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Educating For Peace – The Wholistic Peace Institute and the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation Are Pleased To Announce 2015 Student Peace Leaders & Schools

Nobel Peace Laureates

President Kim Dae Jung, 2000, South Korea

President Lech Walesa, 1983, Poland

President Oscar Arias, 1987, Costa Rica

President F. W. De Klerk, 1993, South Africa

Dalai Lama, 1989

Betty Williams, 1976

Adolfo Perez, 1980

Amnesty, 1977

Phys. Soc. Resp., 1985

Jody Williams, 1997

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2015 Harold Schnitzer Spirit of Unity Award for the Student Peace Education and Leadership Grants; Please Contact:

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All teachers, students, press are invited to the Harold Schnitzer Spirit of Unity Award Ceremony & WPI Student Peace Education & Leadership Summit

Keynote Speaker: Professor & Author Robert J. Miller of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law will speak to the students about the importance of peace education; the need for a National Student Peace Society and about his book "Native America, Discovered and Conquered"

Friday, November 20th; 1:20pm to 2:20pm; Baker Prairie Middle School; 1859 S Township Road; Canby, Oregon; 97013; Each of the 10 student peace leaders from the ten school peace clubs will give a 2-3 minute speech about their peace projects and why they feel they will make their communities and the world a better and more peaceful place

The 7th Annual Harold Schnitzer Spirit of Unity awards are being awarded to student peace leaders at a number of Oregon middle and high schools for the outstanding work of their students in initiating peace and service projects programs and clubs in their schools and their communities-to make our world both a safer and a better place for all.

This year our selection of award recipients was especially poignant in the shadow of the Roseburg tragedy. The Institute holds to the belief that the solution to school gun violence is multifaceted. We are concerned that no one is advocating the importance of peace education in our schools as an aspect to the solution. We believe it is time for a "National Student Peace Society" in our nation's schools where the teaching of conflict resolution skills; of creating a culture of peace; projects that embrace diversity & promote tolerance; pursuing projects that focused on Nobel Peace Laureates as leadership models; projects that focus on mediation to solve conflict; and the teaching of peacemaking skills.

The process we followed was to contact all middle and high schools in Oregon; public and private; and ask them to apply; 10 schools were selected after a rigorous look at their peace projects:

1. Baker Prairie Middle School; Canby, Oregon; Multi-Faceted Peace Education Programs; Jennifer Turner; Carrie Stewart; Isabeau Waia'u Walker; Lynn Olsen
2. Fr. Bernard Youth Center; Mt. Angel, Oregon; New Annual Peace Program Based on the Teachings of Mother Teresa (Nobel Peace Prizewinner & Catholic Saint); Emma Hare; Don Robison
3. Skyline Portland Public School; Portland, Oregon; Peace Club/Unity Club; Renee Kruger
4. Leslie Middle School; Salem, Oregon; Leslie Middle School Peace Club – Peer Helpers; Pete Teller
5. Faubion Middle School; Portland, Oregon; Faubion Peace Club; Claire LaPoma; Jennifer McCalley
6. St. Andrews Catholic Religious Education; Portland, Oregon; Peace & Ecological Justice Program; Heather Colbert Moline; Paul Stretch
7. Jesuit High School; Portland, Oregon; Ignation Family Teach In For Justice; Scott Powers
8. Delphian School; Sheridan, Oregon; Delphian Youth For Human Rights Club; John Glenski; Catherine Emrani; Fio Magliola
9. St. Mary's Academy; Portland, Oregon; Youth Ending Slavery; Maria Fleming; Clare McLeod
10. Rosemont Ridge Middle School; West Linn, Oregon; Student Peace Education Program – Global Issues; Nobel Peace Laureates; Helping Our Community & The World Through Peace Education; Debi Briggs-Crispin