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WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

Leadership & Public Service



"It's the price of leadership to do the thing you believe has to be done at the time it must be done."

- President Lyndon Baines Johnson

The 2008-2009 Class of White House Fellows Meets with President George W. Bush

On September 30, the current class of Fellows (pictured below outside of the West Wing) met with President Bush in the Oval Office where they discussed a wide range of issues.

President Bush will have met with the White House Fellows a total of 18 times, including a final meeting scheduled for January 14. Many of these meetings were held in the Oval Office and did not conclude until each Fellow had the chance to ask the President a question.



On December 8, the Fellows also had the privilege of joining Vice President Dick Cheney for lunch in his home at the Naval Observatory. Several classes of Fellows have also had the distinct honor of meeting with the First Lady in the private residence. We thank President and Mrs. Bush and Vice President Cheney for their strong support of the White House Fellows Program over the past eight years.

WHF FOUNDATION AND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

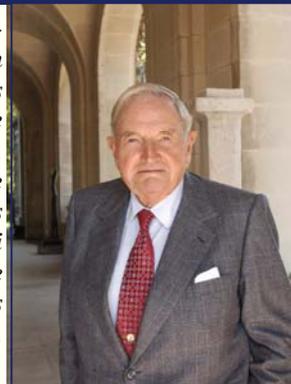


Left: Diane Yu (86-87, Walter J. Humann (66-67) and Judy Walter (75-86) share a smile as Walt is presented the 2008 John W. Gardner Legacy of Leadership Award.



Right: Director Janet Eissenstat and President Diane Yu introduce the Class of 2008-2009 White House Fellows at the Welcome Reception in the Crystal Room of the historic Willard Hotel.

Right: David Rockefeller, First Chairman of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, First Friend of the White House Fellows and 2008 Jack Valenti Friend of the White House Fellows Honoree.



DIRECTOR'S FAREWELL

Dear Commissioners, Fellows and Friends of the White House Fellows Program:

Thank you for your continued support of the White House Fellows Program and thank you for all the encouragement and assistance you have provided to the program staff. You should be very proud of what you have accomplished.

With the exceptional support of President Bush, Commission Chairs Brad Freeman, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Myrna Blyth, along with Clay Johnson and the other senior leaders in the White House, you have brought this program even closer to what John Gardner and President Johnson envisioned in 1964. The board of directors of the White House Fellows Foundation and Association has been incredibly engaged as we have worked together to move the application system on-line, improve the overall quality of the placement experience, enhance the education program, and strengthen communication with the Program's alumni. And now the board is leading the way in building a long-term, sustainable system for high quality recruitment that will help take the program to an even higher level.

It has been a privilege to serve as the program director these past four years. I have gained a great appreciation for the White House Fellows Program, its founders, and for all the men and women who commit themselves to mentoring and developing strong leaders for our Nation's future. Hundreds of alumni, regional panelists and commissioners give their time to review the applications and interview candidates and support the education program. Every generous act is a personal inspiration. My one regret is that I have not thanked you all enough, nor shared with the Commissioners how much their service has contributed to the Program's success.

The regional panelists in particular are unsung heroes of the White House Fellows Program; they donate their time and money to make the regional selection process one that is marked by its non-partisan respect for integrity and professionalism. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our regional chairmen and hosts including Ron Steinhart, Lloyd Macdonald, Jarvin Levison,

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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 23, 2008

I send greetings to those gathered to celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the White House Fellows Program. Congratulations to Walter J. Humann on receiving the John W. Gardner Legacy of Leadership Award for his commitment to his community and our country. I also congratulate David Rockefeller on receiving the Jack Valenti Friend of the White House Fellows Program Award.

Many White House Fellows alumni across our Nation are improving the lives of their fellow citizens and contributing to our culture through public service. When President Lyndon Johnson announced the establishment of the White House Fellows program in 1964, he said "A genuinely free society cannot be a spectator society." As we face the challenges and seize the opportunities of a new era, we remember these words and know that America will rely on the energy, dedication, and ambition of our next generation of leaders. The White House Fellows Program serves as an investment in the future of our country.

