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### **NAVASA Selects Ten Youth for 2005 Community Leadership Recognition**

**Washington D.C.** – The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) announces the recipients of its prestigious 2005 National Young Community Leaders Recognition (NYCLR) award. Now in its third year, the NYCLR award recognizes emerging community leaders who dedicate themselves to community service. The NYCLR award promotes community volunteerism among young Vietnamese Americans and empowers the next generation of leaders through training, encouragement, and opportunities to network.

The NYCLR is an annual and well-sought award of recognition which NAVASA dedicates to young Vietnamese American leaders who have strongly demonstrated true commitment and passion for building Vietnamese American communities across the United States. The recipients of the 2005 NYCLR will be invited to attend NAVASA's National Conference, to be held July 15 and 16, for training and will be formally acknowledged at the Recognition Banquet that follows the conference.

The ten young leaders to be honored with the 2005 NYCLR are as follows:

- Ms. Huong Huynh (Virginia)
- Ms. Yen Le (Maryland)
- Ms. Kim Nguyen (Texas)
- Ms. Mila Nguyen (Pennsylvania)
- Ms. Thu-Thao Nguyen (Massachusetts)
- Ms. Tram-Anh Nguyen (Washington State)
- Mr. Thanh Pham (California)
- Ms. Quang Tran (Massachusetts)
- Mr. Peter VanDo (Massachusetts)
- Mr. Khoi Vo (Florida)

NAVASA's Chairwoman, Ms. Vee Phan Nelson, acknowledges the importance of the NYCLR. "We have begun raising funds to ensure that young Vietnamese Americans have opportunities for leadership in our society, and to secure the well-being of NAVASA itself. I am glad that we invest in our young leaders, through such programs as the NYCLR, so that they may carry our work into the next generation. Together, with your support, we can make it happen."

The ten young recipients of the NYCLR join with honorees previously selected to be recognized at the 2005 banquet, including Dr. Nguyen Dinh Thang, community service honoree; Ms. Khuc Minh Tho, humanitarian honoree; and Mr. Shep Lowman and Mr. Lionel Rosenblatt, lifetime service honorees. In addition, NAVASA will for the first time recognize organizations that have been models of community service, including the Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota, Most Valuable Member, and the International Children Assistance Network, Award of Excellence.

The Recognition Banquet will take place on Saturday, July 16, at the Hilton McLean Tyson's Corner, Virginia. The Conference will be held at the same location on Friday, July 15, and until noon on Saturday, July 16. For more information on this year's NYCLR recipients, Recognition Banquet, and National Conference, please visit NAVASA's website at [www.navasa.org](http://www.navasa.org).