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YUKON STUDENT ATTENDING PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM IN WASHINGTON D.C.

WHITEHORSE – Conal Slobodin, a Vanier Catholic Secondary School student, will attend the Presidential Classroom Future World Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C., March 2006. Presidential Classroom, provides top high school students unprecedented access to the leaders who shape American public policy.

“I commend Conal for the initiative he has demonstrated in applying to the Presidential Classroom program. I wish him all the best as he joins an international group of his peers at this unique student conference,” Education Minister John Edzerza said.

“I’m really excited about the summit – it presents a unique learning opportunity for me,” Slobodin said. “I’m looking forward to visiting Washington and meeting other students from around the world.”

For nearly four decades, more than 115,000 students from across the United States and around the world have attended Presidential Classroom’s week-long programs, gaining knowledge, insight and experience from this extraordinary educational opportunity.

The Presidential Classroom expands students’ knowledge of politics, government, and the roles and responsibilities of institutions and organizations involved in policy-making. Students gain insight to the complexities of the policymaking process, as well as the interaction between government entities and organizations around the world.

Student participants will experience the inner workings of government and policy formation firsthand, through seminars and site visits, in Washington, D.C. Students will have interactive sessions with international policy-makers, diplomats, scientists, military leaders, journalists, and public officials who will teach about the challenges and complexities of government and leadership.

Students will work with their peers on a group project, throughout the week, by applying new skills and ideas immediately after learning them. The students will also have the opportunity to earn college credit through the University of Virginia, as they will graduate from the Presidential Classroom with refined leadership skills and a deeper understanding of politics. Such a week long experience will benefit and enhance their educational and career aspirations.

For more information on the Presidential Classroom program, visit www.presidentialclassroom.org.

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