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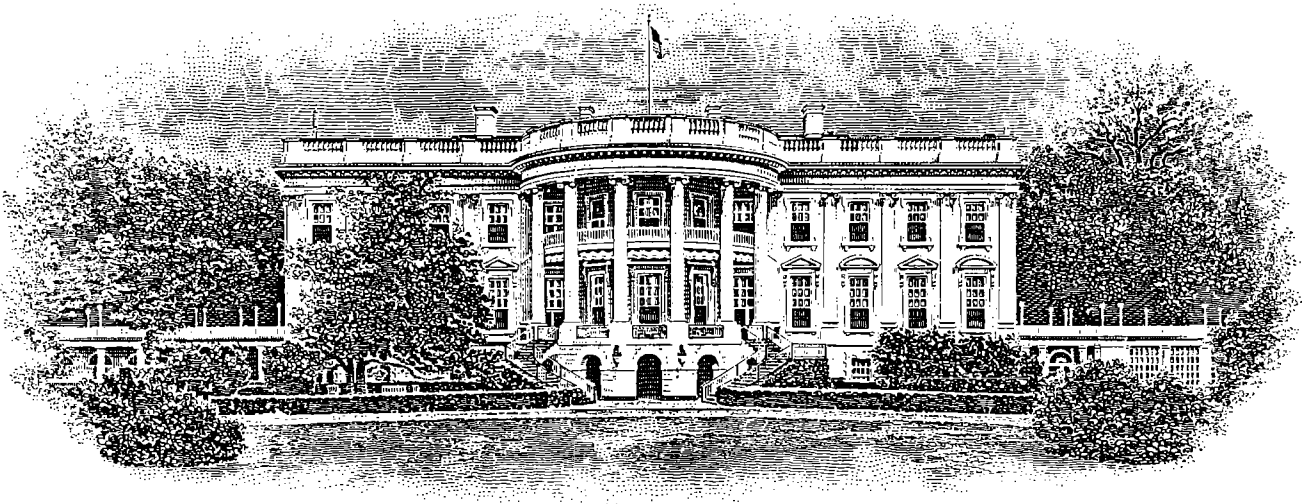
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The White House



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PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
NATIONAL SERVICE SUMMER FORUM
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
AUGUST 31, 1993

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[Acknowledgements]

Each of us comes to this Student Union today -- perhaps a little regrettably -- at the end of our summer vacations. I have a little sunburn, some good golf stories, and the renewed energy that -- at least at my age -- you can sometimes get only by relaxing.

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And as happy as I am about how I spent my last two weeks, I am even more delighted -- and far more impressed -- by how you have spent your last two months.

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We also come here today with strong views of service and the value of serving. I was deeply affected by the community service I performed during college. Going back as far as I can remember, I've believed in the importance of serving others. In fact, it was very much on my mind the first time I was on this campus.

I stayed here when I was in Boys Nation, the trip when I met my first President, John Kennedy. His famous challenge that we ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country, is answered through the works of our own hands and hearts, as we help our own communities. It is what you did this summer. It is the spirit that led me to public service.

And it is why national service has been, and will remain, one of the key priorities of our administration. In my Inaugural speech I called for seasons of service, and at Rutgers University on the first of March, I suggested that whatever the calendar said, the first season of service should be the summer -- this summer.

So my friend Eli Segal went to work, and the Commission on National and Community Service went to work, and VISTA went to work, and the Summer of Service was born.

There were those who said it couldn't be done -- that anything in Washington takes years, if not decades. But they were wrong. Terrific programs from around the country responded; more than 450 applied, each of them partnerships of two, 10, even 40 service organizations.

If young people are the muscle, the brains, the heart of the movement to advance our country through service, service programs like those represented here today are the foundation and the framework. For years, they have done wonders with very little, often just the determination and vision of their directors and staff.

We think we got a lot of good ones for this summer, but we know there are thousands of other success stories out there. We intend to find them, and to nurture them, in the years ahead.

Particularly under the time pressures you all faced this summer, we didn't expect perfection. We did hope for lessons: to learn whether a limited number of young people, in only a brief period of time, could change and improve their communities and themselves. I've heard good things. Now I want to hear it from you.

The Summer of Service ends today. Next week, when the Senate gives its final approval to our national service legislation, the full four seasons of service will begin.

The re-birth of hope and community and unity that so many Americans have yearned for, and that is reflected in your work, will continue. I believe our entire nation will be informed by your lessons, inspired by your results and invigorated by your commitment. And I am anxious to begin.

MEMORANDUM**AUGUST 30, 1993**

TO ELLI SEGAL
FROM DIANA ALDRIDGE
RE FACTS AND ANECDOTES FOR THE PRESIDENT
ON THE SUMMER OF SERVICE FORUM

Format Review:

The President will be on stage with five young Summer of Service presenters. The stage will be in the center of a semi-circle comprised of the 70 young people who are representative of the Summer of Service programs.

Each young presenter will narrate a slide show for five minutes; followed by a Q&A discussion with the President for six minutes; concluding with a special story told to the President by a young person in the audience (pre-selected), who is called upon by the facilitator.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each young presenter on the stage knows to anticipate a possible follow-up question or comment from the President when they conclude their remarks. At the end of their presentation, they will thank the President and linger momentarily at the podium.