I appreciate those who have served as White House Fellows and all who are committed to the success of this program. Your efforts demonstrate the best of the American spirit and inspire others to build a more hopeful society.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".

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October 24, 2008

To the White House Fellows:

In October of 1964, President Lyndon Johnson called and asked me to serve as chairman of a new governmental organization – the Commission on White House Fellows. The President explained that the new Commission's job would be to identify and select a group of able young American men and women who would be offered the opportunity to work for a year at the highest levels of the executive branch of our national government. He believed that by exposing these highly motivated and capable individuals to the inner working of the national government, they would understand the importance of public service as part of their own lives and careers. I liked the idea, and readily agreed to President Johnson's request.

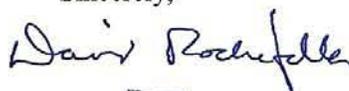
I have never regretted that decision. The White House Fellows program has been an exceptional success. Based on my experience with the first few classes of Fellows and meeting many others who have been selected over the past four decades, I think we have achieved all of the goals originally envisioned by President Johnson. More than 625 Fellows have worked in Washington and then moved on to distinguished careers that have benefitted our country immeasurably. All of you have carried with you a belief in the importance of public service as an essential element in this country's civic life.

It is my hope that this important program will continue in the future. It is also my hope that past, present and future Fellows will continue to follow our original vision of honing the minds and abilities of outstanding people who will remain committed to the ideal of public service. Our country needs the best and the brightest to help us meet the unique and unprecedented challenges we now confront.

Finally, I am very grateful you have chosen to honor me with the Jack Valenti award for my support of the White House Fellows program.

I am proud of all your accomplishments and wish you every success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



David Rockefeller

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13, 2009	Mid-year Meeting		
The President's Commission on White House Fellowships Mid-year Meeting in Washington, DC			
February 1, 2009	Application Deadline for the White House Fellows Class of 2009-2010		
February 2009	Tentative Alumni Reading Sessions: Contact the Fellows office to confirm dates & details.		
February 7 or 8	Washington DC	Host:	Karen Galatz; kgalatz@yahoo.com
February 14	New York, NY	Host:	Maggie Belknap; mhbelknap@yahoo.com
February 21	Seattle, WA	Hosts:	Nelson Dong and Steven Hill dong.nelson@dorsey.com, steven.r.hill@comcast.net
February 21	Washington, DC	Host:	Eileen Stephens; sageconcepts@aim.com
February 21	Boston	Host:	Kristine Langdon; kristine.langdon@kornferry.com
March 16, 2009	Regional Panels begin	Chairman:	
March 16 & 17	DC I		Bill Hagerty (91-92)
March 19 & 20	Atlanta		Jarvin Levison
March 23 & 24	Boston		Lloyd Macdonald
March 26 & 27	Chicago		Bob Crawford
March 30 & 31	Dallas		Ron Steinhart
April 2 & 3	San Francisco		Clara Shin (98-99)
April 6 & 7	Los Angeles		Jerry Silva
April 13 & 14	DC II		Fritz Chockley
April 15 & 16	New York City		Kevin Arquit

The 2008-09 class has travel plans: Seattle in late February and The United Arab Emirates, Kenya and Rwanda in May. If you can offer assistance, please contact Lindsey Trent at ltrent@whf.eop.gov.

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Gary Kusin, Bill Hagerty (91-92), Bob Malott, J.D. Smeallie, Eugene Zuriff, John Borling (74-75), Roger Berkowitz, Kevin Arquit, Bob Crawford, Peter Flynn, Jerry Silva, George Drysdale (87-88), Clara Shin (98-99), Fritz Chockley, Jaleh Daie, and Delilah Flaum.

