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**Native American Community Academy 1 of top 100
Innovative Leaders in the Nation**

NACA Invited to the White House to Attend Community Solutions Event

Albuquerque – The Native American Community Academy (NACA), was invited on June 30, 2009, to the White House by President Obama as 1 of the top 100 innovative leaders in the non-profit and education sector. The “Community Solutions” event was a special session, which highlighted social innovation and honored those working on behalf of bettering their communities.

NACA, based in Albuquerque’s South East Heights, is a public charter school grounded in both the traditions of Native American people (Indigenous perspective) and a rigorous, modern approach to college-preparatory education. Kara Bobroff, the Principal of NACA stated, “We are truly honored by this recognition and inspired to continue our work. It was humbling to be included with leaders from across the country that the President says are creating the most innovative programs in our communities.”

President Obama spoke about his time working as a community organizer. He stated, “The lesson I learned then still holds true today: that folks who are struggling don’t simply need more government bureaucracy; that top-down, one-size-fits-all program usually doesn’t end up fitting anybody. People don’t need somebody out in Washington to tell them how to solve their problems, especially when the best solutions are often right there in their own neighborhoods, just waiting to be discovered.”

“At NACA we couldn’t be more excited to hear this coming from President Obama. It encourages us to look for innovative ways to meet our goals of creating a school that will prepare our students to grow from adolescence to adulthood and who are academically prepared, secure in their identity and healthy,” stated Mrs. Bobroff. For more information on NACA, go to www.nacaschool.org.

The following links contain information about the Community Solutions event:

- http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/President-Obama-To-Highlight-Innovative-Programs-that-are-Transforming-Communities-Across-the-Nation/
- www.echoinggreen.org
- http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Remarks-by-The-President-on-Community-Solutions-Agenda-6-30-09/