



The Congressional Award

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THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO HONOR 252 YOUNG AMERICANS FOR PROVIDING MORE THAN 325,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Washington, D.C. — On Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 252 of America's youth from 106 Congressional Districts will receive The Congressional Award Gold Medal— the highest honor bestowed upon young people by the U.S. Congress. The ceremony, which will take place in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building, recognizes initiative, achievement and service in America's youth. The Joint Leadership of Congress will preside over the ceremony and **Jessica Kumari** and **Steven Fabian** of *Channel One News* will serve as the Masters of Ceremonies.

NFL star **Michael Oher** —whose meteoric rise from the street to the NFL was the inspiration behind the 2010 Oscar-winning film *The Blindside*— will receive the Horizon Award for his commitment to serving America's youth. Deputy Secretary of Education **Anthony Wilder Miller** will deliver a keynote address.

The Congressional Award is a public-private partnership created by Congress to provide a unique opportunity for young people ages 14-23 to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development, and citizenship. Established in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the Congressional Award Foundation does not receive any federal funding; all funds necessary to run the program are donations from the private sector.

The Congressional Award is non-competitive and open to all young Americans regardless of mental or physical challenges, or socioeconomic status. It is the first and only award for youth legislated by the U. S. Congress. Through this award, the U.S. Congress looks to honor and encourage volunteer public service and recognize the often unsung and always important accomplishments of young Americans throughout the United States. The recipients of the 2010 Congressional Award Gold Medal are:

STATE	NAME & HOMETOWN	MEMBER OF CONGRESS	
Alabama	Catherine Briscoe of Birmingham	Spencer Bachus	- 6th District
Arizona	Jacob Costello of Wesley	John Boozman	- 3rd District

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California	Elliot Bartlett of Gold River	Dan Lungren	- 3rd District
	Blake Delaplane of Gold River		
	Emily McNamara of Winters		
	Adam Greenberg of Playa Del Ray	Doris Matsui	- 5th District
	Sarah Friesen of Concord	John Garamendi	- 10th District
	Carolyn Talley of Danville	Jerry McNerney	- 11th District
	Mark Talley of Danville		
	Peter Hurtubise of Burlingame	Jackie Speier	- 12th District
	Haley Kong of Hillsborough		
	Amrit Saxena of Foster City		
	Katie Bogash of Frazier Park	Kevin McCarthy	- 22nd District
	Elizabeth Lewis of Pine Mountain		
	Bryson Edgar of Ventura	Elton Gallegly	- 24th District
	Yan Mei Guo of Arcadia	David Dreier	- 26th District
	Jesse Li of Arcadia		
	Steven Martin of Arcadia		
	Chloe Hsia of South Pasadena	Adam Schiff	- 29th District
	Yael Freiberg of West Hollywood	Henry Waxman	- 30th District
	Daniel Lane of Los Alamitos	Ed Royce	- 40th District
	Diane Oh of Buena Park		
Michelle Lang of Long Beach	Dana Rohrabacher	- 46th District	
Patrick Murphy of Long Beach			
Victor Woo of Rancho Palos Verdes			
Walter Woo of Rancho Palos Verdes			
Christina Penticuff of Irvine	John Campbell	- 48th District	
Holly Rogers of Fallbrook	Darrell Issa	- 49th District	
Maura Anderson of Alpine	Duncan Hunter	- 52nd District	
Colorado	Nicholas Carney of Englewood	Diana DeGette	- 1st District
	Riley Carney of Englewood		
	Levanna Davis of Colorado Springs	Doug Lamborn	- 5th District
	Katrina Atkinson of Evergreen	Mike Coffman	- 6th District
Austin Reed of Evergreen			
Connecticut	Kousanee Chheda of Storrs Mansfield	Joe Courtney	- 2nd District
	Sumaali Chheda of Storrs Mansfield		
Florida	Brian Toups of Gulf Breeze	Jeff Miller	- 1st District
	Kaitlyn Chana of Altamonte Springs	John Mica	- 7th District
	Tabitha Boeringer of Orlando	Alan Grayson	- 8th District
	Paige Beauchamp of Palm City	Tom Rooney	- 16th District
	Lindsey Bordner of Fort Pierce		
	Sarah Cassatly of Jupiter		
	Kylie Corson of Jensen Beach		
	Sarah Dennison of Stuart		
	Danielle DiTerlizzi of Palm City		
	Ian Gasiorek of Stuart		
	Bailey Gleason of Jensen Beach		
	Adam Glener of Palm City		
Julie Glener of Palm City			

