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WASHINGTON, DC (January 8, 2010) - U.S. Department of the Interior officials will welcome college football All-American and Rhodes Scholar Myron Rolle to Bureau of Indian Education schools in New Mexico and Arizona on January 12-13 to kick off the new *Our Way to Health™ Program*.

WHO: Myron L. Rolle - college football 2008-09 All-American safety at Florida State University and recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Myron is attending Oxford University this school year pursuing a Master's degree in Medical Anthropology, while training for the 2010 National Football League Draft.

WHAT: A joint initiative between the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education and the Myron L. Rolle Foundation, the public-partnership will bring an innovative physical fitness and health program, developed by Myron himself, into Interior-funded American Indian schools.

WHEN/WHERE:

January 12, 2010 - 1:30 p.m.

Isleta Elementary School 1000 Moonlight Drive,

Pueblo of Isleta, New Mexico Fifth and sixth grade students from Isleta Elementary and San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School (San Felipe Pueblo, NM) will attend

January 13, 2010 - 9:30 a.m.

Tuba City Boarding School

306 Main Street, Tuba City, Arizona Fifth and sixth grade students from Tuba City Boarding School, Hotevilla Bacavi Community School (Hotevilla, AZ) and Keams Canyon Elementary School (Kearns Canyon, AZ) will attend

AGENDA: Each kickoff event will include: Welcome by School Principal or representative Remarks by U.S. Department of the Interior officials Address to students by Myron Rolle, explaining the Our Way to Health Program, current developments in his life, his interest in First Americans, the importance of physical activity and leading a health lifestyle. Myron Rolle Q&A with students, teachers, parents and members of the community. Myron Rolle Q&A with media

DETAILS: Media are invited to attend but must RSVP to Nedra Darling or Jeff McKenzie at least one hour prior to each event, and present appropriate media credentials upon entering school property. No media filming or photography of students will be permitted without written consent from a parent or guardian. Use of any footage taken during kickoff events will be limited solely to news stories pertaining to the Our Way to Health Program.

About the Bureau of Indian Education

Interior's Bureau of Indian Education serves 42,000 students in 183 schools and dormitories across the country on 64 reservations in 23 states. The mission statement of BIE reflects its commitment to "manifest consideration of the whole person by taking into account the spiritual, mental, physical, and cultural aspects of the individual."

About the Myron L. Rolle Foundation

The Myron L. Rolle Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to the support of health, wellness, educational and other charitable initiatives throughout the world that benefit children and families in need. The Foundation was established in 2009 by Rhodes Scholar and College Football All-American Myron L. Rolle and his family.

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