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LEADERS OF TOMORROW CONGRATULATES ORATORICAL COMPETITION WINNERS

(Washington, DC)-- ----Congratulations to the winners of the 8th Annual Leaders of Tomorrow Oratorical Competition, sponsored by Sodexo and Walmart: Crossland High School Senior Maya Fletcher, winner of the 1st Place Martin Luther King Oration Award and a \$1,250 scholarship, Wilson High School Junior Imani Charles (2nd Place Barbara Jordan Award and \$300), and Wilson High School Senior Alicia Williams (3rd Place Barack Obama Award and \$200). Winners delivered speeches on health care related topics, including access for poor people, HIV/AIDS, and Obesity. After delivering both prepared and impromptu speeches, winners were selected by a judging panel of high-level communications and health care policy professionals and audience members. Fifteen students competed overall, including seven who presented in front of an audience of more than 100 people at the Finals dinner on Tuesday night, February 16, at Howard University. Also Tuesday, in recognition of last year's LOT-Washington Chapter's fifteenth anniversary, former chapter president and national board member Lanta Evans-Motte was honored for founding the local program.

Photo caption: Oratorical Competition Finalists with Walmart representative Larry Duren. Winners on far left (l-r): Alicia Williams (3rd place), Maya Fletcher (1st), and Imani Charles (2nd). Far right: Larry Duren.

The Washington, DC Leaders of Tomorrow Program (LOT) is a mentoring outreach effort of the National Black MBA Association-Washington, DC Chapter. Mentors from the Metro DC area work with students on a consistent basis to help them the habits necessary for achievement, to set and reach goals, and understand personal and collective responsibility. LOT is an intense system of engagement and activities related to academic excellence, college preparation, professional development, community service, life lessons, finance, SAT/ACT preparation, history and current events, networking, public speaking, analytical development, and leadership.