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TPODMEP Announces High School Students of Promise Mentoring Initiative

(Cooper City, FL- April 22nd, 2010) ----- One student drops out of high school every nine seconds in America. In addition, for many high school students living in inner city, underserved or low income neighborhoods, the motivation to stay in school can be challenging; Especially if the students are living in neighborhoods where poverty, drugs, violence, crime and gangs are the norm. Consequently, TPODMEP High School Students of Promise Mentoring Initiative identifies high school students who exemplify promising potential, but are at risk of getting lost within the current system.

TPODMEP High School Students of Promise Mentoring Initiative, overall mission is to provide (grass-roots) educational and mentoring opportunities for High School students (grades 9 – 12), living in distressed neighborhoods to ensure that these students graduate from high school, attend college and successfully pursue their career goals and aspirations.

TPODMEP High School Students of Promise Mentoring Initiative will engage high school students living in underserved communities with:

- **Effective Communication and Social Skills Training**
- **Education Tutoring Assistance**
- **Leadership Skills Training and Development**
- **Motivational and Hands-on Mentoring Projects**
- **And College Scholarships**

TPODMEP college student members, professional mentors, success coaches and staff will collectively work together with TPODMEP High School Students of Promise Mentoring Initiative.

"There is a profound quote that states, *Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them*. And this initiative is designed to instill confidence and hope in students that are surrounded by the perils of negativity on a daily basis. There has to be a medium

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in place to combat the negative images that these students are exposed to and this initiative will give hope and opportunities to high school students, living in distressed neighborhoods," said Nicole L. Carter, COO of TPODMEP.

"At some point we have to stop, talking about what needs to be done in our communities and just have the boldness to get it done. There are some really great organizations that are working to help at risk students and we're joining this mission," said Betty Saintvil-Edmond, Executive Vice President of TPODMEP. "This program simply strives to help those that need us most."

ABOUT THE POWER OF DIVERSITY MENTORSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAM (TPODMEP)

Founded in 2007, The Power of Diversity Mentorship Exchange Program (TPODMEP) is a non-profit (501c3) National College Leadership Training Program that pairs-up aspiring college students with Corporate Executives, Business Executives, Civic Leaders and Corporate Management Role Models-designed to encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, viewpoints and productive (mentor/ protégé) interaction that will prepare college students to succeed in the corporate workforce, civic community and business climate.

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