

# Center for the Study of the Presidency



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## ***Three Presidential Fellows Awarded Rhodes Scholarships***

The Center for the Study of the Presidency is pleased to announce that three current or recent Presidential Fellows have been selected as America Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2006. Center Fellows selected in the District III and IV competition include:

- William Kelly, the Admiral James Stockdale Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency in 2004-2005 from the U.S. Naval Academy, wrote his paper on the *Neo-American Era: Presidential Advisors and the Rise of Neoconservative Foreign Policy*.
- Luke Norris, a senior at Gettysburg College in the Fellows Class of 2005-2006 will write his paper on The Presidential Preserve of Political Capital in Foreign Affairs: Aaron Wildavsky's Two Presidencies Theory and the Presidency of George W. Bush.
- Bret Shaheen, Fellows Class of 2004-2005 from the University of Pennsylvania wrote his paper on NAFTA, Coalition Building, and the Clinton Presidency.

The Center's Presidential Fellows program is a non-resident fellowship that brings 85 top undergraduate and graduate students to Washington, D.C. twice a year to gain first-hand knowledge of the public policy process. Fellows are briefed by White House officials, Congressional members and public policy experts; network with one another; attend a job fair; and discuss their proposed paper with a mentor. Each Fellow researches, writes and presents an original paper on the American Presidency, the best of which are printed in an annual anthology.

The Center began its Presidential Fellows program in 1970 to identify, educate and inspire outstanding students to develop their scholarship and leadership skills, and to encourage the next generation of leaders to engage in public service at some point in their career.

The current class of Fellows gathered in Washington, D.C. on October 20-22, 2005 to hear from internationally recognized policy commentators, journalists, and academics on *Second Term Legacies*. The Fellows presented an abstract of their proposed papers on the Presidency, visited the Brookings Institution and heard presentations from speakers that included:

- Evan Thomas, Managing Editor of *Newsweek*, speaking on national leadership in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

- Norm Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute and Thomas Mann, Brookings Institution on second term legacies and Executive/Legislative Relations
- Laura Liswood, Aspen Institute and the Council on Women World Leaders, on character based leadership
- Dave Abshire, CSP, on his new book on the Iran-Contra Crisis and the challenge overcome by President Reagan that saved his second term and allowed him to defy the second term legacy of diminished expectations and flagging performance, *Saving the Reagan Presidency: Trust is the Coin of the Realm*.

The Fellows will return to Washington, D.C. to present their papers and participate in the Annual Awards Dinner on April 5-8, 2006.

See the Fellows webpage at [www.thePresidency.org](http://www.thePresidency.org) for additional details on the Spring Conference, a list of schools eligible to participate in the program (including procedures for establishing eligibility), and information on sponsoring a Presidential Fellow.

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