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**Thirty-eight Students Nominated for the 2009
General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award**

Vancouver, WA— The Marshall Youth Leadership Award selection committee, on behalf of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, is proud to announce that they have received 38 nominations for the 2009 award. This is a large increase from 2008 when 18 nominations were received. The award will be presented to an 11th or 12th grade high school age Clark County resident who demonstrates leadership, takes a stand for the rights of others, serves as a role model, shows initiative and motivates others to become involved. The award recipient will be recognized at an award ceremony at the Marshall House on March 25 at 4 p.m.

The award is one of the Celebrate Freedom programs produced by the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

The dynamic young leaders of our community nominated for the 2009 award are:

Mary Rose Allred, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics
Katherine A. Barrows, Battle Ground High School
Nicholas L. Carlson, Ridgefield High School
Sarah J. Cole, Battle Ground High School & Clark College Running Start
Alesa C. Corrin, Battle Ground High School
Sarah D. Custer, Battle Ground High School

James H. Dickinson, Hudson's Bay High School
Kate R. Duvall, Hudson's Bay High School
Lindsey J. Elhart, Hudson's Bay High School
Zachary N. Ferguson, Battle Ground High School
Erin E. Flemming, Evergreen High School
Alexander D. Foster-Brown, Union High School
Heather M. Giberson, Battle Ground High School
Krishan N. Golden, Battle Ground High School
Anne M. Haugaard, Evergreen High School
Sierra M. Hawksley, Hockinson High School
Daniel H. Holstein, Skyview High School
Sophia I. Howard, La Center High School & Clark College Running Start
Lindsey J. Jahn, Columbia River High School
Matthew K. Kallappa, Columbia River High School
Philip T. Kenyon, Hudson's Bay High School
Stevi Knight, Ridgefield High School
Brittini A. Larson, Washougal High School
Michaela M. Mareva, Heritage High School
Joseph D. Matter, Fort Vancouver High School
Joseph S. Mills, Jr, Battle Ground High School
Marueen N. Ojukwu, Union High School
Chelsey C. Pacanins, Battle Ground High School
Chelsey R. Payne, Union High School
Tiffany N. Personett, Hayes Freedom High School
Amy Pisano, Heritage High School
Emma M. Sagor, Camas High School
Zane J. Shaut, Battle Ground High School
Kelly M. Stover, Evergreen High School
Amanda A. Sudan, Battle Ground High School
Ashley C. Tionson, Battle Ground High School
Daniel J. Tonkovich, La Salle Catholic College Preparatory
Alyssa N. Turner, Hudson's Bay High School

Benefits of the award include:

- \$1,000 college scholarship
- \$500 paid summer internship in the Historic Reserve Trust office
- Provided the opportunity to meet with local elected representatives
- Opportunity to attend and participate in several Celebrate Freedom events including the Flag Day Ceremony and the Veterans Parade
- A biography of General George C. Marshall.

Co-chair of the selection committee, Dr. Michael Stromme, said, "The selection committee is impressed with the quality of the Youth Leadership Award nominees. The nominees have demonstrated that the youth of Clark County are thriving in our schools,

providing excellent leadership and service to their community.” Dr. Stromme is the Associate Superintendent at Educational School District 112.

The 2008 Marshall Youth Leadership Award recipient was Renata Fusso. Renata graduated from Skyview High School and is currently pursuing a nursing degree at the University of Portland.

Renata said, “Although it was an incredible honor to receive the George C. Marshall Award, what took me by surprise was the way I was touched by people and events. The memories from my summer internship and other the events the Trust sponsors have absolutely filled me. I learned so much about General Marshall and the Vancouver Barracks, but it will be the memories that I will cherish. This very special time will *always* stand out.”

Past recipients of the award are:

- 2008 Renata Fusso – Skyview High School
- 2007 Jane Lee – Mountain View High School
- 2006 Kate Castenson – Mountain View High School
- 2005 Rosalyn Hart – Washougal High School
- 2004 Anya Pavlovic – Columbia River High School
- 2003 Dane Anderson – Prairie High School
- 2002 Kandi Bauman-Garvey – Hudson’s Bay High School
- 2001 MaReesa Davenport – Heritage High School

General George C. Marshall, who lived in Vancouver from 1936 to 1938, was at the time a Brigadier General and served as Commander of the 5th Infantry Brigade at Vancouver Barracks. Marshall went on to serve as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was Secretary of State after the war from 1947–1949. General Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for the Marshall Plan, which helped rebuild the economies of Europe and the Pacific nations after the war. This award was created to honor Marshall's legacy.

The Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust's Celebrate Freedom program is a series of festive and educational events that inspire all generations to strengthen the community values of leadership, public service, patriotism, lifelong learning and vision. These programs were established in 1989 to foster a better understanding of the rich heritage for which the Vancouver community is known.