



# Truman Scholars Association

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Welcome Truman Scholars!

Welcome to the historic National Press Club and thank you for taking part in this gathering of some of the nation's most passionate, promising and proven public service leaders. More than a year in the making, the Truman Scholars National Conference has yielded the widest assemblage of Scholars in one location in the 33-year history of the scholarship. Over 300 Truman Scholars and 100 guests have gathered to celebrate the diverse ways in which we further the causes of national service and social innovation in our everyday lives.

Keynote speakers, panelists and participants consist of some of today's most impactful individuals, including Truman Foundation President and former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and fellow Truman Scholar and Homeland Security Secretary Janet A. Napolitano (NM '77). The fifteen panels led by our Scholar peers will comprise the core of the conference to include dialogues on major education and health care initiatives, and explorations into effective public-private partnerships.

Strengthening support for the Truman Scholar community during these challenging economic times is also important. To this end, the Truman Scholars Association (TSA) is launching an Annual Fund to maintain the quality Scholar programming of the Foundation and to build TSA's capacity to be of effective support to Scholars through the whole of their professional lives. There are many ways to give back. We encourage each Scholar to, yes, make a donation to the TSA, as well as to update profile information, join our online listserve, join a TSA Regional Club, offer to mentor younger Scholars, serve on the TSA Board or a committee, or help organize events much like this nationally, regionally, and virtually. For more information, please visit <http://www.trumanscholars.org>.

Above all, the TSA and the Truman Foundation hope that this weekend will reinvigorate all participants with the "Truman Spirit." In nearly all fields of endeavor, Truman Scholars have been leading and inspiring change for the public good. President Truman confronted the tough challenges of his time, as must we. May each of us renew, refresh and recommit ourselves to live his inspiring example of service.

This gathering is at the heart of our mission as an association and community – to nurture the professional practices and build the collegial bonds that will serve to inspire all of us to reach new heights in pursuit of public service. Thanks for joining us and best wishes for a most eventful conference experience.

## *2009 Truman Scholars National Conference Steering Committee*

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ID 1995*

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MA 2006*

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MS 1977*

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SC 2001*

*Mark Cannon  
OH 1984*

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WI 2003*

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The mission of the Truman Scholars Association is to build, maintain and educate a community of Truman Scholars to foster a life long commitment to public service in all its forms through intellectual, personal and professional development and to support and promote public service.