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MUHAMMAD ALI FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE ACPA 2012 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Washington, D.C.—January 10, 2012—To honor and celebrate Muhammad Ali's decades long work on social justice and his 70th birthday, the 13 Governing Board members of ACPA-College Student Educators International voted unanimously to award him the association's first Humanitarian Award.

As a globally recognized philanthropist and social activist, Mr. Ali served as a United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2002, and was presented the United States Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005. His continued tireless work on racial equality and unwavering support for civil rights serve as an inspiration to generations of people from around the world. These values are synonymous to the core values that have guided ACPA for the past 88 years – diversity, multicultural competence and human dignity, and outreach and advocacy on issues of concerns to students, student affairs professionals and the higher education community, including affirmative action.

This award will be presented to Mr. Ali on March 25, 2012 at the opening of the ACPA Louisville Annual Convention at the Kentucky International Convention Center. During this time, about 4,000 convention attendees will be inspired by and pay tribute to Mr. Ali and his life-long work.

American College Personnel Association (ACPA), headquartered in Washington, D.C. at the National Center for Higher Education, is the largest comprehensive student affairs association that advances student affairs and engages students for a lifetime of learning and discovery. ACPA, with almost 8,000 members, supports and fosters college student learning through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, which informs policies, practices and programs for student affairs professionals and the higher education community.