It has also been a honor to work with the Alumni Foundation and Association board. Past presidents Kevin Monroe, Barbara Anderson, Judy Walter, Diane Yu and current president Bob Edmonds all share one thing in common—unwavering selflessness in pursuit of what is best for the White House Fellows Program. Working tirelessly behind the scenes to make them, and me, look good one can always find alumni association Executive Director, Jack LeCuyer. Jack is a treasure and I cannot thank him enough for his support, encouragement and wealth of knowledge about the Program and its history. I have never known anyone as generous with his time as Jack.

We are always fortunate when we get to stand on the shoulders of those who went before us. All of the former program directors have gone to extraordinary lengths to be helpful, but I am especially grateful to Tom Carr, Burn Loeffke (70-71) and Jocelyn White for their wise counsel and support.

As I leave for my next endeavor, it is the program staff who deserve the most thanks. Carol Wessel, Pandoria Nobles-Jones, Sally Griffin and Lindsey Drouin Trent (our transition consultant) - these four women represent one of the best team one could ever hope to assemble. I will miss them and the great people on the Program staff that served before them including: Page Archer Kral, Scott Glabe, Candice Grandon, Laurie McCord, Susan Salmini and Nikki Lewis. How fortunate I was to work with them all.

Above all, I will miss the Fellows. They are a wonderful group of people and a credit to our Nation. God Bless you all.

Janet Slaughter Eissenstat (202-550-7745 and janet.eissenstat@gmail.com)

WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS BOOKSHELF

Be sure to add the following books to your 2009 reading list. The four White House Fellows listed below are among the many program alumni who have written important works after completing their Fellowship year.

Presidential scholar and author **Tom Cronin (66-67)** has published a new book titled, ***On the Presidency: Teacher, Soldier, Shaman, Pol.*** By analyzing the character traits of past presidents and the systems they used for advice and counsel, Cronin gives his readers a much deeper understanding of the modern American presidency and the challenges our presidents face in the post 9/11 security environment.

Charlie Garcia's (88-89) new book, ***Leadership Lessons of the White House Fellows***, is scheduled for release by McGraw-Hill on May 8, 2009. The book explores the White House Fellows program through the eyes of distinguished former Fellows whose professional and personal lives were transformed by their time spent at the sides of the nation's top government officials. Working from in-depth interviews of the men and women profiled in the book, as well as his own experiences in the White House, Charles P. Garcia extracts powerful insights into the nature of leadership and shares the secrets of successful leadership that readers can readily apply to any field of endeavor.

A timely book by **Kurt Campbell (92-93)** and co-author, James Steinberg should be on every White House Fellows bookshelf. ***Difficult Transitions: Foreign Policy Trouble at the Outset of Presidential Power*** poses that no president has a honeymoon when it comes to foreign policy. Through a series of historic case studies, the authors examine the question of how an incoming president should prepare for the foreign policy challenges that lie immediately ahead.

Eric Greitens (05-06) recently published ***Strength and Compassion***, a compilation of essays and award-winning photographs from his humanitarian work. As a United States Navy SEAL officer, Eric traveled the world volunteering, researching, and documenting his experiences with the photos that appear in his book. Though the photographs for this book were taken in different countries and amid different struggles, a common theme emerges: even in times of great hardship and in the face of great evil, people with strength and compassion can live with courage. We see the unmistakable, sometimes irreparable consequences of violence and war, yet are also see the unmistakable, always inspiring power of men, women, and children who live through these trials with dignity and emerge with hope.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard D. Copaken

Class of 1966-67

June 24, 1941 - November 8, 2008

Robert L. Sansom

Class of 1968-69

July 17, 1941 - December 21, 2008

TRIP REPORT



DOMESTIC STUDY TRIP CHICAGO, IL & DETROIT, MI OCTOBER 27 – 30, 2008



The Fellows chose to travel to Chicago and Detroit for their first domestic study trip. There they examined the economic and education policy and how the leaders in each city confront such challenges. The Fellows had the privilege of meeting with Mayor Richard Daley and school superintendants Arne Duncan and Connie Calloway, along with many others who have dedicated their careers to studying urban education and teaching the city's youth. The class and program staff owe a huge debt of gratitude to area WHF alums—especially John Borling, John McCarter, Pastora Cafferty, Kathy White, Reggie Turner, Martha Darling, Anne Donnelly, Jim O'Connor, David Webster, Barrye Price, Don Haider, and Paul Anderson



