



French-American Foundation Announces 2010 Young Leaders

Paris/New York, July 9, 2010 – The French-American Foundation is proud to announce the participants selected for the 2010 Young Leaders program:

2010 French Young Leaders

- **Lieutenant-Colonel Frédéric Barbry**, French general staff, French Ministry of Defence
- **Kamil Beffa**, General Manager, Lafarge Cement Division in China
- **Jeannette Bougrab**, President, Haute Autorité de Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l'Egalité
- **Béatrice De Clermont-Tonnerre**, Senior Vice President Business Development, Lagardère
- **Emmanuel Farhi**, Professor of Economics, Harvard University
- **David Fontaine**, Journalist, Le Canard Enchaîné
- **Nicolas Macquin**, European Partner, Alpha Associés Conseil
- **Isabelle Simon**, Senior Vice President, Publicis Groupe
- **Florence Verzelen**, Managing Director, GDF SUEZ Qatar Block IV
- **Laurent Vigier**, Director of European and International Affairs, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations

2010 American Young Leaders

- **Kevin Bertram**, Chief Executive Officer, Distributive Networks
- **Walt Cooper**, Major, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- **Nathaniel Fick**, Chief Executive Officer, Center for a New American Security
- **Jane Kang**, Counsel, The Boeing Company
- **Magalie Laguerre-Wilkinson**, Associate Producer, CBS News – 60 Minutes
- **Elizabeth Méndez Berry**, Freelance journalist and media consultant, Ford Foundation
- **Anjan Mukherjee**, Managing Director, The Blackstone Group
- **Byron Rader**, Chief Financial Officer, Microsoft France
- **Bradley S. Schneider**, Senior Scientific Officer, Global Field Operations, Global Viral Forecasting Initiative
- **Johanna Zetterberg**, Deputy Program Manager, Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

Created in 1981 to foster a new network of trans-Atlantic leaders, the Young Leaders program is the Foundation's flagship program. The highly competitive selection process attracts nominations of up-and-coming leaders from French and American government, business, media, military and the non-profit sector.

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Past program participants include Bill and Hillary Clinton, Alain Juppé, François Hollande, Anne Lauvergeon and other public and private sector leaders from both sides of the Atlantic.

Alternating each year between France and the United States, the two-year program provides the selected Young Leaders with the opportunity to spend five days together in small-group meetings for briefings on critical contemporary policy issues and to build relationships with their fellow Young Leaders. Past and current Young Leaders also meet throughout the year at both informal and formal gatherings.

This year's Young Leaders program will be held in France, in Paris and Marseille, from September 21 to 26. The agenda includes a meeting with the city Senator and Mayor Jean-Claude Gaudin and a visit to the AREVA's industrial and nuclear site at Tricastin.

The 2010 program will examine Marseille's unique experience in assimilating immigrants and its initiatives to foster social mobility. Participants also will discuss the pivotal role played by Marseille in the Euromed Partnership "Union pour la Méditerranée," which today includes all 27 European Union member states and 16 partner nations throughout the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East.

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The French-American Foundation, with offices in Paris and New York, was established in 1976 with the mission to enrich and improve relations between France and the United States and to encourage an active dialogue between the two nations.

About the Young Leaders program

The French-American Foundation's Young Leaders program began in 1981 as part of an effort to improve working relationships between French and American leaders by providing exposure to their trans-Atlantic counterparts in government, business, media, the military and the non-profit sector. Past American Young Leaders include President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senators Evan Bayh and Bill Bradley, General Wesley Clark, former White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten, World Bank President Robert Zoellick, and business leaders Frank Herring (Transamerica Corporation) and John Thain (CIT Group). Past French participants include several business leaders, including Henri de Castries (AXA), Anne Lauvergeon (AREVA), and Michel Bon (formerly with France Télécom), in addition to a number of political leaders, such as former Prime Minister Alain Juppé, Minister for Higher Education and Research Valérie Pécresse, Minister for Forward Planning, Assessment of Public Policies and Development of the Digital Economy Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, former Minister of European Affairs Pierre Moscovici, former Minister of Defense Alain Richard and former Minister of Justice Jacques Toubon.

Young Leaders are selected by committees in France and the United States based on recommendations from past participants, members of the French-American Foundation and other interested observers as well as from media reports about rising young personalities. Candidates are between 30 and 40 years of age and are considered to have the potential to rise to the highest levels

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of their profession. Selected Young Leaders are invited to participate in two annual meetings which alternate each year between France and the United States. Click here to view the members of the 2010 Young Leaders selection committees:

<http://www.french-american.org/leadership/young-leaders/comite-selection-2010.html>

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