Florida (cont.)	Michael Healy of Tequesta		
	Victoria Holden of Palm City		
	Stephanie Hoskins of Fort Pierce		
	Raymond La of Stuart		
	Melissa Milford of Port St. Lucie		
	Meera Nagarsheth of Jensen Beach		
	Dillon Pettyjohn of Jupiter		
	Caitlin Stevenson of Jupiter		
	Martha Sturm of Palm City		
	Hayley Trainer of Jupiter		
	Jennifer Tuck of Palm Beach Gardens		
	Grace Willert of Stuart		
	Noah Sutter of Tavernier	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	- 18th District
	Carleton Coulter of Palm Beach Gardens	Ron Klein	- 22nd District
	Lindsay French of Jupiter		
	Alexandra Ladd of North Palm Beach		
	Samantha Marion of West Palm Beach		
	Dustin Provenzano of Royal Palm Beach		
	Dylan Provenzano of Royal Palm Beach		
	Nicole Provenzano of Royal Palm Beach		
Joshua Schattie of Jupiter			
Hamilton Doane of North Palm Beach			
Chelsey Hofer of West Palm Beach	Alcee Hastings	- 23rd District	
Angel Millender of West Palm Beach			
Melissa Gregory of Winter Springs	Suzanne Kosmas	- 24th District	
Georgia	Dennis Harris of Valdosta	Jack Kingston	- 1st District
	Robert Fetters of Brooks	Lynn Westmoreland	- 3rd District
	Christiana Brock of Alpharetta	Tom Price	- 6th District
Idaho	Kristen Boyd of Boise	Walt Minnick	- 1st District
	Ashley Langdon of Boise		
	Isaac Levi of Nampa		
	Jon Atkinson of Ketchum	Mike Simpson	- 2nd District
	Cory Berry of Hansen		
	Steven Boomhower of Twin Falls		
	Samantha Breeding of Kimberly		
	Hanna Fischer of Boise		
	Jene' Johnson of Buhl		
	Julianna Lamb of Sun Valley		
Britton Stevenson of Sun Valley			
Lara Tuthill of Boise			
Illinois	Aakash Bavishi of Hoffman Estates	Melissa Bean	- 8th District
Indiana	Miriam Crane of Richmond	Mike Pence	- 6th District
	Abraham Gerber of Ossian		
Kansas	James Luehrmann of Hope		
	Alexander Abramovitz of Shawnee	Dennis Moore	- 3rd District
	Ben Denzer of Overland Park		
	Victoria Gaughan of Olathe		
	Brock Knapp of Overland Park		

