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## **Arizonan Andy Ortiz selected by the US Jaycees to receive its Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award**

TEMPE, ARIZONA – Tempe resident Andy Ortiz, 39, was recently selected for the United States Jaycees 2008 Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) program. As a recipient of this distinction, Ortiz is recognized as one of the top 10 young leaders in the nation. Ortiz currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Ortiz Leadership Systems, a leadership consulting and public speaking business based in Tempe, Arizona. Ortiz was nominated for this honor by Hugh O'Brian, former star of stage and screen, and Founder of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) in Los Angeles, California. Ortiz serves on the HOBY national Board of Trustees.

The TOYA project exists to recognize and honor 10 Americans each year who exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people, aged 18 through 40. The Ten Outstanding Young Men program was officially adopted in 1938 and has been conducted annually since 1940. In 1984, The U.S. Junior Chamber admitted women as members and, in accordance with this change, reorganized this awards program to reflect the organization's membership. In 1985, the program was officially changed to TOYA, recognizing the accomplishments of young women and men.

Winners are selected on their achievement or contribution in at least three of the following areas: personal improvement or accomplishment; financial success or economic innovation; social improvement to major contemporary problems; philanthropic contribution or voluntary service; politics or government service; scientific or technological contributions; legal reform; cultural achievement (literature, history, education, arts); academic leadership or accomplishment; moral and religious leadership; athletic accomplishment; success in the influence of public opinion; any other important contribution to the community, state, or nation.

### **About Ortiz Leadership Systems**

Ortiz Leadership Systems, LLC, a leadership consulting and public speaking company based in Tempe, Arizona, was founded by Andrew Ortiz, JD, MPA. Ortiz, an internationally-recognized leader and scholar, has spoken across the United States and internationally on various topics related to success, motivation, and personal and organizational development. Andrew Ortiz is available to present single or multiple-day workshops on leadership, team-building, diversity, effective communications, and many other topics for your company, club, school, association or organization. Andrew Ortiz is also a popular lecture circuit and keynote speaker. Learn more at [www.ortizleadership.com](http://www.ortizleadership.com).