The following identifies and describes the young presenters and the audience story tellers.

FIRST SEGMENT - HEALTH**Beginning Presenter on Stage:**

Susana Macias
VISTA Summer Associate
Texas Department of Health
Latino Female; age 20

Susana worked this summer as a Vista Summer Associate on a WIC and immunization project for Latino children in six Texas towns. She found the work challenging but was sometimes frustrated by what she often perceived as a lack of concern from the families on behalf of their children.

PAGE TWO**Audience Storyteller at End of Segment:**

Rocio Soto
It's About Health Summer of Service
Latina Female; age 21

Rocio will be asked to stand up from the audience to tell the President about her work for "It's About Health" this summer at the Venice Dental Clinic, where she cared for and educated residents of the predominantly Latino section of Los Angeles. She is applying for a grant to open a teen center in Oxnard that addresses the growing problems of drug abuse and the spread of AIDS among Latino youth.

SECOND SEGMENT -- ENVIRONMENT**Second Presenter on Stage:**

Matt Rassmussen
Colorado Youth In Natural Resources
Caucasian Male; age 18

Matt worked all summer on a Colorado wetlands project that completely restored an ecosystem which had been destroyed a few years ago by the building of an interstate highway. This was a pilot program and he likes to talk about the possibility of replicating it.

Special Presenter on Stage:

Terry Senogles
Summer of Service Red Lake Band
Native American; age 18

Terry will be giving a special one-minute presentation on his tribe's SOS project which cleared a stream and created a nature trail. He wants the President to know about the special bond his tribe feels between their land and their culture.

Audience Storytellers at End of Segment:

Maria Theresa Abuan
Cleon Hargrove
Newark Summer of Service

Maria will be asked to stand up and tell the President about several entrepreneurial Newark SOS members. They quit their assigned job after several days of weeding because they felt their work was not making a meaningful difference. On their own, they designed a presentation in environmental education. They then traveled the lesson plan to all other Newark SOS Projects, reaching thousands of children.

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Cleon Hargrove will follow Maria for a few brief comments on his innovative work with the Amelior Foundation. The foundation gave participants \$100 each to design entrepreneurial service projects on their own.

THIRD SEGMENT -- EDUCATION**Third Presenter on Stage:**

Marcus Pinkney
Summer of Service Hands on Atlanta
African-American Age: 18

Marcus worked as a teacher's assistant at Atlanta's College Park Elementary School, where he served as a role model to neighborhood children. He was one of several SOS participants who created a unique after-school program, attracting almost as many children as attended during the day. Marcus is anxious to tell the President about a sports/academic educational game that they designed.

Audience Storyteller at End of Segment:

Kathleen Tully (accompanied by her seeing dog Molly)
VISTA Summer Associate
Literacy Volunteers of America

Kathleen, blinded just three years ago, will be asked to stand and tell the President about her frustrations over the lack of teaching materials for blind tutors. She plans to start a pilot program state-wide in Connecticut, in collaboration with the National Federation for the Blind. The program would develop these materials, and encourage other visually impaired people to join in the literacy movement.

FOURTH SEGMENT -- PUBLIC SAFETY**Fourth Presenter on Stage:**

Regina Hall
Delta Service Corps - 911 Project in Fordyce, Arkansas
Caucasian Female; Age: 23

Regina is representing the Delta Service Corps which is sponsoring an innovative 911 start-up program in rural, Dallas County. The Chamber of Commerce, the Delta Service Corps and volunteers have just completed a census to determine addresses, telephone numbers and resident's special needs for the county of 7,000. Although Regina herself has not worked directly on this program -- she is anxious to tell the President more about it.

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Audience Storyteller at End of Segment:

Geoff Holmes
Summer of Service Building Up L.A.
Community Youth Gang Services

Geoff will be asked to stand up and tell the President about his work with the Community Youth Gang Services in Los Angeles. Raised in South Central -- and often in trouble -- he developed a presentation on crime and violence avoidance based on his own experiences.

SPECIAL CLOSING SEGMENT -- SERVICE AND DISASTER RELIEF

There will be a final closing segment on disaster relief presented by three young participants in the front row of the audience. Two worked in flood relief with corps this summer; the third with Hurricane Andrew recovery in Dade County. The three will make brief consecutive statements on service and disaster relief and their personal experiences. The President should respond briefly - - sitting the four million dollar portion of his flood relief package.

Lisa Yamaoka
VISTA Summer Associate
United Way of Dade County
Asian Female; Age:21

Lisa did physical repair work on homes still damaged a year after the hurricane. She worked with children in the migrant workers camps and served as a teacher's assistant in a therapeutic camp especially designed to treat the emotional effects of the hurricane.

Danielle Jimerson
Iowa Conservation Corps
African-American Female; Age:17

Danielle spent the last five weeks in Des Moines, Iowa doing heavy physical labor in flood clean-up. Danielle is shy and comes from an extremely disadvantaged background. However, she was one of the few corps members hired at the beginning who stuck with it until the very end -- and she is very proud of that.

