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Rebecca Counts, University of Texas at Austin

Rebecca is pursuing a double major in Business Honors and Plan II Honors and has received University Honors for academic success for the past two years. She is studying Spanish and explores Latin American issues through internships at the Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies and Senator Eliot Shapleigh's office (Democrat-El Paso, Texas). She is a member of the University of Texas Mock Trial team, which is currently ranked ninth in the United States. Rebecca serves as the Alumni Liaison for the Mock Trial team and holds officer positions in other University of Texas organizations. Rebecca currently volunteers at KIPP Austin College Prep, a charter school for low-income students, and works with the youth at her church. Rebecca is also involved as a Peer Mentor for three different programs at the University of Texas. She enjoys theater and has been involved in a production almost every semester of college.

Samantha Fang, Harvard University

Samantha is pursuing a degree in economics and a minor in government at Harvard University. Valedictorian of her high school class and the only student president of the Cum Laude Society, she is also the recipient of the Detur Book Prize, Harvard's oldest distinction, and the John Harvard Scholarship for her academic achievement. As Deputy Managing Editor of the *Harvard International Review*, Samantha directs the editorial production of a quarterly journal with worldwide distribution, where she has published articles on economic affairs and has collaborated with Nobel Prize winners to increase discussion on innovative business solutions for economic development. To increase community knowledge and participation in international affairs, she organized panels as the Director of Events for Harvard International Relations Week featuring experts, ambassadors, and dignitaries that investigated topics ranging from international security to international development. Additionally, she is an active member of the *Harvard College Investment Magazine* and volunteers for Project HEALTH, where she teaches asthmatic children to swim and advocates on their behalf. Samantha is also a nationally recognized pianist: a 2006 US Presidential Scholar in the Arts, she received the top pianistic award from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts and has performed at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and at Carnegie Hall. She enjoys swimming, visiting modern art museums, and learning Italian recipes.

Sara Heaps, Stanford University

Sara is pursuing a major in human biology with a minor in Spanish and Portuguese at Stanford University. At Stanford, Sara is engaged in setting a higher standard of education as an appointed member of both the Study Advisory Board and the Act One Governance Board, where she participates in the oversight of many of the cornerstone academic programs. As Fellowships Director of Stanford in Government, Sara works to place her fellow Stanford students in over 35 existing academic and public service fellowships in some of the world's most influential organizations. She also is developing new fellowship opportunities by pursuing opportunities directly with a number of public figures, including the Mayor of San Francisco and the former President of Peru. In addition, as advocate of legal justice, Sara was appointed as member of Stanford's Judiciary Committee, which is the legal body responsible for enforcing all University policy. Aligned with her deep passion for human rights, as a high school student Sara co-founded Blueprint, a teen program of Girls Incorporated for which she was awarded the national Lucile Miller Wright Scholarship, which works to educate teenagers about the dangers of dating violence around the San Francisco Bay Area.

Andrea Jones, Brown University

Andrea Jones is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering at Brown University. Through her independent research and extracurricular activities, she has shown a devotion to using her strong academic background to make beneficial contributions to society. Her enthusiasm for fulfilling her civic responsibility has led her to a leadership position in Brown University's chapter of Engineers Without Borders as well as participation in many university sponsored science outreach programs in the Providence, Rhode Island community. As secretary of Engineers Without Borders, she uses her position to make positive impacts on current projects and direct the use of the organization's resources in effective ways. Andrea was accepted to work in a biochemical engineering laboratory and participate in an independent research project in her first year of study at Brown University and has continued to be involved in research throughout her sophomore year as well. She has been very dedicated to her research project and hopes that this experience will help shape her future career.

Mia Kanak, Yale University

Mia is pursuing a political science major with a healthcare politics and policy concentration. As a community health educator, Mia teaches and trains other students to teach sexual health in New Haven's public middle schools. In addition to being one of the founding members of the Yale Public Health Coalition, she is also a student coordinator of Yale's annual Global Health Week, which aims to raise awareness of global health issues and fundraise for Yale projects abroad. Mia, who is fluent in Chinese, spent last summer in Southwest China carrying out need-based assessments on villages affected by Hansen's Disease (leprosy) as a Pao-Watari Yale-China Intern. Mia is a varsity coxswain on the Yale Women's Crew team and has a black belt in Gojyuryu Karate.

Madeline Kane, New York University

Madeline is pursuing a self-designed honors major in Global Development at New York University. Her primary focus is poverty alleviation through equitable trade relations and concurrent grassroots aid strategies. Madeline has participated in Model United Nations and Georgetown's summer International Relations program where she learned how the principles of leadership and reform can be transferred to a global scale. She has traveled across Russia and China which led her to become an activist of fair trade policy and international aid. Madeline is the Vice President of Oxfam America at NYU, and has worked with the New York City Fair Trade Coalition volunteering and organizing campus-wide events. She has also volunteered in Costa Rica for Amistad Institute, where she developed an after-school youth program and also helped business development for women's fair-trade artisan cooperative. In addition, Madeline enjoys drama and singing.

