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TJ STUDENTS BLOG INAUGURAL BALL

Four students from the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST or TJ) in Alexandria, Virginia, will be attending the ***LINK-live Presidential Inaugural Gala*** on Tuesday, January 20, at the Corcoran Gallery.

The LINK-live Presidential Inaugural Gala is a non-partisan event hosted by the LINK AMERICAS Foundation (LAF), a 501(c) 3 organization that seeks to foster global educational, environmental and social development on sustainable resource development, green technologies and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) projects between the Americas through strategic alliances.

The TJ students, Nathaniel Skolnik (Class of 2011), Kathryn Kingsbury (Class of 2011), Joey Bouchard (Class of 2010) and Jae Sim (Class of 2010), will be mingling with scientific supporters and blogging their impressions of the event which highlights the need for US leadership in science and technology.

Bringing TJ's science and tech savvy from their educational pursuits, the students will have the opportunity to meet and perhaps interview some of the notables supporting science and technology education. The opportunity may arise for them to talk to Secretary of State Designate Hillary Clinton or Secretary of Energy Designate Steven Chu. The students are part of the larger effort to bring attention to the needs of their school and to encourage strong support for STEM education and research.

TJHSST was created in 1985 with generous private contributions to supplement the school's original public funding. From the outset, school and community leaders envisioned that TJ could only achieve and sustain excellence by soliciting additional support beyond the public tax dollars. TJ can only keep pace with the rapid advances in science and technology education through private donations for lab equipment, computers, and continuing education of teachers. The region and the nation have come to regard TJHSST as a premier source of future scientists, engineers, technology and even business leaders who will keep America competitive in a global environment. TJHSST was designated the number 1 public high school by US News and World Report in December 2008 for the second consecutive year.

The TJ Partnership Fund, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, is the charitable foundation set up to receive, account for and distribute private donations of cash, stock, and equipment to the school. Partnering with students, the faculty, and the administration as well as public corporations and private foundations, the TJ Partnership Fund seeks opportunities for the school.

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