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Lincoln High student receives Governor's Points of Light award for volunteer efforts

Lincoln, Neb. – Hung Vo, Lincoln High School senior, was honored by Governor Heineman and First Lady Sally Ganem with the Governor's Points of Light youth award at a ceremony in the Warner Chamber at the State Capitol. The awards are sponsored by ServeNebraska, Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission and presented quarterly in recognition of volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to help Nebraskans build stronger communities.

Hung Vo is currently president of YouthInspire, the nation's first youth-run, youth-led foundation. After a two-year hiatus, Hung led a team of four Youth Leadership Lincoln graduates to reconstruct the organization. Every year, YouthInspire has funds to distribute to the community. With his leadership, the board members were able to specify an area of concern—the health of children—and acted upon that. In the end, two grants were given to the community—one to Lincoln Youth Volunteers and Kids Against Hunger.

In addition to the grants, Hung single-handedly introduced the YouthInspire's Education Curriculum—a resource that aims to facilitate the relationship between youth in adult decision-making process—to the national level through UNESCO. He is currently collaborating with community organizations to promote YouthInspire and its mission—youth serving youth with their time, talents, and treasures.

Aside from being the leader of YouthInspire, he is also the president of the UNL-Upward Bound Leadership Board, and with the help of his team, held a fundraiser for the Matt Talbot Kitchen and raised more money than previous years. Also, he currently facilitates the Nebraska Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC), focusing primarily on education. Additionally, he serves on the Lincoln Public Schools Youth Board.

Through his involvement in YouthInspire, Upward Bound, and GYAC, he strives to promote youth awareness and involvement in not only their community but their government. He hopes to create a series of civic engagement posters that can be distributed to all schools by the end of this summer.

Overall, Hung has volunteered for over ten non-profit organizations, and has logged more than 600 hours in service. His goal for this school year is to become the Youth Advisor for LPS, and have the opportunity to reach youths across the LPS district.

To nominate individuals and groups for the Governor's Points of Light Awards who have made a difference through volunteerism and service, visit the ServeNebraska website at www.serve.nebraska.gov. The next nomination deadline is March 15, 2013.

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

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