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### 43 CAMPUSES HOST NATIONAL POST-KATRINA COLLEGE SUMMIT: STUDENTS DEMAND 100,000 JOBS FOR GULF COAST RESIDENTS

SAN JOSE, CA –Today, students and faculty at 43 campuses across the nation simultaneously kicked-off the "National Post-Katrina College Summit," a week-long effort to raise awareness about the crisis in the Gulf Coast, and to promote federal legislation for a New Deal-style jobs program for the region.

Some of the leading campuses in the country, including NYU, Princeton, Michigan, Stanford, California, Tulane, Xavier, LSU, and San -Ry State, are hosting the National Post-Katrina College Summit. The attendance at the 40 summit events is expected to top 10,000 students.

Summit events taking place this week include a jazz procession across campus (Hamline University), documentary films (many campuses are showing Spike Lee's film "When the Levees Broke"), speakers (Lt. General Russel Honore, one of the heroes of Hurricane Katrina, is speaking at the University of Michigan), blood drives (CSU Fullerton), petition drives (every campus), and reading the names of the 1784 Katrina victims (SJSU and University of Nevada at Reno).

#### **Simultaneous Summit Locations :**

1. Berea College
2. CIIS - California Institute of Integral Studies
3. California State University at Fullerton
4. Columbia University
5. Endicott College
6. Hamline University Katrina Response Network
7. Hobart & William Smith Colleges
8. Howard University
9. Indiana University - Purdue University - Indianapolis
10. Lafayette College
11. Linfield College
12. Louisiana State University, Center for Community Engagement Learning and Leadership (CCELL)
13. Metropolitan State University

14. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
15. Moravian College
16. New York University
17. Nicholls State University
18. North Carolina State University
19. Northeastern University
20. Princeton University
21. San Diego State University
22. San Jose State University
23. Sequoia High School
24. Saint Mary's College of California
25. South Dakota State University
26. SUNY - Stony Brook
27. Stanford University
28. Tulane University
29. Tusculum College
30. Union Theological Seminary
31. University of California, Berkeley
32. University of Massachusetts at Amherst
33. University of Michigan
34. University of Nevada, Reno
35. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
36. University of Pennsylvania
37. University of Ottawa
38. University of South Florida Lakeland
39. University of Southern Mississippi
40. University of Tennessee
41. Warren Wilson College
42. Whittier College
43. Xavier University

This summit has been initiated by the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project, which is the national effort to develop federal legislation for 100,000 WPA-like jobs for Gulf Coast residents to rebuild their communities. The cost of the program, which includes job training, is approximately \$4 billion.

The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project has received support from several key allies, among which are Congressman Bennie Thompson of Mississippi, Chair of Homeland Security Committee, and two of the major grassroots organizations in the region: Louisiana ACORN and All Congregations Together (ACT).

For more information, please see [www.SolvingPoverty.com](http://www.SolvingPoverty.com)

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