

THE HENRY R. KRAVIS PRIZE IN LEADERSHIP NOMINATION PERIOD BEGINS

Claremont, Calif., May 25, 2011—Claremont McKenna College (CMC) announced today that it will begin accepting nominations for the seventh annual [Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership](#), which celebrates extraordinary leaders in the nonprofit sector. The winner of the 2012 Kravis Prize, which carries a \$250,000 award, will be recognized during a celebratory dinner in Los Angeles in March of next year.

Suggestions of candidates for the Kravis Prize are solicited from the public as well as from a select group of individuals who are invited to serve as nominators based on their knowledge and experience in the nonprofit sector. Suggestions of candidates from the public are currently being accepted and may be submitted through the [Kravis Prize website](#). The nomination period will close on July 1, 2011.

Candidates for the Kravis Prize span a broad range of sectors in the nonprofit field, including economic development, public health, law, human rights, education and capacity building in the nonprofit sector as a whole. Selection criteria for the Kravis Prize include boldness, innovation, creativity, consistency, persistence and effectiveness in bringing a vision to fruition. Nominees also are evaluated based on their accomplishment in realizing the mission of an organization and demonstrating best practices in managing that organization.

“When I was awarded the Kravis Prize in 2009, I knew that it would help financially as well as help raise the visibility and prominence of my organization, the [Afghan Institute of Learning](#) (AIL). What I didn’t anticipate was how the reputation of the Kravis Prize would bring AIL increased credibility on the international stage. The Prize has opened doors to many new opportunities and inspired my staff to work even harder than they had in the past,” said Dr. Sakena Yacoobi, founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning and Kravis Prize winner.

Previous Kravis Prize winners include [Roy Prosterman](#) (2006), founder of Landesa (formerly known as the Rural Development Institute); [Fazle Abed](#) (2007), founder of BRAC; [the Forum for African Women Educationalists \(FAWE\)](#) (2008); [Dr. Sakena Yacoobi](#) (2009), founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning; [Pratham](#) (2010), India’s largest nonprofit dedicated to improving the reading, writing, and basic arithmetic skills of children ages six through 14; and [Vicky Colbert](#) (2011), founder and director of Colombia-based Escuela Nueva Foundation.

About The Kravis Prize

Established in 2006, The Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership recognizes and celebrates extraordinary accomplishment and bold leadership in the nonprofit sector. The Kravis Prize is presented and administered by Claremont McKenna College and [Marie-Josée Kravis](#) and [Henry Kravis](#). Mrs. Kravis, an economist, is a senior fellow of the Hudson Institute; Mr. Kravis, founding partner, co-chairman and co-CEO of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., is an alumnus and trustee of Claremont McKenna College.

The Kravis Prize Selection Committee, chaired by Mrs. Kravis, includes: Harry McMahon, CMC alumnus and chair of the Claremont McKenna College Board of Trustees, and executive vice chairman, Bank of America/Merrill Lynch; Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate in economics and the Thomas W. Lamont University Professor, Harvard University; Ratan Tata, chairman, Tata

Group; Surin Pitsuwan, CMC alumnus and secretary general, Association of Southeast Asian Nations; and James D. Wolfensohn, chairman, Wolfensohn & Company, L.L.C., and former president, The World Bank.

To learn more about The Kravis Prize, please visit www.kravisprize.org.

About Claremont McKenna College

[Claremont McKenna College](http://www.cmc.edu) (CMC), established in 1946, is among the highest-ranked and most selective liberal arts colleges in the nation. CMC excels in preparing students for leadership through the liberal arts in business, the professions and public affairs. The College is home to more than 130 accomplished teacher-scholars who are dedicated to teaching and to offering unparalleled opportunities for student collaboration in the research process. Enrolling approximately 1,200 students, CMC combines highly-selective need-blind admission, innovative programs, a nine-to-one student-faculty ratio, ten research institutes, the impact of the seven-member Claremont College Consortium, and a strong and committed network of alumni, to educate its graduates for a lifetime of leadership.

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About the Kravis Leadership Institute

The [Kravis Leadership Institute](http://www.cmc.edu/kl) is the premier academic center for the promotion and understanding of responsible, innovative leadership, providing unique opportunities for students at Claremont McKenna College to develop as outstanding real world leaders for the public, private and social sectors. Anchoring The Kravis Prize in the Kravis Leadership Institute allows students to engage with and learn from Prize recipients through lectures and seminars, internships and student projects, course curriculum and research.

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