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**C-SPAN & COX COMMUNICATIONS PRESENT
STUDENTS & LEADERS: SAN DIEGO
Monday, January 30 – Thursday, February 2, 2006**

**Prominent Figures Highlight Lessons in Leadership and Public Service at
Six San Diego County High Schools**

WASHINGTON (January 19, 2006) – **C-SPAN** and **Cox Communications** are partnering to create an interactive educational experience for hundreds of San Diego area high school students through **Students & Leaders: San Diego**. The project brings area leaders, such as **Mayor Jerry Sanders** (R) and U.S. Attorney **Carol Lam**, to the classrooms of six local high schools to discuss the role of leadership and public service. **Students & Leaders: San Diego** is the fourth installment in the C-SPAN series since the award-winning program launched in 2003.

C-SPAN cameras will record the events for air on C-SPAN2, so the program can be shared with the network's national viewing audience. The events will air on Monday, February 6 through Friday, February 10 at 10 p.m. ET. Each hour-long segment will also be archived at the project's website, www.studentsandleaders.org.

Starting on Monday, January 30 at San Marcos High School, San Marcos, Calif., leaders will "return to the classroom" to meet with a diverse group of students in the Cox Communications service area. Speakers discuss their lives, career path and the concepts of leadership and public service. Students will be able to ask direct questions of each guest in small group settings. Educators across the country can take advantage of lesson plans, additional teaching materials and video from previous Students & Leaders programs online at studentsandleaders.org.



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Bill Geppert, Vice President and Region Manager for Cox Communications San Diego, says that, “Students & Leaders is a great way to bring pioneers into the classroom to share their experiences with students, emphasize the value of education and public service, and give them practical advice on how to reach their goals. Partnering with C-SPAN on this very important program was an opportunity for Cox Communications to provide a unique educational experience to local schools.”

Vice President of Education Relations at C-SPAN, Joanne Wheeler, says, “We are excited to team up with Cox Communications to bring the series to San Diego. The program enables young people to hear first-hand from recognized leaders representing a variety of industries, providing students with extraordinary insights and value. And C-SPAN’s viewers benefit from this inside look at the leaders and the perspectives of high school students.”

Following are the participating schools and scheduled speakers.

Monday, January 30 at 8 a.m. PT

School: San Marcos High School, San Marcos, Calif.

Guest: Vice Admiral James Zortman, Commander, Naval Air Forces

Air Time: Monday, February 6 at 10/7 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 a.m. PT

School: Herbert Hoover High School, San Diego

Guest : San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders (R)

Air Time: Tuesday, February 7, 10/7 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

Tuesday, January 31 at 1 p.m. PT

School: Patrick Henry High School, San Diego

Guest: Carol Lam, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California

Air Time: Wednesday, February 8, 10/7 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

Wednesday, February 1 at 9 a.m. PT

School: Oceanside High School, Oceanside, Calif.

Guest: Dr. Constance Carroll, Chancellor, San Diego Community College District

Air Time: Friday, February 10, 11/8 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

Thursday, February 2 at 8 a.m. PT

School: Hilltop High School, Chula Vista, Calif.

Guest: Ralph Rubio, Co-Founder and Chairman, Rubio's Restaurants, Inc.

Air Time: Thursday, February 9, 10/7 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

Thursday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m. PT

School: Grossmont High School, El Cajon, Calif.

Guest: Donna Frye, San Diego City Councilmember (D)

Air Time: Friday, February 10, 10/7 p.m. ET/PT on C-SPAN2

About Cox Communications

Serving San Diego County since 1961, Cox Communications is a full-service telecommunications provider of voice, video and data for residential and business customers. The company offers an array of advanced products and services including digital and high definition cable, high-speed Internet, local and long distance telephone, digital video recorder, On Demand, and commercial products under Cox Business Services. The company also offers advertising opportunities via Cox Media, and owns and operates Channel 4 San Diego, the television home of 150 Padres games and local award-winning programming. The nation's third-largest cable television provider, Cox Communications serves 535,000 basic cable customers and 2,300 employees in San Diego County. For more information, visit www.coxsandiego.com.

About C-SPAN

C-SPAN, the political network of record, was created in 1979 by America's cable companies as a public service. C-SPAN is currently available in 89.8 million households, C-SPAN2 in 80 million households and C-SPAN3 in 13 million households nationwide. For more information, visit www.c-span.org.

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