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**LUIS ALVAREZ, PRESIDENT OF
NATIONAL URBAN FELLOWS, INC.
ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

New York, NY -- (February 5, 2007) Luis Alvarez recently announced the appointments of two new staff members.

Joining the organization is Angela E. Perry, the newly appointed Director of Marketing & Public Relations. Angela comes to National Urban Fellows with over 10 years of providing strategic public relations, marketing communications and event management expertise for companies, agencies, non-profit organizations, and most recently, for the clients of her own company Angela Perry Public Relations (APPR).

Prior to her company, Angela was the Vice President, Managing Director for Chisholm Mingo Plus Public Relations, where she developed and managed media relations, crisis management, promotions and special events programs for the multi-cultural agency's top clients. She was also the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Harlem's major center for the performing arts, Aaron Davis Hall, where she was credited for generating unprecedented media attention and audience development. During her tenure she was responsible for the creation of the prestigious Aaron Davis Hall Harlem Renaissance Award. The award is presented annually to artists of color, whose uncompromising visions, bodies of work and commitment to the community, exemplify the spirit of the renowned Harlem Renaissance period. Recipients of the award include among others, civil rights activist and performer, Harry Belafonte, jazz percussionist, Max Roach, and poet Maya Angelou. She also held positions with *Black Enterprise* and *Essence* magazines.

Angela's expertise has been recognized for heightening visibility and awareness while providing an outstanding return on investment (ROI) for her employers and clients. In her new position Angela will direct the development and execution of the organization's marketing and public relations initiatives. Her tenure began on January 4, 2007.

On February 1, 2007, Miguel A. Garcia, Jr., became the newly named Program Director. Miguel, a National Urban Fellow from the class of 1985, brings to the organization over 20

years of leadership experience in education, youth development, grant-making, public policy analysis and non-profit management. His opportunity to travel as a Primerica Foundation program officer offered him valuable insights into the socio-economic demands and diversity of America. As president of a non-profit, Miguel established several successful "school to work" initiatives in the South Bronx, culminating with the founding of Health Opportunities High School. Most recently, Miguel was the Dean of Crisis Intervention and an educator at DeWitt Clinton High School. During his tenure, his belief and dedication to inspiring excellence in at-risk students has been validated by those young people who have now obtained college success. Miguel admits to having come full circle from 20 years ago when he was a Fellow. He credits National Urban Fellows with providing him with an edge that has been instrumental throughout his career.

In his new capacity Miguel will oversee the ongoing efforts of the National Urban Fellows, including, the recruitment and selection of Fellows, expansion of leadership development programming, enrichment of the collaborative academic partnership with Baruch College and identifying new mentor relationships across America.

In announcing the appointments, Alvarez stated, "National Urban Fellows Inc. is pleased and proud to welcome these two result's oriented professionals to our team. I am certain that with the combined 30 years of diverse and strategic experience these two colleagues bring, they will collectively help to position NUF as the country's premier leadership institution." He concluded by adding, "Central to our mission is the ability to develop and prepare today's young men and women of color for leadership positions of tomorrow. I can't imagine two better professionals than Angela and Miguel to help us achieve this goal."

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