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**Nick Jonas and Jordin Sparks Announced as Co-Chairs of the
National Youth Leadership Committee of the
Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration**

**38 Athletes, Entertainers, and Student Leaders Under Age 25 Inspired by
President Reagan Will Honor the 100th Birthday of America's 40th President**

Los Angeles, CA—The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation announced today the formation of the National Youth Leadership Committee for the Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration. Each of these 38 young athletes, entertainers, and student leaders have been inspired in a personal way by President Reagan's vision of freedom and the example of his leadership. Committee members will participate in the Ronald Reagan Centennial Celebration representing America's next generation of leaders.

"We need you. We need your youth. We need your strength. We need your idealism to help us make right that which is wrong," President Reagan declared on May 17, 1981, in a commencement address at the University of Notre Dame. "Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we've ever known."

Together, committee members have earned awards and accolades that include:

- 18 Olympic Medals
- 11 NCAA All-American Selections
- 5 NCAA Championships
- 2 NCAA Players of the Year
- 2 Platinum Records
- 1 Miss USA Crown

"Ronald Reagan is a personal hero of mine," said 18-year-old singer/songwriter Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers. "I admire the way he stood up for causes he believed were right, no matter what."

"Ronald Reagan's optimism and graciousness is a model for me in my career," said 20-year-old Grammy nominated, Platinum recording artist Jordin Sparks. "I'm honored to be a part of this leadership committee and give back just a fraction of the blessings I've received."

Members of the National Youth Leadership Committee will participate in many of the Reagan Centennial activities sponsored by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, including those found at www.reagancentennial.com.

“Honoring President Reagan during his centennial year is a tremendous privilege and responsibility. I believe my generation can learn from a man who was able to accomplish so much while still respecting all opinions,” said Brodi Conover, a student at Georgetown University and founder of Community Honor Flight. “We've lost that capacity in our civic discourse today. I want to emulate President Reagan's leadership to always respect others while maintaining convictions.”

Genevieve Ryan, Princeton University student and former White House intern said, “I’m touched to be a part of this stellar group. There was something special about President Reagan. Only a legacy as enduring as President Reagan’s would have the power to inspire multiple generations.”

Ronald Reagan believed in American exceptionalism. This group of Olympians, professional athletes, entertainers, sailors from the USS Ronald Reagan, and student leaders representing colleges and universities from across America are truly that: exceptional.

Members of National Youth Leadership Committee include:

Nathan Adrian, Swimmer, Olympic Gold Medalist & NCAA Champion

Marco Andretti, Indy Car Driver, 21 Career Top 10 Finishes

Terrence Austin, Football Player, Washington Redskins

Katie Black, Student, Pepperdine University

Ellie Castine, Student, University of Virginia

Peter Castine, Student, Miami University

J.R. Celski, Speed Skater, Olympic Medalist & Eight-Time World Champion

Oliver Cole, Navy Sailor, USS Ronald Reagan

Brodi Conover, Student, Georgetown University

Meryl Davis, Ice Dancer, Olympian & World Championship Silver Medalist

Rima Fakhri, Miss USA 2010

Kendall Fisher, Student, Pepperdine University

Jimmer Fredette, Basketball Player, NCAA All-American

Richie Gregory, Student, Eureka College

Katie Hoff, Swimmer, Two-Time Olympian & World Champion

Hillary Hurd, Student, University of Virginia

Nicole Johnson, Miss California USA 2010

Nick Jonas, Musician

J.W. Krumpholz, Water Polo Player, Olympian & 2009 NCAA National Player of the Year
Nastia Liukin, Gymnast, Five-Time Olympic Medalist
Colin Mansfield, Cadet, United States West Point Military Academy
Greg McElroy, Quarterback & 2009 National Champion, University of Alabama
Kelley O'Hara, Soccer Player, FC Gold Pride & 2009 NCAA National Player of the Year
Anna Maria Perez De Tangle, Actress, Model & Singer
Jordan Pruitt, Recording Artist
Katherine Reutter, Speed Skater, Two-Time Olympic Medalist & World Cup Champion
Colleen Delaney Rigby, Student, Georgetown University
Katelyn Rowan, Student, Eureka College
Genevieve Ryan, Student, Princeton University
Alicia Sacramone, Gymnast, Olympic Medalist & World Champion
Ryan Sheckler, Skateboarder, X Games Gold Medalist & Drew Tour Athlete of the Year
Sharon Soileau, Navy Sailor, USS Ronald Reagan
Jordin Sparks, Musician
Hannah Teter, Snowboarder, Two-Time Olympian & X Games Gold Medalist
Charlie White, Ice Dancer, Olympian & Grand Prix Champion
David Will, Student, Princeton University
Bryon Wilson, Mogul Skier, Olympic Bronze Medalist
Ross Wilson, Baseball Player, Chicago White Sox Organization

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Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Centennial Celebration – is a historic two-year-long celebration to commemorate the 100th birthday of the 40th President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan. Visit www.reagancentennial.com to learn more. The mission of the Reagan Presidential Foundation is to preserve and promote his legacy of inspired freedom.