

Lieutenant Governors' Red Wagon Award for PRIMEtime Fellows

The Northfield PRIMEtime Fellows have been named a winner of the “2008 Red Wagon Award” for youth civic engagement and youth leadership. The award is presented by Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau in collaboration with the Minnesota Alliance With Youth.

The Red Wagon Award is given to individuals and groups that foster youth civic engagement and service, exemplary leadership, and/or increased academic achievement.

Nominations of outstanding youth efforts were received from across Minnesota. The Northfield PRIMEtime Fellows were one of only 6 groups selected for this honor.

Three of the PRIMEtime Fellows recently represented the group at a reception at the Minnesota Governor's Mansion.

About the PRIMEtime Fellows

The PRIMEtime Fellows are a cohort of Northfield High School students who were selected for a community service fellowship last school year and this past summer. These Fellows each agreed to volunteer with the after school PLUS program, the Middle School Youth Center, and/or the Summer PLUS program. They helped the younger youth with academic work or engaged them in recreational activities. They were also able to provide important language connections with English Language Learners in the after school programs.

During the school year, Fellows volunteered two afternoons per week with either the elementary PLUS program or the Middle School Youth Center. During the summer months, the Fellows volunteered at the Summer PLUS program four days per week for five hours per day for seven weeks.

The Fellows took part in all staff trainings. They kept journals daily about their experiences and attended a weekly reflection session as a cohort. The Fellows received a small scholarship for their involvement in this program.

Combined, the PRIMEtime Fellows volunteered over 3,000 hours this past year, assisting Northfield children in out-of-school-time programming.

About the Minnesota Alliance With Youth & the Five Promises

The Minnesota Alliance With Youth is a collaborative network of partner organizations, schools & communities advocating with and for youth to ensure access to the Five Promises for all young people in MN.

Research shows that if the Five Promises, as defined by America's Promise, are consistently fulfilled, they can significantly advance the health and well-being of the next generation – increasing the chances of youth becoming successful adults. The Five Promises all youth need to succeed are Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, Marketable Skills, and Opportunities to Serve.

More information is available at www.mnyouth.net

2007-08 PRIMETIME Fellows

- Stephanie Calderon
- Zaret Calderon
- Rosie Carter
- Giovanni Casillas
- William Doniz
- Mayra Gutierrez
- Chandler Hanson
- Derrick Jacobs
- Brenda Kell
- Adrian Lazaro
- Briseiry Lazaro
- Estefany Lazaro
- Minhtu Le
- Christian Leyva
- Mauricio Lozada
- Pablo Orozco
- Berenice Salinas
- Gisel Salinas
- Roxana Saucedo
- Giovanni Vazquez
- Josh Wood