Margaret Mumbi Mongare, Smith College

Margaret is pursuing a major in biochemistry with a minor in Healthcare Economics and is the only student in her class to be awarded the prestigious Walter Coulter Science Scholarship. As a National Science Foundation Fellow, she has already conducted graduate level research on the transport abilities of novel synthetic ion channels across lipid bilayers in the laboratory of Professor Adam Hall, and has presented a poster with her findings at the American Chemical Society's summer conference in Boston. As President of her class and a cabinet member of the Student Government Association, Margaret has overseen the implementation of campus wide residential wireless to establishing the Sophomore Initiative Fund for recognition of second year students making differences in local or international communities. A member of the Lewis Leadership Program, she has studied the business model of MassBike Pioneer Valley, a Massachusetts statewide bicycle advocacy non-profit organization, where she determined areas of potential improvement and made recommendations for more effective operation. She co-founded the Global Health Organization which prepares ten Smith students for humanitarian medical trips to Central America and the Dominican Republic. Margaret is a member and volunteer mentor of Zawadi Africa-an organization that is committed to creating powerful and internationally educated African women leaders that will help to shape the future of the continent. Margaret enjoys cooking, dancing and bike riding.

Adam-Maliq Muro, Macalester College

Adam is pursuing a double major in political science and economics with a focus on legal studies at Macalester College. His strong academic record has earned him a Kofi Annan Academic Excellence Scholarship and a Davis United World College Academic and Personal Records Excellence Scholarship.

Through his academic pursuits and extracurricular activities, Adam works to actively develop the leadership capacities of the youth of his home country of Tanzania. Over the January 2008 winter break, he helped initiate and set up the first Creative Active Service program in East Africa through the Arusha Modern High School. Adam is a prominent leader on the Macalester Campus currently serving as the elected co-chair of the largest cultural organization called the Macalester International Organization and serving as a Residential Staff Assistant and floor leader. It is through the Macalester International Organization that Adam is introducing the first Inter-Organizational Service Oriented Activity (IOSOA) program that will see the various cultural organizations coming together to get involved in service activities. Adam plays an active part as a member of the Afrika Organization and Caribbean Students Association on campus, enjoys poetry and is a slam poet having won various prizes, the most recent being garnering second place in the Macalester Slam Poetry Contest 2007 in the presence of prominent Def Jam poet Bao Phi. In his spare time, Adam plays basketball, enjoys reading for pleasure and participates at dance clubs recently taking up Salsa lesson through the Macalester Salsa Organization.

Scott Myers, University of Pennsylvania

Scott is studying Finance, Operations and Information Management in the Wharton School, and international studies and French in the College of General Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He is primarily interested in the intersection of business, international development, technology, and politics. He seeks to combine these different fields and lines of thought into a unified approach for development of mutually beneficial enterprises that promote development at the micro- and macro- levels. Scott has a wide variety of experiences in all of these areas, most recently having spearheaded the founding of an NGO that imports goods from Burkina Faso, where he conducted academic research on fiscal decentralization this past summer. He is also involved in business development management for the SAT preparation company, The Scholar's Choice; Student Government at Penn; Model United Nations; the Kite & Key Society; and a number of other programs. He was awarded over USD\$10,000 in grants this past summer for academic development and is currently studying abroad in Geneva, Switzerland, where he went after working in business development for a technology-based social enterprise this winter. He speaks German and French fluently and is currently learning Spanish and Russian.

Adam Nathan, Duke University

Adam is pursuing a self-designed major entitled "Leadership and Systems Change in the Developing World," and has been on the Dean's List for his two years at Duke University. Pursuing a career in international education development, Adam worked this past summer with the South African Education and Environment Project and now sits on its Executive Board. He now serves as the Chief Operational Officer of Teach for Africa, a landmark new organization which recruits college graduates to teach in underperforming South African schools. In addition to chairing the Student Advisory Board for DukeEngage, the University's \$30 million signature service initiative, Adam is also heavily involved with Engineers Without Borders and the Millennium Village Project. At Duke, he was elected as the Vice President of the Duke University Union, the largest-run student organization on campus, along with positions in Duke Student Government, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and the Undergraduate Publications Board. A participant in the Hart Leadership Program, Adam completed an honors research thesis on corporate responsibility and community development in Nigeria, and is working to create an Appropriate Technology Program for developing technology at Duke. For his work founding the first student chapter of the Freedom Corps, Adam received the Edward Bloustein Scholarship, and has continued his passion for engaging difference in college through facilitation activities at the Center for Race Relations and interfaith work with the Islamic Association of Raleigh. He is an avid skier and saxophonist.

Pamela Nwaoko, Georgetown University

Pamela Nwaoko, a Nigerian-American resident of Irvington, New Jersey, is a sophomore in Georgetown University's College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently pursuing a major in government, concentrating in Jurisprudence of International Law, with a minor in Spanish language. In the coming fall, she will be traveling to Europe, specifically the London School of Economics and Political Science, to further her study of international law. Pamela is the current co-coordinator for the only pre-orientation program on Georgetown University's campus dedicated to raising awareness and initiating dialogue surrounding religious tolerance, sexual orientation, age, race, ability, class, and culture. Her passion for justice and

equality has manifested itself physically in a dynamic role she held in the 2006-2007 production of *The Vagina Monologues*, a production put on to end violence and advocate for equality and justice for all women globally. She has served as Secretary for the Georgetown University's Society of Global Professionals and is an ardent employee for the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access where she promotes and advocates for the necessities of all people of color on Georgetown University's campus. Pamela is currently co-directing Girl Talk, a mentorship program geared towards African American high school females for the purpose of providing a forum to promote awareness about gender issues in the academia, social and family life.