Above: The class poses outside of the Ford Rouge Factory, after learning about the history and future of the company. The discussion on the auto-making industry was continued over dinner with WHF commissioner Irma Elder, owner of Elder automotive group, and alum Jim Padilla (78-79), former President and COO of Ford.



Left: After a visit to the Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, Eyrique Miller presents Vice President Lizabeth Sode with a WHF coin.

Below: The class poses with "Sue," the dinosaur, after meeting Field Museum CEO John McCarter (66-67) to discuss the museum's community involvement and the work behind the "Aztec World" exhibit, which opened that night.

Right: Chris Meyer presents Chicago Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf with a WHF pen after a discussion on the role that a professional sports team plays in an urban community.



PLACEMENT REPORT: JASON SNYDER



Jason Snyder, a former attorney who most recently worked as a high school government teacher, is now working with education policy first-hand at the Department of Education.

This time last year at Wakefield High School, a stone's throw across the Potomac River in Virginia, my government students huddled in groups to debate the scope of executive-branch powers and the role of the federal bureaucracy. Now a year later, I am a White House Fellow in the Department of Education and have had the opportunity to witness first-hand the same issues my students wrestled with in my classroom. So perhaps it is not surprising that I think of myself as a student again and that the first three months of my placement have included a lifetime of lessons.

I have learned these lessons by delving into both organizational and policy issues while working on the transition and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), respectively. Like many other Fellows this year, I was asked to be a member of the Department's transition team. The team's charge is to help ensure a smooth and well-organized transition from this administration to the next. To that end, I have worked with the President-elect's agency review team, coordinated the production of briefing books, and represented the Department at meetings with the White House transition office. And in doing so, I have gained a bird's eye view of the Department's various offices and responsibilities.

As a former education-law attorney, it has been equally rewarding to participate in the NCLB policy-making process. The Department recently released new NCLB regulations establishing a uniform method for calculating high-school graduation rates; I have been helping to draft and revise nonregulatory guidance for those regulations. And I quickly learned that the Department's policymakers are talented and dedicated; indeed, some keep longer hours than attorneys at my former law firm!

Not only has my placement allowed me to contribute substantively, but it also has given me repeated opportunities, such as through chief-of-staff and policy meetings, to observe effective leadership at the highest levels. That leadership begins with Secretary Margaret Spellings. The Secretary is a self-described policy wonk and a determined advocate for strong accountability systems. Hence her off-repeated quote: "In Texas, we say, 'In God we trust, all others bring data.'" Whatever your views, it is impossible not to be energized by her passion for improving educational opportunities for all students.

Since I began the Fellowship a few months ago, friends and family frequently ask me if I miss being a teacher. "Every day," I answer without hesitating. And no more so than on a recent visit with the Secretary to a local high school. In one classroom, I crouched down at a table of students who were comparing and contrasting Hinduism and Buddhism for their world history class. I became so involved with their lesson that I failed to notice that the Secretary, the advance team, school officials, and the news reporters had all left the room. I jumped up, "Yikes, I think my boss is gone! Thanks for letting me help!" The students laughed as I scrambled out, trailing the throng of people marching down the hallway to the next classroom.

But when I admit to others that I miss teaching, I also explain in the next breath that serving as the Department's Fellow has already proven to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is incredibly satisfying that my work here will impact not only my former students, but students I will never meet. Given how rewarding my placement has been to date – and it has been unbelievably so – it is remarkable that the best part of the Fellowship in fact occurs outside the placement: that is, the time I spend getting to know and learn from my Fellow classmates.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FELLOWS COMMUNITY

Current Fellow Dan Fletcher was featured in the December issue of *Popular Science* for his innovative use of cell phone technology. The "CellScope," created by Dan and his students at U.C. Berkley, combines a microscope and a cell phone to enable doctors in the field to send magnified medical images directly to a lab for diagnosis.



