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MINORITY ACCESS SET TO CONVENE MILESTONE CONFERENCE

Minority Access, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, will convene its Tenth National Role Models Conference, HOPE for a Healthy, Diverse and Just Environment, in Washington, D.C., September 11-13, 2009. One of the Nation's first and most prestigious conferences on disparities, the National Role Models Conference publicizes and honors role models as a means of decreasing health disparities and increasing campus and workplace diversity. Minority Access has cooperated with the US Office of Minority Health and the National Institutes of Health in implementing a project to contribute to closing the health disparities gap and has established a network of 170 colleges and universities supportive of Minority Access' mission to improve the recruitment, retention and graduation of minority students. The Conference, featuring stimulating sessions, cutting-edge research, motivating speakers, and inspiring role models, is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, after a college recruitment fair at a local high school.

EPA ADMINISTRATOR TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE AUDIENCE

The Office of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has confirmed Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's participation in Minority Access' Tenth National Role Models Conference. Administrator Jackson was nominated to lead EPA by President Barack Obama on December 15, 2008, and confirmed by the Senate on January 23, 2009. She is the first African American to serve in that position. Before becoming EPA's Administrator, Mrs. Jackson served as Chief of Staff to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and prior to that, she was appointed by Governor Corzine to be Commissioner of the state's Department of Environmental Protection. As Commissioner, Mrs. Jackson was noted for ensuring that underserved communities received fair environmental protection under the law.



WHITE HOUSE EXPECTED TO HONOR MINORITY ACCESS ROLE MODELS

After receiving cooperation from a member of President Obama's cabinet to recommend to the President that the White House recognize Minority Access Role Models, Minority Access is pleased to announce that it has received confirmation from the White House that priority consideration is being given to the request. Given the national significance of the proposed date of September 11 for the White House recognition and the many critical issues facing the President, Minority Access, however, cannot guarantee that the President will meet personally with the honorees. Minority Access will also invite Role Model Alumni, as recommended by two long-term supporters, to be included among the honorees. The deadline for 2009 Minority Access Role Model nominations for students, faculty, researchers, alumni and institutions is June 30.



WILLARD INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL, *THE RESIDENCE OF PRESIDENT'S*, SELECTED AS NATIONAL CONFERENCE SITE

The Willard Inter-Continental Hotel in Washington, D.C., a landmark hotel rich in tradition, elegance and style is the site for the 2009 National Role Models Conference. Located on Pennsylvania Avenue, the hotel is one block from the White House. The Willard has hosted every president since Zachary Taylor in 1850 and was the site of the writing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the completion of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. A room rate of \$156 per night is available for the Tenth National Role Models Conference. Telephone numbers for the hotel and reservations are (202) 628-9100 and (800) 827-1747.



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