Arizona Residents Honored with President’s Volunteer Service Award

Recognition salutes dedication to community service

Phoenix, AZ -- May 15, 2012 – Apollo Group, a worldwide education provider, and University of Phoenix announced today that 111 employees who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to community involvement have received the United States President’s Volunteer Service Award. Overall, this year’s honorees have spent nearly 34,000 hours supporting the company’s commitment to service, including time spent on education outreach, workforce readiness and sustainability. In Arizona, 58 University of Phoenix employees were honored.

“Apollo Group is dedicated to supporting the communities we call home. In 2011 these Phoenix employees donated numerous hours of service,” said Lauren Keeler, director of community engagement for Apollo Group. “We are proud of all our employees who have been honored with this prestigious award, they continue to impress and deserve to be acknowledged for their commitment to volunteerism.”

Among the Arizona recipients, there were eight gold medal recipients (each volunteering more than 500 hours), nine silver medal recipients (each volunteering between 250-499 hours) and 41 bronze medal recipients (each volunteering between 100-249 hours). Volunteers were awarded to residents in the following communities: Apache Junction (1), Chandler (5), Gilbert (7), Laveen (1), Maricopa (3), Mesa (11), Peoria (1), Phoenix (18), Scottsdale (3), Sun City (1), Tempe (4), Tolleson (1) and Tucson (1).

The President’s Volunteer Service Award program was created as a way to honor and thank Americans who, through commitment and example, inspire others to start volunteering. Apollo Group’s recipients were recognized based on the volume of hours logged in Apollo Group’s VolunteerMatch portal. Apollo Group partnered with VolunteerMatch in 2007 to help employees find meaningful volunteer opportunities.
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