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Omaha Resident Chuma Nnawulezi Earns Prestigious Rangel Fellowship

On March 12, Chuma Nnawulezi, an Omaha resident, was awarded a 2015 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship following a highly competitive nationwide contest. The Rangel Fellowship, funded by the U.S. Department of State and managed by the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center at Howard University, supports extraordinary individuals who want to pursue careers in the U.S. Foreign Service. The Director of the Rangel Program, Patricia Scroggs, stated, "We are thrilled that Chuma is joining the Rangel Program and are confident that he will be an outstanding U.S. diplomat. Our distinguished selection panel was very impressed by his intelligence, outstanding academics, and commitment to service and international engagement. I have no doubt that he will excel in graduate school and make important contributions to promoting global peace and prosperity as a representative of the United States."

Chuma, son of Chuma and Karen Nnawulezi, attended the Jesuit Middle School of Omaha (now Jesuit Academy) and Creighton Preparatory High School. Chuma will graduate from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio in May of 2015. During his collegiate career, he was a member of the Philosophy, Politics and Public Honors Program. As a participant in the International Honors Program's Cities 21st Century International Exchange, Chuma studied urban development in India, Senegal and Argentina. Upon completion of his graduate degree in public administration, Chuma hopes to have significant involvement in the West African region.

The Rangel Fellowship will provide Chuma with approximately \$95,000 in benefits over a two year period to pursue a master's degree in public administration. As part of the Rangel Program, Chuma will work for a Member of Congress on issues regarding foreign affairs this summer. In the summer of 2016, the U.S. Department of State will send him overseas to work in a U.S. Embassy to get hands-on experience with U.S. foreign policy and the work of the Foreign Service. Upon graduation, Chuma will become a U.S. diplomat, embarking on one of the most challenging and rewarding careers of service to his country.

About the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program

The Rangel Program is a joint initiative between the U.S. State Department and Howard University that aims to enhance the excellence and diversity of the U.S. Foreign Service. Begun in 2003, the Rangel Fellowship Program selects outstanding young people each year from around the country who exhibit the ideal qualities of a Foreign Service Officer. Managed by the Ralph J. Bunche Center at Howard University, the Rangel Fellowship supports those selected through graduate school and professional development activities that prepare them for their careers as Foreign Service Officers. With the academic, professional and financial support from the program, Fellows now serve as diplomats around the world, contributing to a more diverse representation and effective execution of U.S. foreign policy.

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