs from American University. Benjamin advises government agencies, including the U.S. Patent Office, and agency chief financial officers on financial and cost management issues. She has also advised the Commander of the Defense Logistics Services Center on privatization and helped facilitate a high-level decision-making process on Navy infrastructure modernization for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment. Benjamin was the youngest person appointed United Nations Humanitarian Affairs Officer during the humanitarian crisis in Somalia, where she coordinated aid for almost one million people. She also worked for the Brookings Institution, contributing macroeconomic analysis of the World Bank's policies over the past 50 years. She co-founded the Good Samaritan Fund, which finances education for the victims of civil war in the village in which she was born in Sri Lanka. Benjamin is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Urban Coalition, co-chair of the Development Finance Workgroup and is a nominee for the Board of Directors of the Society for International Development.

John (JB) Buxton, 29, is a consultant to the Institute for Education and Government at Columbia University and an M.P.A. candidate at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. A native of New Hampshire, he now calls North Carolina home. At the Institute, which assists the nation's governors in improving public schools, he serves as a consultant to the director, drafting position papers and conducting research. Buxton has taught political science at a South African university and English in a U.S. high school. He helped to run a statewide teacher preparation scholarship program in North Carolina and served as the policy/research director for the principal group seeking school reform in the state. Buxton served on the organizing committees for a statewide conference on poverty and for the North Carolina Pan African Games. He also helped launch a George Soros-funded initiative to bring after-school programs to all New York City public schools, tutored in a Trenton high school and served as an advisor to entering students in his graduate program.

Daniel F. Feldman, 31, is an attorney in the International Finance Group at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco. A native of the San Francisco area, he graduated from Tufts University, has a J.D. from Columbia University Law School and an M.P.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs at Princeton University. Feldman specializes in financing infrastructure projects in developing nations. He also spends 25% of his time on pro bono international human rights issues, including advocacy work for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. After college, Feldman worked as newspaper reporter in Johannesburg, South Africa. After being awarded a Columbia University Human Rights Fellowship, he spent a summer helping the African National Congress' Constitutional Drafting Committee by analyzing

equal protection clauses for inclusion in the new Constitution, and he later returned to the country to clerk for South Africa's new Constitutional Court. After law school, Feldman clerked for Judge Cecil F. Poole of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then was awarded a Henry Luce Scholarship to work in Hong Kong for a year on political transition and human rights issues. He has also served as an international election monitor in South Africa, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Feldman helped to found the Legal Services for Entrepreneurs, which provides pro bono legal counsel to low-income individuals who are starting or expanding businesses in distressed neighborhoods. He also has served as a mentor to underprivileged school children in San Francisco, New York and Johannesburg.

Juan M. Garcia III, 32, is a Flag Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and the Aide-de-Camp in London to the Deputy Commander in Chief of U.S. Naval Forces Europe, who is directing the Joint Task Force designing contingency operations in Kosovo. Garcia, whose hometown is Corpus Christi, graduated from UCLA and became a Naval officer after receiving a joint J.D./M.P.A. degree from Harvard. Prior to his London assignment Garcia was stationed at Naval Air Station Barber's Point, Hawaii where he accumulated more than 1,200 hours piloting the P-3 Orion. He flew 30 armed missions in support of Operation Desert Thunder in the Persian Gulf, including an emergency landing during a sandstorm. While in college, he organized and taught English and U.S. civics classes for candidates for immigration amnesty at an East Los Angeles Jesuit mission. Garcia has also served as a legal advisor and counselor to shelters in Washington, D.C., Corpus Christi and Honolulu and started "The Sky is the Limit," a program that introduces youth from troubled homes to the opportunities available in naval aviation.

