THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANNOUNCES ITS 2012 INTERNS

Students with disabilities from across the country in D.C. to work in government, non-profit, and private sectors

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WASHINGTON, DC — The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is pleased to announce that the 2012 AAPD summer internship program has begun. For 10 weeks, students and recent graduates with disabilities from across the country are contributing their skills and talents to employers across Washington, DC.

The Program, which is possible thanks to the generous contributions of Walmart and Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, coordinates internships on Capitol Hill, in the executive branch agencies, non-profits, and the private sector. Internship alumni have gone on to successful careers in the fields of their choice.

The AAPD summer internship program gives the participating interns real-world work experience and helps them establish professional networks that will benefit them far into the future. Over the summer, the interns demonstrate to public and private employers that employees with disabilities are solid prospects as members of the workforce.

The 2012 AAPD Summer Interns are:

**Intern Placement**

Shawn Bryant  Minority Leader Pelosi
Allie Cannington  USAID Office of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment
Cory Clements  Federal Communications Commission
Donald Coons  US Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Marketing Service
Jameson Crane  Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers
Angela Davis  Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition
Judith Dickinson  Institute for Educational Leadership
Zoe Gross  Senator Harkin
Melissa Gurman  Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Carrie Hall  US Department of Agriculture – Food Safety and Inspection Service
The 2012 interns were selected on the basis of a written application and competitive interview process.

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The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the country’s largest disability membership association, organizes the disability community to be a powerful force for change – politically, economically, and socially. AAPD was founded in 1995 to help unite the diverse community of people with disabilities, including their family, friends and supporters, and to be a national voice for change in implementing the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To learn more, visit the AAPD Web site: [www.aapd.com](http://www.aapd.com).