Current Fellow Brian Alexander, a radiation oncologist, has been awarded a scholarship from the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium for his clinical research in breast cancer treatments. He was recognized at the 31st Annual Symposium, Dec. 10-14.

Commissioner Gil Cardenas was named one of *Hispanic Business's* "100 Most Influential U.S. Hispanics"—in 2008.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Law Cramer (84-85) is the President and CEO of the World Trade Center Utah in Salt Lake City.

Keith Crisco (70-71) has been named Secretary of Commerce for the State of North Carolina.

Chris Day (94-95) is the Senior Vice President for Mergers and Acquisitions for the Tegrant Corporation in Arlington Heights, IL.

Wade Dyke (89-90) is the Managing Director of Kaplan Higher Education in Ft Lauderdale, FL.

Will Gunn (1990-91) has founded The Gunn Law Firm in Alexandria, VA, a practice that specializes on military criminal and administrative matters, security clearance appeals, and VA benefits appeals.

Linda Hall (84-85) is the Director, Strategic Planning and Reporting, for the Department of Education in Washington, DC.

Pat McClanahan (04-05) is now assigned to the Joint Staff, J4 Strategy in the Pentagon.

David Melcher (87-88) has retired from the Army and is now the VP for Strategy and Business Development at ITT Defense in McLean, VA.

Meredith Neizer (86-87) has been named as President, Alliant Logistics, U.S. Foodservice in Rosemont, IL.

Ahmed Saeed (04-05) has left the Treasury Department to become the President and Managing Director of Cererus Middle East Capitol Advisors in Dubai, UAE.

Cathy Taylor (03-04) is the President and CEO of Startiste.

Kinney Zalesne (96-97) has launched a weekly microtrends column for the Wall Street Journal with her coauthor, Mark Penn. Visit the site at <http://online.wsj.com>.

Mark Vlasic (06-07) is the Head of Operations, StAR Secretariat at the World Bank in Washington, DC.

RECRUITMENT REPORT: DIANE YU

The Board of Directors of the WHF Foundation and Association has stepped up its efforts to increase the profile of the WHF Program and take a leading role in helping to generate more applications for the program. In recent years, applications have dipped somewhat, although fortunately, that has not affected the quality of the actual Fellows selected. Still, taking a longer view, the Board agreed with Janet Eissenstat, the Director of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, that the alumni, rather than the Commission office staff, are better positioned to make the case to prospective candidates. We alums can best extol the benefits of the program, describe the experiences and events of our Fellowship year, spell out the challenges of the application and interview processes, and discuss the long-term effects of serving as a Fellow.

To that end, during the 2007-08 year, the Board discussed recruitment strategies, formed an ad hoc committee to evaluate the situation and formulate some approaches, consulted widely, and decided to institutionalize its recruitment effort. Thus, in July, 2008, the board authorized that a recruitment committee be formed and chaired by the Immediate Past President of the organization. It also adopted the concept of "Founder's Month" (i.e., to showcase the date the creation of the WHF Program was published in the Federal Record - Oct. 2, 1964) as a way to focus the recruitment effort around a key event.

- Diane Yu (86-87)

RECRUITMENT SESSIONS

New York | Oct. 2

The first session, hosted by Susan Stautberg (74-75), Jeff Glueck (98-99), Laurie Zephyrin (04-05).

Stanford | Nov. 7

Held at Stanford Graduate School of Business, featuring alums Janet Abrams (94-95), George Drysdale (87-88), Bob Joss (68-69), Kevin Grimes (93-94), Jeff Hall (87-88), Dennis Murphy (92-93), and Craig Ritchey (78-79); see Janet Abrams' report on page 11.

