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5th Annual Woodrow Wilson School Public Affairs Forum for High School Students

Princeton – Over 195 Central New Jersey high school students and their teachers attended the Fifth Annual Woodrow Wilson School Public Affairs Forum on May 16, 2008. The forum was sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs at Princeton University, and the New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting public education. The forum gave students the unique opportunity to interact with leading experts in American democracy and foreign policy.

Participating high schools were: Ewing High School, Hamilton West High School, Steinert High School, and Nottingham High School in Hamilton, Hopewell Valley High School, Lawrence Township High School, Princeton High School, Robbinsville High School, Somerville High School, South Hunterdon High School, Trenton Central High School, and West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South.

Students attended two sessions. "How U.S. Presidents Influence and Work with Public Opinion" was presented by Dr. Brandice Canes-Wrone, Woodrow Wilson School Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, and award-winning author of *Who Leads Whom: Presidents, Politics, and the Public*. "Challenges Facing the Persian Gulf - Legacies of the Iraq War." was presented by Ambassador Barbara Bodine, former U.S. ambassador to Yemen and a Diplomat in Residence at the Woodrow Wilson School. Ambassador Bodine is featured in a recent documentary, "No End in Sight," where she talks about her time with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad.

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Marcia Smith Fleres, executive director of the New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership said "This program provides a wonderful opportunity for high school students to hear perspectives on current issues from experts in the field, and encourages their interest in public and international affairs."

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