Sunil Garg, 32, is an assistant to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. A native of Pittsburgh, Garg was raised in Toledo, OH. He graduated from the University of Chicago, earned a M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and is currently an M.B.A. candidate at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Garg manages Mayoral initiatives primarily on economic development and re-engineering city departments. He also serves as the Mayor's principal advisor on inner-city issues. He is currently overseeing the development of a new \$4 million public-private organization to lead the business attraction, retention and expansion efforts of the City. After graduating from the Kennedy School, Garg was an associate with The Chapin Hall Center for Children, a research and development center at the University of Chicago. While there, he co-authored three papers that have contributed to the understanding of practitioners, policy-makers and funders of the conditions facing inner-city residents and the benefits, limitations and possible unintended consequences of the different strategies being implemented to revitalize these neighborhoods. He also created a new investment strategy for a \$40 million foundation fund to enhance the skills of youth workers. Garg helped to launch the Open Book Program, an after-school literacy program on Chicago's South Side, as well as the University of Chicago's chapter of a national community service fraternity. While an undergraduate at the University of Chicago, he took a leave of absence to conduct independent research in Nicaragua about the Contra war.

Melissa M. Goldstein, 28, is a consultant to the National Bioethics Advisory Commission and a post-doctoral fellow in bioethics and health policy at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown universities. A native of Florence, AL, she graduated from the University of Virginia and has a J.D. from Yale Law School. Goldstein is an adjunct professor of law at the Georgetown University Law Center and a group instructor in Clinical Ethics at the Georgetown University Medical Center. She is also a consultant to the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. During law school, she was a student attorney at Yale Legal Services and helped design the Yale Medical School's ethics curriculum. While a law student, Goldstein also guided the University of Alabama at Birmingham hospital's compliance with "patient dumping" statutes and investigated cases brought under the Vaccine Compensation Act for the U.S. Department of Justice. After law school, she clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Goldstein writes a quarterly column for the

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and sits on the Ethics Committee of the Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D.C. As a volunteer attorney with the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C., she represents HIV-positive clients by drafting medical directives, investigating claims of employment discrimination and negotiating custody disputes. Goldstein has performed in more than 20 theatrical productions in Northern Alabama and has appeared in college Shakespeare plays and television commercials.

Gary Hall, 32, is an attorney with Gardner, Carton & Douglas in Chicago. He grew up in inner-city Chicago and graduated from Howard University. Hall has a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School and also studied at the Concannon International Law Centre in London, where he worked as an extern with the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt. At Gardner, he provides legal counsel on a variety of corporate finance matters, including equity and debt public offers, mergers and acquisitions and SEC compliance. Prior to law school, Hall worked as a Senior Budget Analyst in Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's Office of Budget and Management and later as a Financial Officer of Real Estate for the Department of General Services. While in city government, he led a task force that significantly improved City collections of water and sewer usage fees, served on a strategy committee to streamline city services and was the youngest person ever selected to participate in the City's Intergovernmental Executive Development Program. Hall founded Imari, a non-profit organization that raised funds and public awareness for such causes as famine in Somalia and HIV/AIDS in minority communities, and spearheaded the first fundraising campaign for the Chicago Chapter of 100 Black Men to expand its mentoring and tutoring programs and to endow scholarships for youth in impoverished Chicago neighborhoods. He also serves on the Board of Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century.

Jacqueline F. Lain, 30, is Assistant Director of Governmental Relations for the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin. A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, Lain moved to Dallas when she was 8 years old. After receiving her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas, she practiced law, specializing in defending schools districts in governance, employment and student discipline matters. She also edited the Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest, a monthly journal for school administrators and lawyers. At the Texas Association of School Boards, Lain provides legal advice to school board members and helps to shape the laws that govern Texas public schools. As an undergraduate at the University of Texas, she won the Dale Miller Scholarship for a summer internship on Capitol Hill and the Presidential Leadership Award, and in 1990, was named the University's Outstanding Female Student. She also was one of 10 students to participate in the Texas-Soviet Exchange Program, a student-organized exchange program between the University of Texas and Irkutsk University in Siberia. During college, Lain co-mediated juvenile gang disputes and last year co-chaired the Volunteers Committee for Austin's First Race for the Cure to raise money for breast cancer research and treatment.