Berkeley | Nov. 18

Jami Floyd (93-94) and Diane Yu (86-87) conducted a telephone conference call about the program with law students and graduates of U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, urging them to download and watch the video on their own.

Boston | Nov. 24

Held at the City Year Headquarters, featuring alums Rob Gordon (92-93), Scott Berns (00-01), and Jon Jennings (97-98).

San Diego | Dec. 1

Sponsored by alumni Margaret McKeown (80-81), Rana Sampson (92-93), Lynn Schenk (76-77), Rich Sybert (85-86), and Yvonne Campos (94-95) at the San Diego County Bar Association offices.

New York | Dec. 8

Hosted by Diane Yu (86-87) at NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

St. Louis | Jan. 8

To be held at Washington University at St. Louis School of Law, featuring WHF Commissioner Mark "Thor" Hearne III and alumni E. Randy Jayne (74-74), Gregg Suhler (79-80), and Diane Yu (86-87)

Dallas | Jan. 8

Held in the Flag Room on the 6th floor of City Hall, featuring Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert (84-85), Walt Humann (66-67), Mike Ullman (81-82), and John Orrison (89-90).

RECRUITMENT REPORT: JANET ABRAMS

Janet Abrams hosted a White House Fellows Information Session at Stanford Business School on November 7, along with fellow alums George Drysdale, Bob Joss, Kevin Grimes, Jeff Hall, Dennis Murphy, and Craig Ritchey.

Hi friends,

A quick report on our Friday evening program. About 65 people attended, representing all corners of the University and the Bay Area professional community. The energy in the room was high.

From the WHF Association: Bob Joss welcomed the group to the Business School (of which he is the best Dean ever). In addition to Bob and me, 5 other alums joined in describing their Fellowship experiences and responding to audience questions: George Drysdale, Kevin Grimes, Jeff Hall, Dennis Murphy and Craig Ritchey. (They rocked.) Two Fellows really tried to be with us but couldn't make it: Les Denend, who injured himself hiking. (Les, I hope you're feeling better!) and Patrick Sweeney, who was called away to participate in an important church program. Thanks also go to Fellows who helped identify prospects: Kim Connors, Clara Shin, Ajay Amlani & Craig Ritchey.

Our guests seemed very engaged and asked some good questions, including: When is the right time to apply – i.e., while in graduate school? A few years out? How established must you be in your work? Is there an age limit? How do Fellows' work assignments get made? Does anyone ever have a bad experience? Where do Fellows usually go after that year?

Here are excerpts from the 10 thank-you notes received so far. (Flattery will get them everywhere!)

“That was an inspiring and impressive presentation last night. I am very interested in the program, and plan to apply in February 2010 for the 2010-2011 cycles.” (pediatrician at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital)

“I appreciate your taking the time to meet with prospective White House Fellowship applicants. I found the presentations to be insightful and your experience as a fellow to be inspiring. I will apply this year. I hope it would be ok to stay in touch throughout the process and thank you again for sharing this wonderful program with me.” (finance professional, SF)

“Thanks again for putting together that excellent session last night. It was so great to meet you and to hear everyone's perspective on the program.” (law student, UC Berkeley)

“The WHF event was informative and entertaining. Thank you again for including me.” (lawyer, Palo Alto)

“Thanks for putting together the event last night. It was quite interesting and informative, and I enjoyed hearing about different fellows' experiences.” (MD/PhD)

Several people have asked to spend time (by phone or in-person) with alumni they met. Our group of seven will be happy to respond to these requests and requests that may come in from others who hear the buzz this week from Friday's event. I also have a few requests for WHF materials, which I'll forward to Janet Eissenstat and her team on Jackson Place.

That's it for now. I think 2009 will be a banner year for applications.