Peter Andrew
New Hampshire Conservation Corps
White Male; Age:19

Peter and his New Hampshire Corps Members canceled their end of the summer canoe trip; raised money to augment their vacation funds; and traveled to Iowa to join the relief efforts in one of the state's hardest hit flood areas.

**THE SUMMER OF SERVICE FORUM WITH THE PRESIDENT
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
AUGUST 31, 1993**

----- INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS

- 10:45 President in Holding Room with Sen. Mikulski and others. Meets Greg Ricks and presenters. Short briefing by Greg Ricks on format and his cues.
- 10:48 Greg Ricks and presenters leave holding room for stage. Presenters on stage in pre-assigned seating. Special presenters take their seats in first row. Greg welcomes participants and says the President and B. Mikulski will be coming shortly
- 10:50 Announcement of the President of the United States; President and B. Mikulski enter from holding room. President sits on the stool -- Mikulski proceeds to podium.
- B. Mikulski makes introductory remarks and introduces the President.
- 10:53 The President makes brief remarks -- probably from the stool or moving around the stage -- discussing his vision and objectives for national service; and welcomes the opportunity to discuss with them their individual and shared experiences.

----- FIRST SEGMENT

- 10:56 Greg Ricks assumes the podium and thanks the President on behalf of SOS. He then gives brief remarks setting the context and format for the Forum.
- Greg Ricks then introduces the first discussion issue -- HEALTH -- and introduces the first presenter - SUSANA MACIAS -- of El Paso Texas who worked this summer on a Vista-sponsored Immunization Project in Texas.
- 10:58 Susana walks to the podium and begins her presentation.
- 11:04 Susana ends her presentation and stays at the podium for a moment for a follow-up question from the President. Susana briefly responds then sits down.
- 11:05 Greg Ricks with a hand held mike opens the discussion by encouraging the audience who worked on health or have health service topics they wish to discuss to ask the President questions and/or share their experiences. Greg stays near the podium.

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11:11 The President has interaction with the audience -- calling on his own questioners for approximately six minutes. Near the end of the discussion session Greg Ricks approaches the podium and tells the President that a particular individual in the audience has something to share with him or her and calls on that individual (preselected). The President briefly responds to the story.

----- SECOND SEGMENT

11:13 Greg Ricks introduces the second issue area -- ENVIRONMENT -- and the second presenter -- MATT RASMUSSEN -- a Colorado Corps member who worked on a wetlands project.

11:14 Matt walks to the podium and gives his presentation.

11:20 Matt ends his presentation by introducing TERRY SENOGLES for a special one-to-two minute presentation on the Red Lake Native American Indian project. Matt stays near the podium with Terry.

11:21 Terry gives brief two-minute presentation. Matt and Terry stay at the podium for a minute for a possible follow-up question(s) from the President. They respond briefly then Matt and Terry sit down.

11:24 Greg Ricks with a hand-held mike encourages the audience interaction as before. The President then calls on his own questioners for approximately six minutes. Near the end of the session Greg approaches the podium and sets up the presentation from the preselected audience member as before. The President briefly responds to the story. Greg stays at the podium.

----- THIRD SEGMENT

11:30 Greg Ricks introduces the third issue -- EDUCATION -- and the third presenter -- MARCUS PINKNEY -- who is from Atlanta and worked on the SOS Atlanta project "Hands on Atlanta."

11:31 Marcus walks to the podium and begins his presentation.

11:37 Marcus ends his presentation and stays at the podium for a follow-up question from the President. Marcus then sits down.

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11:38 Greg Ricks -- as before -- opens the discussion up to the President and the audience for approximately six minutes. Toward the end of the session Greg walks to the podium and sets-up the pre-selected audience member as before. The President briefly responds.

----- **FOURTH AND FINAL SEGMENT**

11:44 Greg Ricks introduces the last issue -- PUBLIC SAFETY -- and the last presenter -- REGINA HALL -- a member of the Delta Service Corps in Arkansas who sponsored a rural "911" project.

11:45 Regina walks to the podium and gives her presentation.

11:51 Regina ends her presentation and stays for a moment at the podium for a followup question from the president.

11:52 Greg Ricks -- as before -- opens the discussion up to
the President and the audience for approximately six minutes. Toward the end of the session Greg walks to the podium and sets-up the pre-selected audience member as before. The President briefly responds.

----- **SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF SEGMENT**

11:58 Greg Ricks takes his hand-held mike to the front row of the audience to the (good cut-away side) where three presenters say a few words on national service and disaster relief -- LISA YAMAOKA (who worked with Vista on Hurricane Andrew recovery in Dade County); DANIELLE JIMERSON, a member of the Iowa Service Corps who worked on flood relief; and Peter Andrew, with the New Hampshire Corps who organized an out-of-state caravan to the flood zones.

Each will speak very briefly (each scripted at 45-seconds).

12:01 The president will respond briefly regarding the importance of national service in disaster relief and his \$4 million package in the relief legislation for service.

12:02 **EVENT ENDS** with thank-you from Greg Ricks and closing by President.