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## **Arizona Student Leaders Head to Washington, D.C. to Participate in United States Senate Youth Program**

*Program Provides Up-Close Look at National Government in Action*

**Phoenix, AZ, March 4, 2011**– Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal expressed his deep pride in West Phoenix High School's Jose Garcia and Chandler High School's Amy Umaretiya for being chosen to participate in the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) which will be taking place from March 5 – 12 in Washington, D.C.

"I commend Amy and Jose for being selected to represent Arizona during this week-long educational trip to our nation's capital," said Superintendent Huppenthal. "Both have already shown they are future leaders through their service on student government and community appointed commissions. I am confident they will be truly great representatives of the future of Arizona."

The USSYP, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service.

Jose and Amy will be joining two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity, to spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided by The Hearst Foundations. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship for undergraduate studies.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. and see our government in action," continued Huppenthal. "I wish them both a safe, educational, and very exciting trip."

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