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Students Read 10,000 Books and DC Chief Financial Officer is on hand to Celebrate

WHAT: Everybody Wins! DC Readers Are Leaders Leadership Summit

WHO: Natwar Gandhi, chief financial officer (CFO) for the District of Columbia

WHEN: Noon-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009

WHERE: Venable LLP, 575 7th Street, NW, Washington DC 20004

Washington, D.C. – Everybody Wins! DC will host its 3rd Annual Readers Are Leaders Leadership Summit. **Natwar Gandhi** chief financial officer (CFO) for the District of Columbia will serve as the keynote speaker and help honor DC students who together have read a total of **10,000 books**.

The Everybody Wins! DC Readers Are Leaders program is a **peer mentoring initiative** that matches older students with younger ones for one-on-one reading during the lunch hour. The program uses third through fifth grade students as Reading Mentors for K through second grade students.

This year the Readers Are Leaders program served a total of 622 students in nine DC public schools and together, these together students read a total of 10,000 books!

The summit will also honor graduating students who take on leadership roles and act as mentors through the Readers Are Leaders program and Washingtonian native, **hip-hop artist, Christylez Bacon** will perform.

Everybody Wins! DC reaches more than 4,000 at-risk students this year in 36 Title I public elementary schools and is the largest children's literacy and mentoring organization in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Everybody Wins! DC's mission is to pair students with Reading Mentors to instill a love of reading and learning and foster a sense of self-esteem through three signature programs.

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