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Happy New Years from Lint Center!

Lint Center had a great year with the award of six scholarships during two different scholarship competitions. We also created a new Ben Franklin scholarship that was awarded once in summer 2009 and will also be awarded in winter 2010. The Ben Franklin scholarship was funded by a new donor who has helped cover two different competitions.

Additionally, we had many scholars to mentor contacts. Our mentees are smart people and ask great questions of our mentors. The feedback from the mentors is that they enjoy the time with bright minds. The mentor program is constantly rated as one of the highest value items Lint Center has produced.

We have another scholarship competition ending 30 January 2010. Please push out the website with information to people who can put the information in front of scholars with an interest in National Security. <http://www.lintcenter.org/scholarships.htm> The applications are sent in via PDF as mentioned on the webpage. Past winner information is linked to the side of this page and throughout the website. This is a great time to thank the hard working scholarship selection committee. They waded through mounds of applications and consistently come up with high performers.

This year we awarded two of our volunteers with President's Volunteer Service Awards. This program was started by President Bush, Sr and has been continued by President Obama. More information about Lint Center and this program is at <http://www.lintcenter.org/2009/volunteers.htm> . There is also information on how to sign up and get your hours recognized.

Additionally, Lint Center is a member of the new Disney program to award volunteers. [http://disney.parks.disney.go.com/disney.parks/en\\_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day](http://disney.parks.disney.go.com/disney.parks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day) Beginning January 1, 2010, when you sign up here to volunteer a day of service with a participating organization (and your service is completed and verified) you'll get one day admission to a Walt Disney World® or Disneyland® theme park, FREE! Lint Center is one of the approved organizations to sign up for this event. As a virtual organization, your 8 hours will be cumulative to achieve that one day.

As Lint Center grows, we look for new ideas to excel and serve. Please send those ideas to me to be converted into action. Remember to push out our scholarship information to scholars to increase the competition and allow us to find the best for awards and mentorship.

*Jim Lint, Chairman*

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