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## **Antioch University Los Angeles Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service**

CULVER CITY, CA – February 11, 2009 – The Corporation for National and Community Service honored Antioch University Los Angeles today with a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities.

“I am extremely proud of the work of the Student Action Network and the faculty and students in the Applied Community Psychology concentration in the graduate Psychology program,” said Dr. Neal King, President of Antioch University Los Angeles. “Community involvement is at the very heart of our Antioch values, and I am proud of their exemplary community service and the recognition their work has brought both to them and to the university.”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

The award was given for activities during the 2007-2008 academic year, including the Community Safety Fair (sponsored by the Applied Community Psychology specialization), the Sustainable Supper hosted by the Student Action Network and the ongoing efforts of the Community Speakers Bureau. In total, AULA students, alumni, staff and faculty volunteered over 2500 hours of service to these and other community based initiatives. This is the second year in a row that AULA has been named to the Community Service Honor Roll.

“In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges,” said Stephen Goldsmith, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. “We salute Antioch University Los Angeles for making community service a campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others.”

Overall, the Corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 83 were named as Honor Roll With Distinction members and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 635 schools were recognized. A full list is available at [www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll](http://www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll).

The Honor Roll is a program of the Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is presented during the annual conference of the American Council on Education.

“I offer heartfelt congratulations to those institutions named to the 2008 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. College and university students across the country are making a difference in the lives of others every day – as are the institutions that encourage their students to serve others,” said American Council on Education President Molly Corbett Broad.

Recent studies have underlined the importance of service-learning and volunteering to college students. In 2006, 2.8 million college students gave more than 297 million hours of volunteer service, according to the Corporation’s Volunteering in America 2007 study. Expanding campus incentives for service is part of a larger initiative to spur higher levels of volunteering by America’s college students. The Corporation is working with a coalition of federal agencies, higher education and student associations, and nonprofit organizations to achieve this goal.

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*For over 35 years, Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA) has proudly and consistently challenged educational conventions to inspire learning and leadership that promotes service to community and positive social change. In addition to a liberal arts undergraduate degree completion program, AULA offers graduate degree programs in clinical psychology, creative writing, teacher credentialing, education and organizational management. Antioch University Los Angeles was recently named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. More information can be found online at [www.AntiochLA.edu](http://www.AntiochLA.edu)*

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The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The Corporation administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations. For more information, go to [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

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