Christopher M. Moore, 37, is a police lieutenant in the San Jose Police Department and an attorney in Pleasanton, CA. A native of the San Francisco Bay area, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and has a J.D. from Lincoln Law School of San Jose and an M.P.A. from San Jose State University. A 16-year veteran of the San Jose police force, Moore is the youngest command officer in the department. He is responsible for the effective deployment, morale and discipline of 42 police officers. He has also served in the Patrol, Street Crimes, Burglary, Crime Prevention and Field Training units and as department spokesperson in the Office of the Chief of Police. Moore supervised the creation and implementation of two nationally recognized youth violence prevention programs: Challenges and Choices (C2), a violence prevention and life skills curriculum for elementary and middle school students; and Safe Alternatives and Violence Education (SAVE). He co-authored and taught the Youth Access to Tobacco enforcement curriculum to law enforcement officers across California. Moore volunteers with the Northern California Unit of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and is a member of the Bench Bar, Media and Police Committee of the Santa Clara County Bar Association.

Peter F. Najera, 33, is a Major in the U.S. Army and a Strategist and Policy analyst at Army Headquarters at the Pentagon. A native of San Francisco, he considers Tucson, AZ home now. At the Pentagon, Najera develops strategy and provides policy assessment to senior Army leaders. He also has worked on the draft of the President's National Security Strategy and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's National Military Strategy. Najera graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He spent four years in various armor units in Germany where he patrolled the Cold War border and represented the United States in a NATO tank gunnery competition. Najera served in southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, after which he was awarded the Bronze Star medal for distinguished service in combat and, along with his men, the Valorous Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism." After the Gulf War, Najera was selected to be the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Seventh Army Training Command in Germany. In 1995, he was chosen as one of the Army's General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award winners. Najera builds homes for Habitat for Humanity and bowls with Special Olympics participants. He also serves on the board of the Hispanic Alumni of Notre Dame and writes for Officer Review.

Barrye L. Price, 36, is a Major in the U.S. Army and Assistant Chief of Staff G1 for the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood, TX. A native of Gary, IN, he graduated from the University of Houston and has an M.A. in history from Texas A&M University and in 1997, became the first African-American to obtain a Ph.D. in history in the 122-year history of Texas A&M. Price is responsible for personnel readiness management, assignments and strength accounting and personnel reporting for 5,500 soldiers. He has also served at Fort Polk, LA, and in Doha, Kuwait and Fulda, Germany. Price spent two years as an Assistant Professor of Military History at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. At West Point, he served on the Dean's Human Resource Council, as a Faculty Volunteer Outreach Representative and as the Recruiting Officer Representative to the Army Men's Basketball Team. Price was the 1997 winner of the Arter-Darby Military Writing Award from the Army's Command and General Staff College. He co-founded African-American Men Making a Difference and served as a volunteer with HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed). In 1996, Price organized a winter coat collection drive for the homeless that resulted in a community-wide donation of more than 3,000 pounds of clothing to the Leavenworth, KS, Chapter of the Salvation Army.

Reynaldo A. Valencia, 34, is Associate Professor of Law and Founder and Director of the Center for Latina/Latino Studies at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, TX, where he teaches courses on corporation law, corporate bankruptcy, race and the law and gender and the law. He also serves as an adjunct Professor of Law at Texas Tech University in his hometown of Lubbock, TX. Valencia graduated from Stanford and has a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He earned an M.A. in Sociology from Stanford University where he was awarded a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship for Minorities. During law school, he returned to his hometown to assist in litigation to desegregate the local school system, which resulted in the construction of a new junior high school in a predominantly Hispanic area of the city. After law school, Valencia was an associate in the Dallas office of the international law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, the second largest law firm in the world, where he concentrated on commercial bankruptcy and commercial litigation. At the age of 25, Valencia became the youngest faculty member in the history of Texas Tech School of Law. Valencia serves as the faculty advisor to the Hispanic Law Students Association at St. Mary's.

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