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NAVASA Selects the Ten Outstanding Young Community Leaders for 2004

Washington D.C.--The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) announces the recipients of the National Young Community Leaders Recognition (NYCLR) award. Launched at last year's NAVASA National Conference in California, the NYCLR award recognizes emerging young community leaders who dedicated their time to community service. The goal of the award is to promote community volunteerism among young Vietnamese Americans and to empower the next generation of leaders.

According to NAVASA Executive Director, nearly 750,000 Vietnamese Americans (or 62%), of the total Vietnamese American population in the United States are young people under the age of 35, "there is no doubt that these young individuals will become increasingly instrumental in both the local and national scope of community activism and organization," said Huy V. Bui.

The NYCLR is an annual and highly prestigious award of recognition from NAVASA dedicated to young emerging Vietnamese American leaders who have strongly demonstrated a true commitment, passion, and vision toward building and bridging the Vietnamese American communities across the United States. The recipients of NYCLR will become fellows in NAVASA Leadership Institute. The Institute will mentor, support, and promote the recipients throughout their public service commitments and to ensure that they will continue to contribute to the community in many ways.

The ten young leaders to be recognized for the 2004 award are:

- Mr. Phuoc T. Chu (Springfield, MA)
- Mr. Cuong Q. Huynh (Oxon Hill, MD)
- Ms. Carina V. Lieu (Oakland, CA)
- Ms. Thanh H. Luu (Houston, TX)
- Ms. Linda T. Pham (Houston, TX)
- Mr. Cuong S. Phan (Bethesda, MD)
- Mr. Dang K. Truong (Seattle, WA)
- Ms. Daphne Truong (Lancaster, PA)
- Ms. Elizabeth V. Vo (Springfield, MA)
- Mr. Dzaou Vu (Chicago, IL)

"NAVASA is very delighted with this year's extraordinary group of awardees," continued Huy Bui, "and we are deeply impressed with and proud of their achievements and long-standing commitment to the community."

The Recognition Banquet will take place on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Kim Son IV Restaurant, 300 Milam Street, Houston, Texas. The Conference will be held from September 30 to October 2, 2004 at the DoubleTree Hotel Allen Center in Houston.

For more information on this year's recipients, banquet, and conference, please visit our website at www.navasa.org.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency currently comprised of 37 mutual assistance associations (MAAs). Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organizations, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the socio-political system. Located in metropolitan Washington DC, NAVASA is fully committed to assisting its affiliate organizations to address the civic, economic, linguistic, and social needs facing community members in their specific localities.

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