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**Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Elects
Karina Fedasz and Christopher Ryan to its Board of Trustees**

(LOS ANGELES, CA – February 15, 2011) — [Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership](#) (HOBY) announced today the election of Karina Fedasz and Christopher Ryan to its board of trustees. HOBY is the nation’s top not-for-profit youth leadership development organization.

Fedasz currently serves as chief financial officer of Machinima Inc., the premier online entertainment network for the video gaming generation. She has also served as vice president of operations and finance for Emergent Game Technologies and as senior director of business development for Technicolor Entertainment Services. A resident of Los Angeles, Fedasz holds an MBA in finance from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA. Strongly committed to youth development, she served for two years as board chair for Create Now, a nonprofit organization focused on helping high-risk youth through creative arts mentoring programs.

Ryan is the president of Paredigm Initiatives, a holding company for both his investment company and speaker representation business. Additionally, he is the proprietor of The Ryan Manor, a venue that has hosted over 100 charity events over the last 16 years. Formerly a technology entrepreneur, Ryan now turns his focus to such nonprofit organizations as the American Heart Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, CEO Netweavers, Élan International Music Festival, Habitat for Humanity, HOBY and several others. He is currently a board member of HOBY’s North Texas Chapter and lives in Dallas. Ryan holds a BBA in international business and marketing from the University of Texas in Austin.

“Both Karina and Christopher have shown an intense dedication to mentoring youth and working to make sure that everyone is given the opportunity to fulfill their potential,” said Javier

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LaFianza, president and CEO of HOBY. “This passion is what HOBY is all about, which is why we are so excited about them joining our board. We know they will play a vital role in the further development of HOBY and of the students around the world that become part of the HOBY family.”

For more than 50 years, Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership has helped to cultivate tomorrow’s leaders by inspiring a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. HOBY programs annually provide nearly 10,000 local and international high school students the opportunity to participate in unique leadership training, service learning and motivation-building experiences. HOBY also provides adults the opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of youth by volunteering, and today more than 4,000 volunteers and over 365,000 alumni proudly make up the HOBY family.

The 2011 Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership World Leadership Congress will be held July 23-30 at Loyola University in Chicago. Now in its 43rd year, the Congress is expected to attract more than 400 youth ambassadors from the United States and at least 15 different countries who will engage in leadership learning and hands-on community service projects. Further information may be obtained at www.hoby.org.

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