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Five Hundred to become new U.S. Citizens at Yale University

Chief Judge Janet C. Hall of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut today announced that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will present 501 candidates for naturalization to the Connecticut District Court during a naturalization ceremony on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The Honorable Joan G. Margolis, United States Magistrate Judge, will administer the Oath of Allegiance during the special ceremony at Yale University, Woolsey Hall/Memorial Hall, in New Haven, CT.

Honored guests and speakers include: The Honorable Joan G. Margolis, United States Magistrate Judge, District of Connecticut; The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, United States Senator; Joanne Cannon, Deputy State Director, Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy; Peter Salovey, President, Yale University; and Leah Van Wilgen, Field Office Director, USCIS Hartford Field Office. Special musical selections will be performed by the Unity Boys Choir.

The 501 candidates come from the following 91 countries: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Congo-Kinshasa, Costa Rica, Cote D'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Korea, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, St. Lucia, Sweden Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

For planning purposes, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to Paula Grenier, USCIS Public Affairs Officer via email at paula.grenier@dhs.gov.

Media planning to attend are invited to come early to speak with candidates before the ceremony and should plan to be in place by 9:50 a.m. Photographs are permitted.

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