Aman Prasad, Cornell University

Aman is pursuing a major in chemistry at Cornell University. He is the national winner of a Young Epidemiology Scholars scholarship for his research project on physical activity and mood in rural adolescents and was a 2006 United States Presidential Scholar. Aman has completed research-based internships for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and NASA and has presented his research work to the Centers for Disease Control as an invited guest. He has held elected and appointed positions with the Pocatello Youth Forum, the Pocatello Arts Council, and the Pocatello Youth Summit. At Cornell, he is a managing editor for the *Ivy Journal of Ethics* and *The Salubriion*, and is an appointed member of the university's Peer Review Board. Aman is an amateur cook and an avid fan of all outdoor recreational activities.

Kristina Rosales, University of Miami

Kristina is an Honors student and student activist leader at the University of Miami where she is pursuing a double major in international relations and political science along with minors in economics and Latin American studies. Through her work at the Department of Justice Immigration Court and dedication to volunteering abroad in an impoverished town of the Dominican Republic, Kristina has developed a passion for political and social issues. She has been named a University of Miami Ambassador and elected leader in various organizations including Council for Democracy, a non-partisan political group and Delta Epsilon Iota, an honors fraternity, both which Kristina presides. A polyglot (fluent in Russian, Spanish, French, and Portuguese), Kristina enjoys traveling and utilizing her language skills whether on community development projects abroad or through internships with international organizations. As a prominent leader on campus, Kristina seeks to push for student activism and awareness through her involvement with the University of Miami Young Democrats and programs such as Get Out the Vote. Passionate for her Latin culture, Kristina is currently conducting research on the relationship and issues taking place between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez, University of California, Berkeley

Pedro is a second-year international political economy major at the University of California Berkeley, where he has maintained a perfect grade-point-average and has been on the Dean's List every semester. Although he is American-born, he is culturally half-Spanish and half-Russian, and for fifteen years, he studied one semester a year in Spain and the other semester in Canada. He speaks Spanish, Russian, French, Galician, and is now perfecting his German. He is the President of the UC Berkeley Model United Nations (MUN) and has won various awards at MUN Conferences across North America. Last summer he traveled to Ecuador and took an active role in a grassroots development project to bring safe drinkable water and health education to ten Shuar indigenous communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon. He has also participated in community service initiatives in Costa Rica and New Orleans. In 2007, he was appointed to serve on the Berkeley Commission on Labor to advise the City Council on labor disputes. Next summer Pedro will be working with the US Department of State at the American Embassy in Madrid, where he hopes to gain a deeper understanding of EU-US relations. Pedro is a Resident Assistant in the Cal Residence Halls, where he acts as a role model and resource for a community of over sixty undergraduates. Pedro is also an avid soccer player, country singer, and Elvis impersonator.

Malavika Srinivasan, Northwestern University

Malavika is pursuing a double major in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences and Social Policy, and is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society. Through her work in tobacco control and prevention, Malavika has had the opportunity to assist with the passages of several activities;

a ballot initiative, a lobby for national legislation, and work for a national student-run non-profit organization to educate youth and adults alike. As an active participant in student government, Malavika serves as a liaison to the alumni association in order to plan programming that unites the Class of 2010. She has also been elected by her peers to manage a half-million dollar budget and allocate the Student Activities Fee. Malavika makes time to volunteer and fundraise for National Student Partnerships, in order to link low-income Evanston residents to job opportunities, legal aid, healthcare, and education. She aspires to continue her work in community development as the co-chair for Northwestern Community Building Initiative. Malavika continues to work to engage her classmates in the political process and also hopes to translate this passion into a professional career.

Ruoda Yuan, University of Michigan

Ruoda, a student at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, is pursuing a degree in business administration with a dual emphasis on international business and finance. A recipient of various merit-based honors and scholarships, he has been elected to the Honors and Preferred Admissions Program at the University of Michigan and maintains a perfect concentration G.P.A. During his freshmen year at the Ross School, Ruoda began research on the evolution of the Japanese corporate economy and the effects of financial audits on investor behavior at the Department of Corporate Strategy and International Business. With an early interest in finance, he began investing in the real estate and global equities market, obtaining insights and exposure to the finance industry. Possessing a devotion to international development, he founded an international development fund to help finance startup ventures and microenterprise development projects in various poverty stricken regions of the world, including Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Uganda, Kenya, and more. By serving on the boards and executive committees of organizations such as Net Impact and the Business Organization of Strategic Skills (BOSS), Ruoda has organized seminars, conferences, and professional development programs to promote entrepreneurship, international development, and sustainable enterprise.