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Afterschool Education Innovator Expands Board

PASE Welcomes New Board Members Gomez, Shutkin and Swan

NEW YORK CITY – March 2, 2005: The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) is proud to announce the addition of three distinguished members to its board of directors: Max Gomez, John A. Shutkin and Roy Swan.

Dr. Gomez is Health and Science Editor for NewsChannel 4 in New York City. His medical and health reports appear live Monday through Friday on “Live at Five,” and he also contributes medical segments to the station’s various newscasts. The recipient of numerous journalism awards, Gomez has received four New York Emmy Awards, two Philadelphia Emmys, a UPI “Best Documentary” honor for a 1986 report on AIDS and an “Excellence in Time of Crisis” award from New York City after September 11. Dr. Gomez is the also the co-author of *The Prostate Health Program: A Guide to Preventing and Controlling Prostate Cancer*, which explains how an innovative program consisting of diet, exercise and lifestyle changes may prevent prostate cancer.

“Everyone knows the saying, ‘it’s 10 o’clock, do you know where your children are.’ Well, it’s 4 o’clock, and PASE knows where your children should be,” says Dr. Gomez. “Lots of people talk about what needs to be done to create a better future for our young people, but PASE actually does it. Afterschool makes a real difference in the lives of NYC youth, and I’m proud to be part of an organization that makes that possible.”

Mr. Shutkin is general counsel for Shearman & Sterling LLP, an international law firm with more than 1,000 lawyers located in nineteen offices around the world. A graduate of the Columbia University School of Law, his interest in innovative education practices is evidenced by his long involvement on the boards of both The Spence School, an independent college-preparatory day school for girls in kindergarten through grade 12, and the Bank Street College of Education, a leading institution in child-centered education.

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“My interest in PASE arose out of my long association with Bank Street and their singular commitment to public education in New York,” explains Shutkin. “And more specifically, from an awareness of the great importance of afterschool services and a particular appreciation of PASE's leadership role in developing, coordinating and delivering these services.”

Mr. Swan is the Vice President of Finance and Administration for Time Warner Inc., the world's premier media company. Prior to joining Time Warner, Roy was an investment banker for ten years. In 1996, Roy took a two-year sabbatical from the private sector to become founding Chief Investment Officer of New York City's Empowerment Zone ("EZ"), a Harlem-based initiative designed to revitalize distressed inner cities. Mr. Swan serves on the Board of Trustees for the Resurrection Episcopal Day School, a Montessori preschool in Manhattan, and is a graduate of Princeton and Stanford Law School.

“I'm joining PASE's board primarily for two reasons,” Mr. Swan explains. “First, I strongly believe that PASE’s mission is absolutely crucial to improving growth opportunities for young people. My mom used to say ‘an idle mind is the devil’s workshop,’ and growing up I witnessed first-hand what can happen when kids don’t have good afterschool options. Second, I've known PASE’s board President, Alison Overseth, for nearly two decades, and she is a person of the highest quality, integrity and judgment. I’m joining PASE because I want to be part of a productive effort toward enhancing afterschool activities.”

PASE fosters quality afterschool education for youth throughout New York City, particularly those from low-income communities, enabling them to identify and reach their full potential. Within this mission, PASE's goals are to: build the capacity of afterschool programs, promote high standards in the field of youth development, advocate for increased resources for afterschool programs, and increase the visibility of afterschool education.

The PASE board of directors is composed of corporate, educational and community leaders from a diverse set of industries, committed to the idea that investing in the people who serve New York City’s youth is key to ensuring that the afterschool field can continue to improve young people’s lives in years to come.

PASE Board President Alison Overseth explains, “We’re thrilled to be joined by three individuals so dedicated to innovation in afterschool education. Their understanding of and commitment to PASE’s mission will help us move the organization forward for years to come.”

More information about the Partnership for After School Education and its board of directors is available at www.pasesetter.org.

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