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Champions of Change: Campus Challenge

The White House honors five young leaders as **Champions of Change** for outstanding leadership on their college campuses. Last fall, the White House announced the launch of the **Campus Champions of Change Challenge**. After reviewing a record number of entries, **fifteen Challenge finalists** were announced and the public chose the **top five projects** they think best embody the President's goal to win the future. These **five Campus Champions of Change** will also have the opportunity to work with **mtvU** and **MTV Act** to create short features about their projects that will air on **mtvU** and be featured on **MTV.com**.

**Ted Gonder**

Ted Gonder is **Co-founder and Executive Director of Moneythink**, a **non-profit student movement expanding economic opportunity for urban youth through peer-mentorship and financial education....**

**Thach "Tak" Nguyen**

Thach "Tak" Nguyen is **Co-Founder and CFO of "Swipes for the Homeless" Non-Profit Organization**. **Immigrating from Vietnam at a very young age, Tak's ambition stems from his humble childhood...**

**Julia Lyon**

Julia Lyon serves on the **University of Arkansas' Volunteer Action Center Board as the Full Circle Campus Food Pantry Chairman. The Volunteer Action Center Board, a program of the Center for...**

**Ryan Harb**

Ryan Harb, **MS, LEED AP**, facilitates the **UMass Amherst Permaculture Initiative**, a **unique and cutting-edge sustainability program that transforms grass lawns and neglected landscapes into edible,...**

**Grace Philipp**

Grace Philipp serves as a **project manager of the Social Entrepreneurs of Grinnell in Grinnell, Iowa. The Social Entrepreneurs of Grinnell (SEG) manages an innovative domestic microfinance...**



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