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 public 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 2010 Prize included:

- Carolina Barco, ambassador of Colombia to the United States (2006–2010);
- Soledad Loaeza, researcher and professor of political science, Center for International Studies, El Colegio de México;
- José Zalaquett, professor of human rights at the University of Chile’s Law School and 2009 Notre Dame Prize laureate;
- Rodrigo Calderón, vice president, Public Affairs & Communication, The Coca-Cola Company Latin America;
- Rev. James McDonald, CSC, counselor to the president, University of Notre Dame;
- and Scott Mainwaring, Eugene P. and Helen Conley Professor of Political Science and director of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame.