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NOCU Founder Receives Jefferson Award

No Child Left Unplugged (NOCU) founder Corey Linehan has been recognized with the Jefferson Award for Public Service, a prestigious public service prize designed to honor those who contribute their time and efforts to better America. The Award was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, US Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard as a Nobel Prize for public and community service. In 1977, the Prize began to partner with local media outlets to acknowledge “Unsung Heroes” on a community level. Linehan was recognized in one of the Prize’s 93 media market communities, the San Francisco Bay Area. San Francisco’s Jefferson Awards Media Partners are CBS-5 Eyewitness News, KCBS All News 740 AM, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. “This is really exciting,” Linehan said upon learning of the award. “It’s a validation of our mission and the unique model we have for teaching technology.” More information on the Jefferson Awards is available at www.jeffersonawards.org.

As part of the recognition, NOCU will be featured by each of those three media partners this week. The *Chronicle* will run a story on NOCU and Linehan this Sunday (25 May) in the Style section. CBS 5 will air its piece during the 6:00 news on Wednesday 28 May, and KCBS at 6:50 that night. Each of the latter two media outlets will rebroadcast the coverage at select times for the remainder of the week. For links to coverage or to learn more about NOCU, please visit us online at www.nocu.org.

About NOCU

No Child Left Unplugged (NOCU) is an IRS-recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to bridging the digital divide through education. Our mission lies in developing best-in-class technology programs at schools that cannot otherwise afford them, focusing on a curriculum designed to build expertise, confidence, and intuition with computers – the best way to ensure skills that remain useful in the long term. You can learn more about the organization and its mission at www.nocu.org.

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