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2015 Alec Dickson Servant Leader Winner Announced

ST. PAUL, Minn. (January 20, 2015) – McClellan (Mac) Hall, Founder and Executive Director of the National Indian Youth Leadership Project, is the 2015 recipient of the Alec Dickson Servant Leader Award presented by the St. Paul-based nonprofit National Youth Leadership Council. He will receive the award Friday, April 10, 2015, during the National Service-Learning Conference® in Washington D.C.

“No one is more deserving than Mac,” said Kelita Bak, NYLC CEO. “His work exemplifies the power within every child to make a positive change in the world and he is a pioneer in the field of service-learning. It is an honor to be able to present him with this prestigious award.”

The Dickson Award is named after a British journalist who witnessed Hitler’s rise to power during the 1930s, served with British troops during WWII, and later spent 15 years in Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia training local youth to serve as community leaders. He also consulted with the Kennedy administration on the creation of the Peace Corps. The award honors exemplary leaders who have inspired the service-learning field, positively impacting the lives of young people and motivating others to take up the banner of service. The award has been presented annually at the National Service-Learning Conference since 1998.

Hall has over 30 years of experience in youth development as a teacher, as a principal of two tribal schools, and as the driving force behind NIYLP for over 20 years. He is a graduate of the Native American Teacher Education Program at the University of Washington, where he received his Teaching Certification and later completed his Masters at Arizona State University in the Native American Leadership Fellowship program.

Hall has written extensively on youth development, leadership, service-learning, and peacemaking. He co-authored a book entitled “Wisdom Teachings: Lessons Learned from Gatherings of Elders.” His articles have been published in Kappan, Journal of Experiential Education, Journal of Navajo Studies, New Designs for Youth, and Reclaiming Youth.

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At the National Youth Leadership Council, we strive for a world where all young people are valued and called on to lead. With passion, creativity, and ingenuity, young people can address world issues while strengthening academic and learning outcomes through service-learning. To that end, we provide programs and services that **develop** young leaders, **support** educators, and **advance** the field of service-learning. Visit www.nylc.org to learn more about NYLC and service-learning.

About the National Service-Learning Conference

The National Service-Learning Conference brings together youth and adults from across the country and around the world for three and a half days of learning, inspiration, and connection for those who view youth as solutions for stronger communities and schools. For more information, visit www.nylc.org/conference.