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2006 SELECTION JURY

The Selection Jury is comprised of nationally prominent individuals from business and industry, government and public service. The Jury reviews the statistical data and site visit reports for each finalist district and chooses the winner of The Broad Prize.

Henry Cisneros, Chairman and CEO, CityView America

Henry Cisneros is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of CityView America, a joint venture in home building he formed with Kaufman and Broad (now KB Home) in 2000. Previously, he was president and chief operating officer of Univision Communications in Los Angeles, the largest Spanish-language media company in the nation. In 1993, he became President William J. Clinton's first secretary of housing and urban development. Cisneros became the first Hispanic mayor of a major U.S. city when he was elected mayor of San Antonio in 1981. During his four terms as mayor, Cisneros helped rebuild the city's economic base and created jobs through massive infrastructure and downtown improvements.

John Engler, Former Governor of Michigan

John Engler is president and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers, the nation's largest industrial trade association. Formerly governor of Michigan since 1990, Engler led the state for 12 years. His administration made improving education Michigan's top priority. In 1994, Engler led a successful fight for equitable school funding. As a result, all Michigan children now have a foundation grant that follows them to attend the public schools of their choice. Engler is a co-founder of The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems, a national effort dedicated to improving student achievement by recruiting, training and supporting executive leadership talent from across America to become the next generation of urban school district leaders.

Louis V. Gerstner, Jr., Former Chairman and CEO of IBM Corporation

Louis Gerstner is chairman of the global private equity firm The Carlyle Group. Previously, Gerstner was chairman and chief executive officer of IBM Corporation from 1993 until his retirement in 2002. Prior to IBM, Gerstner served as chairman and chief executive officer of RJR Nabisco, Inc.; president of the parent company of American Express Company; chairman and chief executive officer of American Express Travel Related Services Company; and, director of McKinsey & Co., Inc. A lifetime advocate of the importance of quality education, Gerstner created The Teaching Commission in 2003 to develop specific policy recommendations to deal with America's teaching crisis. From 1996 to 2002 he co-chaired Achieve, an organization created by U.S. governors and business leaders to drive high academic standards for public schools. At IBM he established Reinventing Education, a strategic partnership with 21 states and school districts using technology and technical assistance to eliminate key barriers to school reform and improve student performance. In 2001, Gerstner was awarded the designation of honorary Knight of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

James Hunt, Jr., Former Governor of North Carolina

James Hunt is currently a partner in the in the Raleigh, N.C. office of the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice and chairman of the board of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy. Formerly governor of North Carolina, Hunt is a respected national leader in education reform. During his 20 years of service as governor, he dramatically raised North Carolina's student test scores and ensured that teacher salaries were raised to match the national average. A strong supporter of high standards in public schools, Hunt served as chairman of the National Education Goals Panel and vice chairman of the board of Achieve. He also published a book outlining his plan and describing his own experiences with public education, "First in America: An Education Governor Challenges North Carolina."

Roderick Paige, Former U.S. Secretary of Education

Rod Paige currently serves as chairman and founder of the Chartwell Education Group, a firm working to advance the systemic improvement of education domestically and globally through providing education-related consulting services to state and local government, foundations, corporations, and even countries seeking American education as a model. Building on a long and distinguished career in public education, Rod Paige was the first school superintendent ever to serve as U.S. secretary of education. Serving under President George W. Bush's first term, Paige played a critical role in the passage and implementation of the historic No Child Left Behind legislation. In 1994, after leading reform for four years as a member of the Houston Board of Education, Paige became superintendent of the Houston Independent School District. In 2001, he was named National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators. In 2002, he received the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. That same year, Houston won the inaugural Broad Prize. Prior to joining Houston Independent School District, Paige served for a decade as dean of the College of Education at Texas Southern University.

Hugh Price, Former President and CEO, National Urban League

Hugh B. Price served as president and chief executive officer of the National Urban League from 1994 to 2003. The National Urban League is the oldest and largest community-based movement empowering African-Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. A graduate of Yale Law School, Price formerly worked as an attorney, as a human resources administrator for the city of New Haven, Conn., as a member of the editorial board of The New York Times, as senior vice president of WNET/Thirteen, the nation's largest public television station, and as vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation, where he supervised all grant-making in the fields of urban school reform and equal opportunity.

Richard W. Riley, Former U.S. Secretary of Education

Richard Riley is currently a partner in the law firm Nelson, Mullins, Riley, and Scarborough. As governor of South Carolina during the 1980s, Riley won national recognition for successfully improving the state's educational system. He became the first governor in South Carolina history to be elected to a second term after voters passed an amendment to the constitution allowing him to run a second time. Riley was then chosen by President Bill Clinton in 1992 to serve as U.S. secretary of education. During his eight-year tenure, Riley helped launch historic initiatives to raise academic standards and improve instruction for poor and disadvantaged children. He also expanded grant and loan programs to help more Americans go to college, prepare young people for the world of work and improve teaching. Since leaving his national post in 2001, Riley continues to serve on a number of boards and work with a variety of entities to improve education across America.

Andrew Stern, International President, Service Employees International Union Andy Stern is the international president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the largest and fastest-growing labor union in America. The SEIU represents more than 1.5 million working families, including health care workers, education workers, and other public service employees as well as building service and security workers. SEIU is a leading voice for quality education, affordable health care, and other vital services for working families and their communities.