Kansas (cont.)	Kaya LeGrand of Overland Park		
Louisiana	Kelly McCarthy of Baton Rouge	Bill Cassidy	- 6th District
Massachusetts	Alexander Serrano of North Andover	John Tierney	- 6th District
	Ashleigh Serrano of North Andover		
	Catherine Aker of Medfield	Stephen Lynch	- 9th District
Maryland	Ross Libby of Salisbury	Frank Kratovil	- 1st District
	Carson Wigley of Salisbury		
	Harish Chatrathi of Clarksville	Elijah E. Cummings	- 7th District
	Zohair Asmail of North Potomac	Chris Van Hollen	- 8th District
Maine	Benjamin Grotton of Topsham	Chellie Pingree	- 1st District
Michigan	Shannon McAvinchey of Spring Lake	Pete Hoekstra	- 2nd District
	David Hoogmoed of Ada	Vern Ehlers	- 3rd District
	Heather Ritzema of Grand Rapids		
	Ryan Ritzema of Grand Rapids		
Minnesota	Anna Hegland of Minnetonka	Erik Paulsen	- 3rd District
	Catrina Lane of Edina		
	Hannah Nemer of Mendota Hts	Betty McCollum	- 4th District
	Amy Walton of St. Paul		
Missouri	Jennifer Kelly of St. Louis	William Lacy Clay	- 1st District
	Molly Bates of Kirkwood	Todd Akin	- 2nd District
	Matthew Gerling of Wildwood		
	Mariah Mullins of St. Louis		
	Colleen Flecke of St. Louis	Russ Carnahan	- 3rd District
	Abigail Fronick of St. Louis		
	Louise Love of St. Louis		
	Natasha Sanford of St. Louis		
	Austin Coon of Springfield	Roy Blunt	- 7th District
Julia Seliga of Washington	Blaine Luetkemeyer	- 9th District	
Mississippi	Lindsey Bouchillon of Plantersville	Travis Childers	- 1st District
	Amy Brown of Tupelo		
	Matthew Thorn of Fulton		
North Carolina	Michael Bojanski of Durham	David Price	4th District
	William Lindsey of Durham		-
	Neel Mandavilli of Cary		
	Erin Mullen of Fayetteville	Mike McIntyre	- 7th District
Nebraska	Tonni Blount of Bellevue	Lee Terry	- 2nd District
New Jersey	Courtney Cain of Millville	Frank LoBiondo	- 2nd District
	Megan Hardy of Millville		
	Lauren Holding of Millville		
	Jeremy Wilson of Millville		
	John Laberee of Medford	John Adler	- 3rd District

New Jersey (cont.)	Han-Wei Wu of Mahwah	Scott Garrett	-	5th District
	Jordan Ardakanian of Ocean	Frank Pallone	-	6th District
	Katherine Bazley of West Long Branch			
	Shreshth Bajaj of Belle Mead	Leonard Lance	-	7th District
	Amery Chang of Edison			
	Allison Dadouris of Annandale			
	Makenzie Holmsborg of Annandale			
	Deborah Rose of West Orange	Bill Pascrell	-	8th District
	Chantal Lopez of Secaucus	Steve Rothman	-	9th District
	Paul Bender of Chatham	Rodney Frelinghuysen	-	11th District
	Farrah Alkhaleel of Tinton Falls	Rush Holt	-	12th District
	Thomas Alne of Marlboro			
	Jaclyn Campis of Holmdel			
	Arnab Chatterjee of Holmdel			
	Brittney Gordon of Rumson			
	Alyssa Hollander of Holmdel			
	Sasank Isola of Princeton			
	Erica Lai of Holmdel			
	Yuvraj Mohan of Holmdel			
	Alomi Parikh of Holmdel			
Nikhil Patel of Tinton Falls				
Rajat Verma of Marlboro				
Jessica Wu of Homdel				
New Mexico	John Korbin of Albuquerque	Martin Heinrich	-	1st District
New York	Megan Toth of Farmingdale	Steve Israel	-	2nd District
	Kathleen Brim of Staten Island	Michael McMahon	-	13th District
	Emma Todorovich of Scarsdale	Nita Lowey	-	18th District
	Jesse Schmid of Holmes	John Hall	-	19th District
	Jeffrey Kemp of Fairport	Louise Slaughter	-	28th District
Ohio	Randal Scott Dudis of Cincinnati	Steve Driehaus	-	1st District
	Robert Patton of West Chester	John Boehner	-	8th District
	Caitlin Morris of Huron	Marcy Kaptur	-	9th District
	John Hager of Utica	Patrick Tiberi	-	12th District
	Gabrielle Tan of Johnstown			
Pennsylvania	Somalea In of Philadelphia	Robert Brady	-	1st District
	Chan Mao of Philadelphia			
	Nimol Mao of Philadelphia			
	Socheata Mao of Philadelphia			
	Sotheary Mao of Philadelphia			
	Sothea Pang of Philadelphia			
	Poi Theng Suon of Philadelphia			
	Poi Veng Suon of Philadelphia			
	Bao Ho of Philadelphia	Chakah Fattah	-	2nd District
	Cuong Luu of Philadelphia			
	Tram Nguyen of Philadelphia			
	Sokhengly Non of Philadelphia			
	Jonathan Lin of Sewickley	Jason Altmire	-	4th District
	Praveen Tummalapalli of Pittsburgh			
	Thomas Caputi of New Hope	Patrick Murphy	-	8th District

