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Dear Colleague:

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (WWNFF) is seeking well-motivated and academically excellent graduating seniors or recent graduates – who represent all ethnic and social backgrounds – to apply for **2010 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships**. The program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of State, honors former Ambassador Pickering, one of the country's most respected Foreign Service Officers.

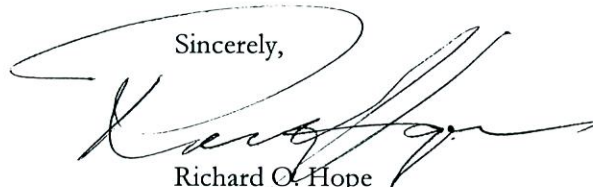
Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate g.p.a. of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0), and must be interested in becoming Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. They must begin their master's degree program (such as public policy, international affairs, public administration, or academic fields such as business, economics, political science, sociology or foreign languages) in fall 2010 (2010-2011 academic year). Candidates should demonstrate academic strength in their coursework and participation in activities that highlight leadership potential and involvement in their communities. As noted in the **enclosed brochure**, "Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply."

The WWNFF is pleased to confirm that the **2010 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship** is accessible on-line by visiting our website (www.woodrow.org). The on-line application also describes other documents that each applicant must forward to the WWNFF. In addition, **all applicants must send the WWNFF a copy of their most recent financial aid letter that lists grants or loans, and provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), which indicates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number.**

The deadline date is February 5, 2010. The fellowship award includes financial support toward tuition and mandatory fees, living stipend (based on the institution's room and board rate), books, some travel for the first and second years of graduate school, and paid State Department summer internships in Washington, DC and overseas, pending availability of funding.

Please distribute this information as widely as possible on your campus. Students should visit our website (www.woodrow.org) for information about the Pickering fellowships and to initiate their online application. If you need more information or additional brochures, please email Sylvia Sheridan, Assistant Director of Public Policy and International Affairs Programs (pickeringgfaf@woodrow.org). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures