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**WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT NFL
COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
ON JUNE 18, 2011**

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Austan Goolsbee, chairman of President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers and a member of the Cabinet, will accept the Communicator of the Year Award on June 18, 2011 in conjunction with the 2011 LFG/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament. Goolsbee is an alumnus of the National Forensic League, earning the 1987 National Championship in International Extemporaneous Speaking as a student at Milton Academy (MA). In addition to accepting the Communicator of the Year Award, he is slated to judge the championship rounds of both International Extemporaneous Speaking and Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Public Forum Debate.

Goolsbee is a former Fulbright Scholar and Alfred P. Sloan Fellow. In 2005, he was selected as one of *The Financial Times*' six "Gurus of the Future" / Best Under 40 and named a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum. An economics columnist for *Slate* and *The New York Times*, Goolsbee was awarded the 2006 Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism. He was an economic adviser to Obama's 2004 Senate campaign before serving as a senior economic adviser to Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

The National Forensic League's Communicator of the Year Award showcases individuals who utilize their speech and debate talents in ways that profoundly impact the lives of others. The award is presented annually at the NFL National Tournament Awards Assembly in front of more than 5,000 students, educators, and community members. Past recipients of the Communicator of the Year Award include ABA President H. Thomas "Tommy" Wells, Jr.; the creator of *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, Anthony Zuiker; media mogul Ted Turner; prominent attorney and philanthropist William A. Brewer III; and Senator David Boren.

About the National Forensic League

The National Forensic League (NFL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit honorary society whose mission is to promote high school and middle school speech and debate activities as a means to develop a student's essential life skills and values. More than 112,000 high school and middle school students, representing more than 2,900 schools nationwide, are currently building their communication, leadership, cognitive, and presentational skills as members. Since 1925, more than 1.3 million students have found their voice in the NFL. For more information, visit www.nflonline.org.

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