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LA CONSERVATION CORPS AWARDS A RECORD 150 SCHOLARSHIPS

Celebrities, Corporations and Community Leaders gather to honor the Corps' graduates and celebrate their accomplishments

LOS ANGELES, CA – On Thursday, March 11, 2010, the LA Conservation Corps (the Corps) will present 150 scholarships to its most deserving participants at the 2010 Luncheon Celebration, held at the Los Angeles State Historic Park, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The event will feature recording artist and former MTV host Xzibit, participating for a third consecutive year, as well as the Honorable Eric Garcetti, LA City Council President.

The 2010 Luncheon Celebration will honor Ralphs Grocery Company and Edison International for their continuing support of the Corps and its programs. The Corps provides critical education, job training and work experience for at-risk youth, ages 14 – 24, who in turn, perform vital conservation and environmental services throughout the community. Supporting the LA Conservation Corps yields the double benefit of protecting and preserving the environment while providing jobs and a positive future for under-served young people.

Bruce Saito, Executive Director of the LA Conservation Corps, said, "For 24 years, the Corps has worked to transform the lives of young people and change the landscape of communities. Together we have planted more than 100,000 trees, removed over 13 million square feet of graffiti, restored 2,300 acres of natural habitat and recycled 10,000 tons of bottles and cans. We continue to be inspired by the dedication and resiliency of our young people and are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Our annual scholarship luncheon allows us to thank our supporters for sharing in these success stories."

All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Russell Kantor Scholarship and the Corps' programs. For more information about the LA Conservation Corps, please visit www.lacorps.org.

About the LA Conservation Corps: The Los Angeles Conservation Corps is a 501(c)3 private non-profit organization founded in 1986 by former U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Trade Ambassador Mickey Kantor. Its primary mission is to provide at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community. The Corps is a national leader in workforce development and alternative education for inner-city youth and is currently the largest urban conservation corps in the nation with a full-time staff of over 150 employees serving 17,000 young people each year.

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