Pennsylvania (cont.)	Priyanka Trivedi of Newtown		
	Jack Morton of Moscow	Christopher Carney	- 10th District
	Lydia Appianing of Willow Grove	Allyson Schwartz	- 13th District
	Lydia Baxter of Glenside		
	Jason Fouch of Glenside		
	Alix Joy of Ardsley		
	Malorie Letcavage of Meadowbrook		
	Matthew Wilfred of Elkins Park		
	Roberto Ortiz of Avondale	Joe Pitts	- 16th District
	Holly Sirota of Lancaster		
	Howard Sirota, Jr. of Lancaster		
	Rosa Zavala of Kennett Square		
	Mary Collins of Pittsburgh	Tim Murphy	- 18th District
	Stephanie Kuo of Pittsburgh		
Amanda McMillan of Franklinton	Todd Platts	- 19th District	
Tennessee	Matthew Waldrep of Knoxville	John Duncan	- 2nd District
	Ethan Green of Springfield	Bart Gordon	- 6th District
Texas	Shelby Sutton of Houston	John Culberson	- 7th District
	Collin Carstens of Cypress	Michael McCaul	- 10th District
	Meredith Kolda of Austin		
	Seung Lee of Austin		
	Max Romano of Fort Worth	Kay Granger	- 12th District
	Levi Walker of Fort Worth		
	Ryan Welborn of Fort Worth		
	Paul Braden of College Station	Chet Edwards	- 17th District
	Noah Lambert of Austin	Lloyd Doggett	- 25th District
	Emily Cassidy of Westlake	Michael Burgess	- 26th District
Utah	Kathryn Florance of Park City	Rob Bishop	- 1st District
Virginia	Bianca Craft of Fredericksburg	Rob Wittman	- 1st District
	John Engiles of Stafford		
	James Spencer of Montross		
	Jillian Smith of Charlottesville	Tom Perriello	- 5th District
	Bailey Bierhuizen of Culpeper	Eric Cantor	- 7th District
	Amanda Jenkins of Culpeper		
	Simrun Soni of Vienna	Jim Moran	- 8th District
	Jason Dreyzehner of Abingdon	Rick Boucher	- 9th District
	John Dreyzehner of Abingdon		
	Grace Grunstra of Bristol		
	Rachel Grunstra of Bristol		
	Timothy Grunstra of Bristol		
	Kathleen Rogers of Radford		
	Marissa Gaven of Round Hill	Frank Wolf	- 10th District
	Kelsie Mietla of Herndon		
Apurva Sisodia of Fairfax			
Matthew Bess of Haymarket	Gerry Connolly	- 11th District	
Washington	Alexander Gaston of Everett	Rick Larsen	- 2nd District
	David Craft of Ocean Park	Brian Baird	- 3rd District

Wash. (cont.)	Anna Franklin of Mercer Island	Dave Reichert	- 8th District
Wyoming	Amanda Anderson of Cheyenne Alissa Aylward of Cheyenne Kelly Barrett of Cheyenne Jessica Bomberger of Cheyenne Caleb Brackett of Marbleton Joshua Brackett of Marbleton Kolby Drake of Cheyenne Dayna Hazlewood of Cheyenne Kaiser Mock of Gillette Ellen Nye of Laramie Erin Sims of Cheyenne Samuel Streeter of Saratoga Ciara Thompson of Cheyenne Lawrence Uhling of Saratoga Michaela Uhling of Saratoga Makenzie White of Cheyenne Caleb Wilkins of Cheyenne	Cynthia Lummis	- At-Large

Throughout the year, Congressional Award Medalists are honored at local ceremonies and medal presentations by Members of Congress at the district and state levels. Since its inception in 1979, the Congressional Award has recognized thousands of young Americans committed to serving their country and improving themselves, representing over 3 million hours of public service and 30,000 students – all of whom are actively working toward their Gold Medal.

In order to earn The Congressional Award Gold Medal, each individual must complete a minimum of 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development activities, 200 hours of physical fitness, and four consecutive days and nights of an exploration or expedition. Any young person between the ages of 14-23 may register for the program by calling (202) 226-0130 or logging on to the web site: <http://CongressionalAward.org>.

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