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Dear Editor:

The Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) would like to make your readers aware of a **full scholarship** program open to qualified American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian college students. Please see the press release announcing our 2010 recruitment efforts attached.

The full scholarship program is run concurrently with The George Washington University's Semester In Washington Politics program and provides students from across the country a unique opportunity to study applied politics, intern and network in our nation's capital.

The full scholarship covers six (6) credits of tuition, housing, airfare to and from Washington, D.C., books and a stipend upon arrival. Over the past four years, NAPLP students have gone on to run for political office at home, pursue graduate degrees at schools such as Harvard and Yale, or become more active citizens in their tribal communities. One recent alumnus was awarded a Clinton Global Initiative Grant for an environmental non-profit he is starting for the Menominee Tribe.

The program is a non-partisan, hands-on, academic experience for students interested in the political process and looking to make lasting changes for their fellow tribal members. Students visit the centers of power in Washington, including the Supreme Court, the White House, Capitol Hill, and the National Congress of American Indians, to name just a few. Students also work with staff to find professional internships and mentors, to guide them through their semester here in Washington, D.C.

We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

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**GW'S NATIVE AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SEEKS SCHOLARSHIP
CANDIDATES FOR 2010**

**Full Scholarships will be Awarded to Qualified American Indian, Alaska Native and Native
Hawaiian Students**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University's Semester In Washington Politics program is searching for students to apply for its Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP), which provides a unique opportunity for students to study politics in the heart of the nation's capital on full scholarship for the spring 2010 academic semester.

The NAPLP scholarship program is available to qualified American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students and covers tuition, housing, airfare, books and a stipend upon arrival. Generously funded by the AT&T Foundation, NAPLP offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study applied politics with some of the brightest professionals in the field, intern in the middle of the action and network with officials who are making important decisions every day. After leaving the program, students will return to their tribal communities armed with the latest techniques in making a difference at the local level.

Marcus Grignon, a spring 2009 alumnus of the program, created a non-profit called "Citizens for a Sustainable Future," which highlights renewable energy and sustainable development efforts in his own tribal community, the Menominee. Because of that work, Mr. Grignon has been awarded a Clinton Global Initiative grant and has made numerous media appearances in print and on radio. "I learned at NAPLP that my people can lead in a new way," he said. "I feel confident that I can go back home with the skills I learned and influence positive change."

Jessica Koski, a spring 2008 alumnae and a member of the Ojibwa tribe of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Management at Yale University. "The program opened many doors for me," said Ms. Koski. "I witnessed where Native representation is desperately needed, and I began picturing different career opportunities that would allow me to serve my tribal community and other Native people."

For more information on the program, visit www.naplp.gwu.edu or call (202)994-8908.

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