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SUBJECT: 2009 WINNERS OF THE AAFSW SECRETARY OF STATE
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM ABROAD (SOSA)

1. This year the American Associates of the Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW) received 27 nominations from posts around the globe for the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA). All of the nominees merit recognition. Thank you to the posts and individuals for taking the time to nominate and recognize these volunteers. Their remarkable activities had a profound impact on Mission and host-country communities overseas. These volunteers changed lives and saved lives, and inspired other community members to join in their efforts.

2. AAFSW is pleased to announce the 2009 winners of this prestigious award:

AF	Erin P.sweeney - Lagos
EAP	JanMarie Flattum-Riemera - Jakarta
EUR/IO	Lara L. Center - Luxembourg
NEA	Joseph A. Taylor - Baghdad
SCA	Bernadetta J. Ruch - Dushanbe
WHA	Jan Irene Miller - Panama

3. A summary of the winners' volunteer contributions is available on the AAFSW website at

<http://aafsw.org/sosa.htm>

4. AAFSW and the regional bureaus extend congratulations to the 2009 SOSA winners and to all the nominees for the exceptional contributions they made to their respective communities. They all deserve recognition for their unselfish commitment and outreach. AAFSW encourages posts to recognize the efforts of the following nominees:

AF Carolyn Jensen - Abuja
Stephanie Tansey - Abuja
Laura S. Rumpf - Antananarivo
Ajani B. Husbands - Asmara
Alberta B. Mayberry - Cape Town
Ayse A. Tat - Dakar
Mary Y. Warner - Lilongwe
Michelle R. Marshall - Lusaka

EAP Nicholas J. Greanias - Auckland
Jamie O. Roane - Tokyo

EUR/IO Christian M. Howey - Bucharest
Zachary Burstein - Yerevan

NEA Dominique Mahoney - Cairo
Caroline Nolan, Merri Carnahan, Mary
Kortbawi, Michelle K. Daniels,
Rebecca A. Van Vranken, Melyn W. Kronmiller,
April Fitzgerald,
Christopher Bauer - Jerusalem

WHA Charles E. Wright - Bogota
Miriam E. Tokumasu - Ciudad Juar
Lydia G. Palacios - Matamoros
William P. Cobb - Monterrey
Maria Del Carmen Miller, Leah A. Evans,
Meghan T. Cunha, April M. Harrell, Dionesia
Johnakin, Grace M. Heim, - Quito
Shannon L. Torres - San Salvador
Wendy A. Cole - San Salvador

5. The SOSA awards will be presented at the annual AAFSW Awards Program on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Benjamin Franklin Room of the HST Building. Winners will receive a cash award of \$2,500, a certificate signed by the Secretary of State, and a pin commemorating the event. Travel to Washington for the six winners will be funded by the respective regional bureaus. Specific details for the December 8 event will be provided separately to the award winners.

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