Janet Abrams

RECRUITING IDEAS FROM WHF PAST PRESIDENT DIANE YU

Media Publicity

I urge Fellows to email prospective candidates or organizations that might be sources of good candidates. The Fellows Program was recently featured in Toddi Gutner's column, "The Jungle: Focus on Recruitment, Pay and Getting Ahead" in the Wall St. Journal's Personal Journal Section (Oct. 28, 2008, page D4). (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122513488383472951.html>)

Public Recruitment

If you want to set up a public informational session to recruit in your area, let me know. I will arrange for you to receive: (a) the recruitment flyer; (b) the 18-minute DVD on the Fellowship program that was produced in 2004 and features many in that class and former Fellows; (c) ideas on how to reach out to alumni associations for your local colleges and universities, civic organizations, Chambers of Commerce, and leadership associations in your region who might be sources of candidates.

Private Recruitment

Another way to provide information about the program includes a smaller, private session, such as the one I did for 5 people who reached out to me after seeing the Wall St. Journal article at my office last week. What they found especially compelling is that doing a White House Fellowship, which pays about \$100,000 and offers the chance to work in the highest levels of government, participate in the great education and travel programs, and develop a community of caring leaders and lifelong friends, is particularly valuable at a time of severe economic downturn and instability.

Telephone Conference Calls

This route can also work, as it did for the November 18 Berkley event, if people ask you about the program and you don't have the ability to organize a program with other alumni.

Speaking Engagements or Leadership Programs

If you are doing any speeches on leadership, why not list your White House Fellowship on your bio and encourage people to contact you for more information about the program? If you are reluctant to be a direct contact yourself, just contact Jack LeCuyer, our Executive Director, who can put people in touch with alumni willing to talk about the program or meet them in their locales.

Networks

When you write up your next "Alumni Note" to update your college or graduate school alumni magazine, mention you're also recruiting future White House Fellows and let people know how to get more information (remember you can always just direct them to the Commission's webpage – <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows> – for information on applying and to download the video). Please make sure your bio shows that you were a White House Fellow and your bio is linked to the White House Fellows Commission Home Page: www.whitehouse.gov/fellows.

Resource List

Let Jack LeCuyer or me know if you are willing to be a resource (by phone, email, in person, or all three) to prospective Fellows in your area and/or from your profession or field. Jack can be reached by email at whffdn@aol.com or (202-360-0294) and I am reachable at diane.yu@nyu.edu or (212-998-2340).

More ideas? Please send them to me and we'll pass them on!

EDUCATION SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Reception with Eisenhower Institute Board of Directors Dec. 2	General Colin Powell (72-73) Dec. 17
Secretary James Peake, Department of Veterans Affairs Dec. 3	Karl Rove, former Senior Advisor to President Bush Dec. 18
Tour of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Dec. 4	Admiral Pat Walsh (88-89), Vice Chief of Naval Operations Jan. 5
Deputy Director Clay Johnson, Office of Management and Budget Dec. 5	Chairman Dana Gioia, National Endowment for the Arts Jan. 6
Lunch with Vice President Cheney at the Vice President's Residence Dec. 8	Director Jim Nussle, Office of Management and Budget Jan. 7
David Abshire, President, Center for the Study of the Presidency Dec. 9	Secretary Henry Paulson, Department of the Treasury Jan. 7
Secretary Michael Leavitt, Department of Health and Human Services Dec. 9	Secretary Ed Shaefer, Department of Agriculture Jan. 8
Secretary Steve Preston, Department of Housing and Urban Development Dec. 10	Tour of Site R, Raven Rock Military Complex Jan. 9
Mr. Steven V. Hadley, National Security Advisor Dec. 12	Lunch at the Brookings Institute with Strobe Talbot Jan. 12
Secretary Elaine Chao (83-84), Department of Labor Dec. 16	President George W. Bush Jan. 14

ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

The White House Fellows Program is a non-partisan program that offers exceptional young leaders firsthand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government.

Fellowship Selection Criteria:

- A record of remarkable professional achievement early in one's career.
- Evidence of strong leadership skills and the potential for further growth.
- A demonstrated commitment to public service.
- The knowledge and skills necessary to contribute successfully at the highest levels of the Federal government.

For more information, please visit our webpage at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fellows>.

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