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**Lagergren '85 is Holocaust Museum Fellow**

*Summary: Alum Mark Lagergren serves as an advocate for Holocaust education in a nationwide outreach program for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.*

(January 17, 2006)-The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum chose Mark Lagergren '85, Norwood Young America, as a 2005 Museum Teacher Fellow. Each year the museum chooses 15 experienced educators to serve as fellows. Following a training program at the museum in Washington, D.C., the national corps, now 210 fellows strong, serves as Holocaust education advocates and mentors to other educators throughout the country.

Educators are chosen for the program based on extensive knowledge of Holocaust history, successful teaching experience and participation in community and professional organizations. Lagergren's personal and professional interest in the Holocaust has grown through numerous courses, workshops and individual study. For the past 10 of his 21 years at Central Public Schools in Norwood Young America, Lagergren has taught a senior social studies interdisciplinary course in partnership with colleagues in the English department. His students explore Holocaust history and also study racism and its effects. Lagergren invites Holocaust survivors and experts to speak to his class. "[Students] leave here changed. I have no doubt in my mind about that," Lagergren states. "Their circle of responsibility becomes much larger."

Last August Lagergren participated in a five-day institute at the museum designed to introduce participants to advanced historical and pedagogical issues surrounding the Holocaust. Fellows had "free rein" of the museum and interacted with national and international Holocaust experts. "My fellowship reaffirmed for me that this area of study is so important," states Lagergren. "We are living in an ever-changing world. Racism is alive and well in many parts of our world and community."

Following the summer institute, museum fellows design outreach projects for their schools, communities and professional organizations. In March Lagergren will provide a presentation on Nazi propaganda to social studies teachers during the 2006 Minnesota Council for the Social Studies annual conference. In April Lagergren will present to the Norwood Young America community a program that includes guest speaker Henry A. Oertelt, Auschwitz survivor. The 2005 museum fellow cohort will return in May 2006 to the museum in Washington, D.C., to review their efforts and to continue their study of the Holocaust with museum staff and noted speakers.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is America's national institution for the documentation, study and interpretation of Holocaust history, and serves as the country's memorial to the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust for racial, ethnic and other Nazi Germany motives.

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