



## ***What World Leaders Are Saying About HOBY***

### ***George W. Bush, 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States***

"Education plays an essential role in helping students develop into future leaders. The skills and ideas young people acquire will help them make wise decisions in the coming years. Through these seminars, held annually in each of our United States, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) provides excellent opportunities for students to better understand the workings of democracy and the free enterprise system."

### ***Ted Turner, Chairman, Turner Broadcasting Systems***

"You know, we business people like to say we're driven by the bottom line. The real bottom line is the future, and we owe it to our youth to prepare them for that. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) does just that. By promoting leadership, HOBY is building a corps of young people who will be prepared to meet the challenges facing future generations."

### ***Colin L. Powell, Former United States Secretary of State***

"The mission of America's Promise is to equip the next generation of Americans with the character and competence they need to be successful adults. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is one of our staunch allies in this crusade... HOBY is encouraging each of the thousands of high school sophomores who attend these leadership seminars to volunteer at least a hundred hours a year to a community service project. The HOBY commitment to America's Promise will produce at least 1,400,000 volunteer service hours a year."

### ***Ronald Reagan, 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, and First Lady Nancy Reagan***

"The work of HOBY is an important factor in motivating future leaders to become full participants in our democratic process. The challenges we as a people will face in the years ahead will be more intelligently and skillfully addressed because of the investment we now make in our youth... It is the children who give Nancy and me such hope. They truly are saying no to the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and are standing up for what they know is right. HOBY also gives hope – hope for the future of our youth and our nation. Our deep appreciation goes to Hugh for his efforts."

### ***Mikhail Gorbachev, Former President of the Soviet Union***

"Perhaps all of us – politicians, scholars and public opinion makers – have not yet fully realized one simple fact. It is that we are not just standing on the threshold of a new century but are present at, and participating in, a change of epochs. Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) is helping facilitate that change."

### ***Muhammad Ali, Olympic Gold Medalist and Heavyweight Boxing Champion***

"In this world, success comes to those with confidence and faith in themselves. Hugh O'Brian's youth organization is the GREATEST in developing that confidence in outstanding 10<sup>th</sup> graders selected annually to represent over 13,500 public and private high schools at one of HOBY's leadership seminars. What an outstanding role model for our future!"

### ***Mike Huckabee, Governor, State of Arkansas, and 1971 HOBY Alumnus***

"Attending the Hugh O'Brian Leadership (HOBY) seminar in 1971 was a genuine turning point in my life. It was my first time to fly on an airplane, travel out of the state, and meet people from around the nation and world. I forged friendships that have continued for years, and the impact of HOBY is a large part of why I am Governor of my state today."

### ***Walter Cronkite, Award-Winning Journalist, CBS News***

"Perhaps most importantly Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) has created a vehicle by which tomorrow's leaders can interact with one another and with today's leaders in learning more about themselves and the institutions which they will shape in future years."



***Al Gore, Former Vice-President of the United States, and Tipper Gore***

“The continued vitality of American business, our communities and our nation is highly dependent upon the knowledge and capabilities of our young people. Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) nurtures today’s young people into tomorrow’s leaders.”

***Norman R. Augustine, Former Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin Corp.***

“Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership has continuously responded to societal changes for over 46 years, ensuring its ability to inspire young men and women so that they, in turn, may make positive contributions to their communities. Through HOBY leadership seminars... young people are given an extraordinary opportunity to prepare to become the leaders of tomorrow.”

***Elizabeth Dole, United States Senator, North Carolina***

“Our country has some big and exciting challenges ahead, with some tough choices. Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) offers a program for our youth to prepare for these challenges and presents them with the opportunity to put their stamp on history.

***Dr. Henry Kissinger, Former United States Secretary of State***

“World peace can only benefit from future leaders who have the ability to communicate their wisdom and understanding. The Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) experience offers these young people the opportunity to expand their horizons by increasing the knowledge of the world they live, through interaction with today’s leaders.”

***Dr. Malcolm Gillis, University Professor and Past President of Rice University, Houston, Texas***

“An extraordinarily high proportion of HOBY participants have gone on to leadership positions in business, government and education. This is just one of the reasons leading colleges and universities take special notice of student applications that feature HOBY participation.”

***George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States, and First Lady Barbara Bush***

“Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) – and its countless volunteers – have developed a way to educate America’s next generation in the art and purposes of leading a free people; and that is an enduring and significant achievement.”

***Hillary Clinton, United States Secretary of State***

“By encouraging leadership and educating teenagers about the vast world of opportunities before them, the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) program is making a very important contribution to our nation’s future.”

***Actor James Van Der Beek, 1993 HOBY Alumnus***

“One of the best things that Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) does is it labels every student who attends the conference a leader, whether they’ve ever considered themselves one before or not. Second thing it does is it allows sophomores, possibly for the first time in their lives, a chance to leave behind everyone’s ideas of who they are. For that weekend... they’re completely free to come up with their own definition of self...”

***Gerald Tirozzi, PhD, Executive Director, National Association of Secondary School Principals***

“HOBY continues to be a vital program serving our youth. NASSP has enjoyed a professional relationship with Hugh O’Brian and HOBY since 1972. We believe that the long history and commitment of these outstanding HOBY programs are most worthy of our and your support as they continue to contribute effectively to the development of young people. HOBY has my full support and personal endorsement.”