About the Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America

The Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America was created in 2000 to honor Latin Americans whose work and commitment to public service has substantially furthered the interests and well-being of people in one or more countries in Latin America. The Prize recognizes the efforts of visionary leaders in business, religion, government, or the media, as well as civic activists and intellectuals, to promote the ideals of democracy, economic growth, and a just, stable society. Funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, the Prize is awarded by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and carries a cash award of $15,000.

Another $15,000 is awarded to a Latin American charitable organization recommended by the laureate, thus advancing the work the Prize honors.

The distinguished selection committee for the 2011 Prize included:

- Santiago Aranguren, director of business development, Arancia, S.A. de C.V, Mexico
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- Rodrigo Calderón, vice president, Public Affairs & Communication, The Coca-Cola Company Latin America;
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