

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PAMELA HARRIMAN FELLOWSHIPS

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A new national fellowship program for college students honoring the late U.S.

Ambassador to France Pamela Harriman was announced today at a reception in the

Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the State Department.

"Ambassador Pamela Harriman served her country with skill, grace, eloquence, and

elegance," Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright said earlier. "To all who knew her

or had the pleasure of working with her, she was always a source of light, not a

reflection of it."

The fellowships are sponsored by the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg,

Virginia, with lead gifts from The Coca-Cola Foundation and Mr. Giovanni Agnelli.

The Harriman Foreign Service Fellowships will provide funds for three students from

U. S. colleges to work in the American embassies in Paris and London and in the

Office of the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C.

"This program would have been very close to Pam's heart -- an opportunity to nurture

a new generation of young diplomats," said U. S. Special Envoy Richard Holbrooke in

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a statement read at the ceremony. "Pam always loved working with, and promoting,

young people. Placing three carefully-chosen young Americans in the embassies . . .

and in the Office of the Secretary of State will continue something that she did, in an

informal manner, throughout her life. I extend my special appreciation to William and

Mary, and to Coca-Cola, for their central roles in making this program possible."

William and Mary President Timothy J. Sullivan recalled that

Ambassador Harriman

often said that individual rights and a free society had to "be secured again and again by

each new generation. Today, we heed that admonition by enabling the best and

brightest of the next generation to begin their turn as sentinels of our nation's promise."

The \$200,000 Coca-Cola Foundation grant will help cover travel expenses and

provide stipends for students abroad.

"The Harriman Fellowships will allow students to deepen their insight into other cultures

and become more aware of how they may best serve their country and community,"

said Mr. Earl T. Leonard, Jr. senior vice president of The Coca-Cola Company.

Harriman's friends in the U.S. and other countries contributed an additional \$300,000

to date for a total of more than \$500,000.

The initial class of Harriman Fellows will be named for service during the spring of

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