

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date: February 1, 2010**

**Title of Item: Approval of Contracts for Celebrity Forum**

### **Background and Analysis:**

In accordance with our revised purchasing policies, we are bringing professional service contracts that exceed \$20,000 to the Board for approval. Since two of the contracts issued as part of the Celebrity Forum Speaker series exceed that dollar amount, we are including all the speaker contracts for the Board's information. These contracts will be issued at various times throughout 2010-2011, but will be in the dollar amount listed. Attached is a summary of the speakers and costs. It will be another exciting year in the long and successful history of the Celebrity Forum Speaker series.

The Celebrity Forum Speaker series has been a hallmark of Foothill College for many years. A second and third night of the speakers series has more recently benefited De Anza and the district. This series is an important community event for the entire Bay area and draws thousands of people each year to the Flint Center to attend these sold out presentations. From its founding in 1968, the speakers series has been 100% self-supporting and has never used district or college funds; it has been financed solely through ticket sales. Furthermore, the series helps subsidize the Flint Center.

The series has always been a financial success for the district and has contributed valuable discretionary dollars to the colleges to support their strained budgets.

### **Recommendation:** (specify if information only)

District administration recommends ratification of the contracts and agreements as presented.

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Is backup provided?	Yes

## 2010-2011 Celebrity Forum

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### **Chesley B. Sullenberger, III**

**Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1 \$45K**

Known as "Sully," he is the heroic pilot who landed US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River and saved the lives of 155 people. He is also an aviation safety expert and accident investigator. (36)

### **Tony Blair**

**Oct. 27, 28, 29 \$125K**

A world's statesman, he was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom for 10 years and is now the Quartet's Special Envoy involved in mediating the peace process in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### **Greg Mortenson**

**Nov. 17, 18, 19 \$22K**

Author of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One school at a Time*. In 1993, after failing to climb Pakistan's K-2, villagers took him in. To repay their kindness, he promised to return and build schools for children.

### **Reza Aslan**

**Dec. 1, 2, 3 \$12.5K**

Iranian-born scholar of religions and author of *No god but God*, he will explain the interplay between faith and politics of Islam and the Muslim world and the internal battle for reform and modernization. (3)

### **Yo Yo Ma**

**Feb. 2, 3, 4 \$75K**

The world's most famous living cellist will talk about three periods of his life: childhood, the teen-age years and life as an adult. While this is a lecture, not a performance, he will play a few numbers on the cello for illustration. (37)

### **Louise Leakey, Ph.D.**

**March 9, 10, 11 \$12K**

Granddaughter of Louise and Mary Leakey and daughter of Richard and Mauve Leakey, she has been true to her family legacy with her adventurous spirit, ambitious research, and continuing the work of our understanding of human origins and evolution.

### **Ben Zander**

**May 4, 5, 6 \$50K**

He is the world-renown Conductor of the *Boston Philharmonic Orchestra* and a highly energetic, motivational speaker. He is a teacher of young musicians, virtuoso performers, and increasingly, business and community leaders. He often uses the piano to drive home a point. (39)